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The First Session of the One Hundred Tenth Congress commenced on this day, conformably to the Constitution and the Joint Resolution H.J. Res. 101, approved on December 22, 2006 (P.L. 109-447); and the Senate met in its Chamber in the city of Washington.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR
TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2007

The Honorable RICHARD B. CHENEY, VICE PRESIDENT of the United States and President of the Senate, called the Senate to order at 12:02 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the VICE PRESIDENT led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

CREDENTIALS OF SENATORS-
ELECT FOR SIX-YEAR TERMS

The VICE PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the credentials of the following (33) Senators-elect, duly chosen by the qualified electors of their respective States for the term of six-years beginning January 4, 2007; which were deemed read and ordered placed on file:

STATE OF HAWAII
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR
TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 7th day of November, 2006, Daniel K. Akaka, was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Hawaii a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2007.

Witness: Her excellency our Governor Linda Lingle, and our seal hereto affixed at Honolulu, Hawaii this 27th day of November, in the year of our Lord, 2006.

By the Governor:

LINDA LINGLE,
Governor.

DWIGHT D. YOSHINA,
Chief Election Officer.

This is to certify that on the 7th day of November, 2006, Jeff Bingaman, was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of New Mexico a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2007.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Bill Richardson, and our seal hereto affixed at Santa Fe this 30th day of November, in the year of our Lord, 2006.

By the Governor:

BILL RICHARDSON,
Governor.

REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF OHIO
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR
TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 7th day of November, 2006, Sherrod Brown was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Ohio a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2007.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed at Columbus, this 8th day of December, in the year Two Thousand and Six.

BOB TAFT,
Governor.

J. KENNETH BLACKWELL,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR
TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the seventh day of November, 2006, Robert C. Byrd was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of West Virginia, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, 2007.

Witness: His excellency our governor Joe Manchin III, and our seal hereto affixed at Charleston this 22nd day of November, in the year of our Lord 2006.

By the Governor:

JOE MANCHIN, III,
Governor.

BETTY IRELAND,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF WASHINGTON
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR
TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify, that at the General Election held in the State of Washington on the 7th day of November, 2006, Maria Cantwell was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Washington as Senator from said State of Washington to represent said State of Washington in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2007.

Witness: Her excellency our Governor Christine Gregoire, and our seal hereto affixed at Olympia, Washington this 21st day of December, 2006.

By the Governor:

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE,
Governor.

SAM REED,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MARYLAND
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR
TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 7th day of November, 2006, Benjamin L. Cardin was duly chosen by the qualified voters of the State of Maryland a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2007.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., and our seal hereto affixed at the City of Annapolis, this 8th day of December, in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Six.

ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR.
Governor.

MARY D. KANE,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF DELAWARE
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR
TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 7th day of November, 2006, Thomas R. Carper was duly chosen at an election, in due manner held according to the form of the Act of the General Assembly of the State of Delaware and of the Act of Congress, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning noon on the 3rd day of January 2007.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the said State, at Dover, this 27th day of November in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Six, and of the Independence of the United States of America Two Hundred Thirty.

By the Governor:

RUTH ANN MINNER,
Governor.

HARRIET SMITH WINDSOR,
Secretary of State.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR
TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the seventh day of November, 2006, Bob Casey, Jr. was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a United States Senator to represent Pennsylvania in the Senate of the United States for a term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, 2007.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Edward G. Rendell, and our seal hereto affixed at Harrisburg this fifteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord, 2006.

By the Governor:

EDWARD G. RENDELL,
Governor.

PEDRO A. CORTES,
Secretary of Commonwealth.

STATE OF NEW YORK
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR
TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the seventh day of November, two thousand six, Hillary Rodham Clinton was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of New York a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for a term of six years, beginning on the third day of January two thousand seven.

Witness: His excellency our Governor George E. Pataki, and our seal hereto affixed at Albany, New York, this twenty-sixth day of December in the year two thousand six.

By the Governor:

GEORGE E. PATAKI,
Governor.

CHRISTOPHER L. JACOBS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR
TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 7th day of November 2006, Kent Conrad was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of North Dakota to represent North Dakota in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January 2007.

In witness whereof, we have set our hands at the Capitol City of Bismarck this 21st day of November 2006, and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Dakota.

JOHN HOEVEN,
Governor.

ALVIN A. JAEGER,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF TENNESSEE
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR
TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 7th day of November 2006, Bob Corker was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Tennessee a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January 2007.

Witness: His excellency our governor Phil Bredesen, and our seal hereto affixed at

Nashville this 7th day of December in the year of our Lord 2006.

By the governor:

PHIL BREDESEN,
Governor.

RILEY C. DARNELL,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF NEVADA
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR
TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that at a general election held in the State of Nevada on Tuesday, the seventh day of November, two thousand six John E. Ensign was duly elected a Member of the United States Senate, in and for the State of Nevada, for the term of six years from and after the third day of January, two thousand seven: Now, therefore, I Kenny C. Guinn, Governor of the State of Nevada, by the authority in me vested in the Constitution and laws thereof, do hereby commission him, the said John E. Ensign as a Member of the United States Senate for the State of Nevada, and authorize him to discharge the duties of said office according to law, and to hold and enjoy the same, together with all powers, privileges and emoluments thereunto appertaining.

In Testimony Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol at Carson City, Nevada this twenty sixth day of December, two thousand six.

KENNY C. GUINN,
Governor.

DEAN HELLER,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR
TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 7th day of November, 2006, Dianne Feinstein was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of California as a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2007.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 6th day of December, 2006.

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER,
Governor.

BRUCE MCPHERSON,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF UTAH
 CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR
 TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the seventh day of November, 2006, Orrin G. Hatch was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Utah a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning at noon on the third day of January, 2007.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at Salt Lake City, this 27th day of November, 2006.

JON M. HUNTSMAN, JR.,
Governor.

GARY R. HERBERT,
Lieutenant Governor.

STATE OF TEXAS
 CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR
 TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 7th day of November, 2006, Kay Bailey Hutchison was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Texas, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2007.

Witness: His excellency our governor Rick Perry, and our seal hereto affixed at Austin, Texas this 6th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2006.

By the Governor:

RICK PERRY,
Governor.

ROGER WILLIAMS,
Secretary of State.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
 CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR
 TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the seventh day of November, two thousand and six, Edward M. Kennedy was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a Senator from said Commonwealth to represent said Commonwealth in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, two thousand and seven.

Witness: Her Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, Acting Governor, Kerry Healey, and our seal hereto affixed at Boston, this sixth day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and six.

By Her Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, Acting Governor

KERRY HEALEY,
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,

Acting Governor.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN,
Secretary of Commonwealth.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
 CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR
 TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the Seventh day of November 2006, Amy Klobuchar was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Minnesota, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2007.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Tim Pawlenty, and our seal hereto affixed at St. Paul, Minnesota this 11th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2006.

By the Governor:

TIM PAWLENTY,
Governor.

MARY KIFFMEYER,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
 CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR
 TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 7th of November, 2006, Herb Kohl was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Wisconsin a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2007.

Witness: His excellency our governor Jim Doyle, and our seal hereto affixed at Madison this 12th day of December 2006.

By the Governor:

JIM DOYLE,
Governor.

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF ARIZONA
 CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR
 TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 7th day of November 2006, Jon Kyl was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Arizona a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January 2007.

Witness: Her excellency the Governor of Arizona, and the Great Seal of the State of Arizona hereto affixed at the Capitol in Phoenix this 4th day of December 2006.

JANET NAPOLITANO,
Governor.

JANICE K. BREWER,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
 CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR
 TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to Certify that on the seventh day of November, two thousand and six, Joe Lieberman was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Connecticut Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January two thousand and seven.

Witness: Her Excellency our Governor; M. Jodi Rell and our seal hereto affixed at Hartford, this twenty-ninth day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand six.

M. JODI RELL,
Governor.

SUSAN BYSIEWICZ,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
 CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR
 TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to Certify that on the 7th day of November, 2006, the Honorable Trent Lott was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Mississippi, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2007.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Haley Barbour, and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi hereto affixed at Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi this 19th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2006.

HALEY BARBOUR,
Governor.

ERIC CLARK,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF INDIANA
 CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR
 TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the seventh day of November 2006, Richard G. Lugar was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Indiana a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2007.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., and our seal hereto affixed at Indianapolis, this the thirteenth day of December, in the year, 2006.

By the Governor:

M. E. DANIELS, JR.,
Governor.

TODD ROKITA,
Secretary of State.

SUE M. COBB,
Secretary of State.

By the Governor:
JOHN E. BALDACCI,
Governor.

STATE OF MISSOURI
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR
TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 7th day of November, 2006, Claire McCaskill was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Missouri, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2007.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Matt Blunt, and our seal hereto affixed at the City of Jefferson this 30th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2006.

By the Governor:

MATT BLUNT,
Governor.

ROBIN CARNAHAN,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF NEBRASKA
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR
TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 7th day of November, 2006, E. Benjamin Nelson was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Nebraska from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2007.

Witness: His excellency our governor Dave Heineman, and our seal hereto affixed at Lincoln, Nebraska this 11th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2006.

By the Governor:

DAVE HEINEMAN,
Governor.

JOHN A. GALE,
Secretary of State.

MATTHEW DUNLAP,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR
TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 7th day of November, 2006, Debbie Stabenow was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Michigan a Senator from the State of Michigan to represent the State of Michigan in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2007.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Michigan this 27th day of November, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and six.

By the Governor:

JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM,
Governor.

TERRI LYNN LAND,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR
TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 7th day of November, 2006, Robert Menendez, was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of New Jersey, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, 2007.

By the Governor:

Given, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this 11th day of December, two thousand and six.

JON CORZINE,
Governor.

STUART RABNER,
Attorney General.

STATE OF VERMONT
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR
TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 7th day of November, 2006, Bernard Sanders was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Vermont a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six year, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2007.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor James H. Douglas, and our seal hereto affixed at Montpelier this 16th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2006.

By the Governor:

JAMES H. DOUGLAS,
Governor.

DEBORAH L. MARKOWITZ,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MONTANA
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR
TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

I, Brad Johnson, Secretary of State of the State of Montana, do hereby certify that Jon Tester was duly chosen on November 7th, 2006, by the qualified electors of the State of Montana as a United States Senator from said State to represent said State in the United States Senate. The six year term commences on January 3rd, 2007.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Brian Schweitzer, and the official seal hereunto affixed at the City of Helena, the Capital, this 27th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2006.

By the Governor:

BRIAN SCHWEITZER,
Governor.

BRAD JOHNSON,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF FLORIDA
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR
TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 7th day of November, 2006, Bill Nelson, was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Florida a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2007.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Jeb Bush, and our seal hereto affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 22st day of November, in the year of our Lord 2006.

By the Governor:

JEB BUSH,
Governor.

STATE OF MAINE
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR
TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the Seventh day of November, in the year Two Thousand and Six, Olympia J. Snowe was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Maine a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, in the year Two Thousand and Seven.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, John E. Baldacci, and our seal hereto affixed at Augusta, Maine this twenty-seventh day of November, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Six.

STATE OF WYOMING
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR
TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 7th day of November 2006, Craig Thomas was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Wyoming, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January 2007.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Dave Freudenthal, and our seal hereto affixed at the Wyoming State Capitol, Cheyenne, Wyoming, this 15th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2006.

DAVE FREUDENTHAL,
Governor.

JOSEPH B. MEYER,
Secretary of State.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR
TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 7th day of November, 2006, an election was held in the Commonwealth of Virginia and James H. "Jim" Webb, Jr., was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Virginia as a Senator to represent the Commonwealth of Virginia in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2007.

In Testimony Whereof our Governor has hereunto signed his name and affixed the Lesser Seal of the Commonwealth at Richmond, this 8th day of December, 2006, and in the two hundred thirty-first year of the Commonwealth.

By the Governor:

TIMOTHY M. KAINE,
Governor.

KATHERINE K. HANLEY,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR
TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 7th day of November, 2006, Sheldon Whitehouse duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for a term of six years, beginning at noon on the 3rd day of January, 2007.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Donald L. Carcieri and our seal affixed on this 8th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2006.

DONALD L. CARCIERI,
Governor.

MATTHEW A. BROWN,
Secretary of State.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH TO
SENATORS-ELECT AND SENATORS-
DESIGNATE

The following named Senators-Elect, whose credentials were this day laid before the Senate, appeared; and the oath of office

prescribed by law having been administered to them by the Vice President, and subscribed by them, they took their seats in the Senate:

Mr. DANIEL K. AKAKA, *from the State of Hawaii,*

Mr. JEFF BINGAMAN, *from the State of New Mexico,*

Mr. SHERROD BROWN, *from the State of Ohio,*

Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD, *from the State of West Virginia,*

Ms. MARIA CANTWELL, *from the State of Washington,*

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, *from the State of Maryland,*

Mr. THOMAS R. CARPER, *from the State of Delaware,*

Mr. ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., *from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,*

Mrs. HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, *from the State of New York,*

Mr. KENT CONRAD, *from the State of North Dakota,*

Mr. BOB CORKER, *from the State of Tennessee,*

Mr. JOHN ENSIGN, *from the State of Nevada,*

Mrs. DIANNE FEINSTEIN, *from the State of California,*

Mr. ORRIN G. HATCH, *from the State of Utah,*

Mrs. KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON, *from the State of Texas,*

Mr. EDWARD M. KENNEDY, *from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,*

Ms. AMY KLOBUCHAR, *from the State of Minnesota,*

Mr. HERB KOHL, *from the State of Wisconsin,*

Mr. JON KYL, *from the State of Arizona,*

Mr. JOSEPH I. LIEBERMAN, *from the State of Connecticut,*

Mr. TRENT LOTT, *from the State of Louisiana,*

Mr. RICHARD G. LUGAR, *from the State of Indiana,*

Mrs. CLAIRE McCASKILL, *from the State of Missouri,*

Mr. ROBERT MENENDEZ, *from the State of New Jersey,*

Mr. BILL NELSON, *from the State of Florida,*

Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, *from the State of Nebraska,*

Mr. BERNARD SANDERS, *from the State of Vermont,*

Ms. OLYMPIA J. SNOWE, *from the State of Maine,*

Ms. DEBBIE STABENOW, *from the State of Michigan,*

Mr. JON TESTER, *from the State of Montana,*

Mr. CRAIG THOMAS, *from the State of Wyoming,*

Mr. JIM WEBB, *from the Commonwealth of Virginia,*

Mr. SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, *from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.*

(Applause, Senators rising.)

QUESTION OF A QUORUM

Mr. REID raised a question as to the presence of a quorum,

Whereupon,

The VICE PRESIDENT directed the roll to be called;

When

Eighty-nine Senators answered to their names, as follows:

[Quorum No. 1 Leg.]

PRESENT—89

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson, Florida, Nelson, Nebraska, Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse.

ABSENT—11

Brownback, Dole, Graham, Gregg, Inouye, Johnson, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Smith, Wyden.

The VICE PRESIDENT announced that a quorum is present.

ATTENDANCE OF SENATORS

The foregoing 89 responding Senators signified their attendance in the Senate at the first session of the 110th Congress on this day.

NOTIFICATION TO THE PRESIDENT
THAT A QUORUM OF EACH HOUSE
IS ASSEMBLED

Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McCONNELL) submitted a resolution (S. Res. 1) informing the President of the United States that a quorum of each House is assembled.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. McCONNELL,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO
NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to the provisions of the foregoing resolution,

The VICE PRESIDENT appointed Mr. REID and Mr. MCCONNELL as a committee on part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of each House is assembled and that Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

NOTIFICATION TO THE HOUSE
THAT A QUORUM OF THE SENATE
IS ASSEMBLED

Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted a resolution (S. Res. 2) informing the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO
TEMPORE

Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted a resolution (S. Res. 3) to elect ROBERT C. BYRD, a Senator from the State of West Virginia, to be PRESIDENT pro tempore of the Senate of the United States.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH TO
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mr. BYRD presented himself at the rostrum, and the oath of office was administered to him by the VICE PRESIDENT, and subscribed by him.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

Pending debate,

NOTIFICATION TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE
ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT PRO
TEMPORE

Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted a resolution (S. Res. 4) notifying the President of the

United States of the election of a PRESIDENT pro tempore.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NOTIFICATION TO THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT PRO
TEMPORE OF THE SENATE

Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted a resolution (S. Res. 5) notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a President pro tempore of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

EXPRESSING THE THANKS OF THE
SENATE TO THE HONORABLE TED
STEVENS

Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. REID) submitted a resolution (S. Res. 6) expressing the thanks of the Senate to the Honorable Ted Stevens for his service as PRESIDENT Pro Tempore of the United States Senate and to designate Mr. STEVENS as PRESIDENT Pro Tempore Emeritus of the United States Senate.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to reconsider the vote agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

FIXING THE HOUR OF DAILY
MEETING OF THE SENATE

Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted a resolution (S. Res. 7) fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ELECTION OF A SECRETARY OF
THE SENATE

Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted a resolution (S. Res. 8) electing Nancy Erickson as Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF
OFFICE TO SECRETARY OF THE
SENATE-ELECT

The Honorable Nancy Erickson, presented herself at the rostrum, and the oath of office was administered to her by the VICE PRESIDENT and subscribed by her.

(Applause.)

NOTIFICATION TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE
ELECTION OF A SECRETARY OF
THE SENATE

Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted a resolution (S. Res. 9) notifying the President of the United States of the election of a Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NOTIFICATION TO THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
ELECTION OF A SECRETARY OF
THE SENATE

Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted a resolution (S. Res. 10) notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ELECTION OF SERGEANT AT ARMS
AND DOORKEEPER OF THE
SENATE

Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted a resolution (S. Res. 11) electing Terrance W. Gainer of Illinois as the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NOTIFICATION TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE
ELECTION OF A SERGEANT AT
ARMS

Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted a resolution (S. Res. 12) notifying the President of the United States of the election of a Sergeant at Arms.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NOTIFICATION TO THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
ELECTION OF A SERGEANT AT
ARMS

Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted a resolution (S. Res. 13) notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a Sergeant at Arms.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ELECTION OF THE SECRETARY
FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE
SENATE

Mr. REID submitted a resolution (S. Res. 14) electing Martin P. Paone of Virginia as Secretary for the Majority of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ELECTION OF THE SECRETARY
FOR THE MINORITY OF THE
SENATE

Mr. MCCONNELL submitted a resolution (S. Res. 15) electing David J. Schiappa of Maryland as Secretary for the Minority of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to reconsider the vote agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT OF SENATE LEGAL
COUNSEL

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LAUTENBERG in the chair) announced that that PRESIDENT pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 95-521, had appointed Morgan J. Frankel, of the District of Columbia, as Senate Legal Counsel.

MAKING EFFECTIVE
APPOINTMENT OF THE SENATE
LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted a resolution (S. Res. 16) to make effective reappointment of Senate Legal Counsel.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY
SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 95-521, had appointed Patricia Mack Bryan, of Virginia, as Deputy Senate Legal Counsel.

MAKING EFFECTIVE
APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY
SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. REID) submitted a resolution (S. Res. 17) to make effective reappointment of Deputy Senate Legal Counsel.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to reconsider the vote agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORITIES FOR CERTAIN
ACTIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR
THE DURATION OF THE 110TH
CONGRESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That for the duration of the 110th Congress, the Select Committee on Ethics be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate;

Ordered further, That, for the duration of the 110th Congress, there be a limitation of 15 minutes each upon any rollcall vote, with the warning signal to be sounded at the midway point, beginning at the last 7 1/2 minutes, and when rollcall votes are of 10-minute duration, the warning signal be sounded of the last 7 1/2 minutes;

Ordered further, That, during the 110th Congress, it be in order for the Secretary of the Senate to receive reports at the desk when presented by a Senator at any time during the day of the session of the Senate;

Ordered further, That, the Majority and Minority leaders may daily have up to 10 minutes each on each calendar day following the prayer and disposition of the reading of, or the approval of, the Journal;

Ordered further, That, the Parliamentarian of the House of Representatives and his five assistants be given the privileges of the floor during the 110th Congress;

Ordered further, That, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXVIII, conference reports and statements accompanying them not be printed as Senate reports when such conference reports and statements have been printed as a House report unless specific request is made in the Senate in each instance to have such a report printed;

Ordered further, That, the Committee on Appropriations be authorized during the 110th Congress to file reports during adjournments or recesses of the Senate on appropriations bills, including joint resolutions, together with any accompanying notices of motions to suspend rule XVI, pursuant to rule V, for the purpose of offering certain amendments to such bills or joint resolutions, which proposed amendments shall be printed;

Ordered further, That, for the duration of the 110th Congress, the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to make technical and clerical corrections in the engrossments of all Senate-passed bills and resolutions, Senate amendments to House bills and resolutions,

Senate amendments to House amendments to Senate bills and resolutions, and Senate amendments to House amendments to House bills or resolution;

Ordered further, That, for the duration of the 110th Congress, when the Senate is in recess or adjournment, the Secretary of the Senate is authorized to receive messages from the President of the United States, and, with the exception of House bills, joint resolutions and concurrent resolutions, messages from the House of Representatives; and that they be appropriately referred; and that the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Acting President pro tempore be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions;

Ordered further, That, for the duration of the 110th Congress, Senators be allowed to leave at the desk with the Journal Clerk the names of two staff members who will be granted the privilege of the floor during the consideration of the specific matter noted, and that the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to rotate such staff members as space allows:

Ordered further, That, for the duration of the 110th Congress; it be in order to refer treaties and nominations on the day when they are received from the President, even when the Senate has no executive session that day; and

Ordered further, That, for the remainder of the 110th Congress, Senators may be allowed to bring to the desk bills, joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions, and simple resolutions, for referral to appropriate committees.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, December 8, 2006,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, December 8, 2006,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for transaction of morning business, equally divided and controlled in the usual form; and that, following remarks by Mr. REID and Mr. MCCONNELL, Senators be permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fluthiacet-methyl; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8108-8) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Zeta-Cypermethrin; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8093-6) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tuberculosis in Cattle and Bison; State and Zone Designations; Texas" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0145) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flucarbazono-sodium; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8105-6) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Fruits and Vegetables" (Docket No. 03-086-3) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticide Tolerance Nomenclature Changes; Technical Amendment" (FRL No. 8064-3) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Financial Reporting Requirements for Introducing

Brokers" (RIN3038-AC34) received on December 14, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fluroxypyr; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8107-7) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions (Multiple Chemicals)" (FRL No. 8105-4) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-10. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dimethomorph; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8104-6) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-11. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Boscalid; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8107-8) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-12. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Azoxytobin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL No. 8100-9) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-13. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Glyphosate; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8105-9) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-14. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Metconazole; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL No. 8095-4) received on December 15,

2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-15. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Myclobutanil; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8105-1) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-16. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Justin D. McCarthy, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-17. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the number of Army National Guard and Reserve Soldiers adversely affected by the disparate treatment of Army Incentive Pay; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-18. A communication from the Commander, Army Claims Service, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Claims Against the United States" (RIN0702-AA54) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-19. A communication from the Commander, Army Claims Service, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Claims on Behalf of the United States" (RIN0702-AA55) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-20. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, five quarterly Selected Acquisition Reports for the quarter ending September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-21. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Labor Reimbursement on Department of Defense Non-Commercial Time-and-Materials and Labor-Hour Contracts" (DFARS Case 2006-D030) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-22. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Levy on Payments to Contractors" (DFARS Case 2004-D033) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-23. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Contract Pricing and Cost Accounting Standards" (DFARS Case 2003-D014) received on December 14, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-24. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Contracting Officers' Representatives" (DFARS Case 2005-D022) received on December 14, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-25. A message from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Service Members' training and use of riot control agents; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-26. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Permissible Investments for Federal Credit Unions" (RIN3133-AD27) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-27. A communication from the Assistant to the Board, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Home Mortgage Disclosure Act" (Docket No. 1275) received on December 14, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-28. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Deposit Insurance Assessments - Designated Reserve Ratio" (RIN3064-AD02) received on December 14, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-29. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assessments" (RIN3064-AD03) received on December 14, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-30. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assessments" (RIN3064-AD09) received on December 14, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-31. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Internal Control Over Financial Reporting in Exchange Act Periodic Reports of Non-Accelerated Filers and Newly Public Companies" (RIN3235-

AJ64) received on December 14, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-32. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sale and Issue of Marketable Book-Entry Treasury Bills, Notes, and Bonds - Customer Confirmation Reporting Requirement Threshold Amount" (Docket No. BPD-GSRS-06-02) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-33. A message from the President of the United States, transmitting, a report on the decision to take no action to suspend or prohibit the proposed merger between Alcatel and Lucent Technologies, Inc.; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-34. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Mexico; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-35. A communication from the Acting General Deputy General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, received on December 14, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-36. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-37. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13159 of June 21, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-38. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Trip Limit Reduction" (ID No. 091306A) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-39. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Specifications and

Management Measures; End of the Pacific Whiting Primary Season for the Catcher/Processor Sector" (ID No. 110706A) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-40. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Temporary Rule; Inseason Retention Limit Adjustment" (ID No. 112006D) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-41. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Closure (Rhode Island Commercial Bluefish Fishery)" (ID No. 112006F-X) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-42. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Inseason Bluefish Quota Transfers from VA and ME to NC" (ID No. 112406A-X) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-43. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Various Aircraft Equipped with Honeywell Primus II RNZ-850(-)851() Integrated Navigation Units" (Docket No. 2003-NM-193) received on December 13, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-44. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reservation System for Unscheduled Operations at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport; Extension of Expiration Date" ((RIN2120-AI47)(Docket No. FAA-2005-19422)) received on December 14, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-45. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additional Types of Child Restraint Systems That May Be Furnished and Used on Aircraft; Corrections" ((RIN2120-AI76)(Docket No. FAA-2006-25334)) received on December 14, 2006; to

the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-46. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Air Tractor, Inc., Models AT-602, AT-802, and AT-802A Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-22)) received on December 14, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-47. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-400, 777-200, and 777-300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2000-NM-360)) received on December 14, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-48. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney JT8D-1, -1A, -1B, -7, -7A, -7B, -9, -9A, -11, -15, -15A, -17, -17A, -17R, -17AR, -209, -217, -217A, -217C, and -219 Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AI47)(Docket No. FAA-2005-19422)) received on December 14, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-49. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A321 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-119)) received on December 14, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-50. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 777-200 Series Airplanes Equipped with General Electric GE90-94B Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-142)) received on December 14, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-51. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turmo IV A and IV C Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NE-31)) received on December 14, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-52. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330-200, A340-200, and A340-300 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-185)) received on December 14, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-53. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Aerospace Technologies of Australia Pty Ltd. Models N22B, N22S, and N24A Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2006-25928)) received on December 14, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-54. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca Arriel 2B Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NE-52)) received on December 14, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-55. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Worker Visibility" (RIN2125-AF11) received on December 14, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-56. A communication from the Paralegal, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Controlled Substances and Alcohol Misuse Testing" (RIN2132-AA86) received on December 14, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-57. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals; Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Conducting Precision Strike Weapons Testing and Training by Eglin Air Force Base in the Gulf of Mexico" ((RIN0648-AT39)(ID No. 022106A)) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-58. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement Amendment 68 to

the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-AT71) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-59. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement Amendment 68 to the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan" (ID No. 060606A) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-60. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule for Seasonal Closure Provision for Regulatory Amendment to the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico" (RIN0648-AU04) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-61. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Greenland Turbot in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID No. 081605D) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-62. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule Extension of Emergency Action Re-activating the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan's (Scallop FMP) Observer Set-aside Program and Implementing an Observer Service Provider Approval Process" (RIN0648-AU47) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-63. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule for Amendment 26 to the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan to Establish a Red Snapper Individual Fishing Quota Program" (RIN0648-AS67) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-64. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partial Approval of the George's Bank Cod Fixed Gear Sector Operations Plan and Allocation for 2006" (RIN0648-AU56) received on December 14, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-65. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments" (ID No. 112106B) received on December 14, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-66. A communication from the Chairman, Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Major Issues in Rail Rate Cases" (STB Ex Parte No. 657) received on December 14, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-67. A communication from the Chairman, Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Participation in Class Exemption Proceedings" (STB Ex Parte No. 659) received on December 14, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-68. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's annual report on Ethanol market concentration; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-69. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the level of screening services and protection provided at San Francisco International Airport; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-70. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NASA FAR Supplement Administrative Changes" (RIN2700-31) received on December 14, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-71. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Coast Guard's compliance with the Edible Oil Regulatory Reform Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-72. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S.

Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones (including 260 regulations)" (RIN1625-AA00) received on December 14, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-73. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the construction and operation of the Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-74. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's response to the Competitive Sourcing Activities Report; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-75. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations for Filing Applications for Permits to Site Interstate Electric Transmission Facilities" (RIN1902-AD16) received on December 14, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-76. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "North Dakota Regulatory Program" (SATS No. ND-049-FOR) received on December 14, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-77. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Certain Consumer Products and Certain Commercial and Industrial Equipment; Technical Amendment to Energy Conservation Standards for Certain Consumer Products and Certain Commercial and Industrial Equipment" (RIN1904-AB53) received on December 14, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-78. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: HI-STORM 100 Revision 3" (RIN3150-AH98) received on December 14, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-79. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule: List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: NUHOMS HD Addition" (RIN3150-AH93) received on

December 14, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-80. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 8249-6) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-81. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Tier 2 Vehicle Emission Standards and Gasoline Sulfur Requirements: Partial Exemption for U.S. Pacific Island Territories" ((RIN2060-AN66)(FRL No. 8263-4)) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-82. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; PM-10 Test Methods" (FRL No. 8264-8) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-83. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Revisions to the Nevada State Implementation Plan; Requests for Rescission" (FRL No. 8260-1) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-84. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Tennessee: Approval of Revisions to the Knox County Portion of the Tennessee State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 8265-6) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-85. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Tennessee: Approval

of Revisions to the Knox County Portion of the Tennessee State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 8265-4) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-86. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Tennessee: Approval of Revisions to the Knox County Portion of the Tennessee State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 8265-8) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-87. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories From Oil and Natural Gas Production Facilities" ((RIN2060-AM16)-(FRL No. 8264-1)) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-88. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Shipbuilding and Ship Repair (Surface Coating) Operations" ((RIN2060-AO03)(FRL No. 8264-2)) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-89. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Extension of the Reformulated Gasoline Program to the East St. Louis, Illinois Ozone Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 8261-9) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-90. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District and South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 8258-8) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-91. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator,

Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 8259-9) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-92. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Regulation for Public Water Systems Revisions" (FRL No. 8261-7) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LOTT, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WEBB, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 1. A bill to provide greater transparency in the legislative process; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WEBB, Mr. KERRY, Mr. REED, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KOHL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BAYH, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 2. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage; read the first time.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. KOHL, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WEBB, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 3. A bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fair

prescription drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WEBB, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 4. A bill to make the United States more secure by implementing unfinished recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to fight the war on terror more effectively, to improve homeland security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KOHL, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WEBB, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. DODD, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. REED, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 5. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research; read the first time.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WEBB, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 6. A bill to enhance the security of the United States by reducing the dependence of the United States on foreign and unsustainable energy sources and the risks of global warming, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. AKAKA, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WEBB, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. REED, Mr. DODD, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 7. A bill to amend title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and other laws and provisions and urge Congress to make college more affordable through increased Federal Pell Grants and providing more favorable student loans and other benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms.

CANTWELL, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WEBB, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 8. A bill to restore and enhance the capabilities of the Armed Forces, to enhance the readiness of the Armed Forces, to support the men and women of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. STABENOW, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 9. A bill to recognize the heritage of the United States as a nation of immigrants and to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for more effective border and employment enforcement, to prevent illegal immigration, and to reform and rationalize avenues for legal immigration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. KERRY, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. OBAMA, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 10. A bill to reinstate the pay-as-you-go requirement and reduce budget deficits by strengthening budget enforcement and fiscal responsibility; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 21. A bill to expand access to preventive health care services that help reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce abortions, and improve access to women's health care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WEBB:

S. 22. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 23. A bill to promote renewable fuel and energy security of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 24. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to require a health advisory and monitoring of drinking water for perchlorate;

to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 25. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish requirements for certain petitions submitted to the Food and Drug Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 26. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a program demonstrating multiple approaches to Lifelong Learning Accounts, which are portable, worker-owned savings accounts that can be used by workers to help finance education, training, and apprenticeships and which are intended to supplement both public and employer-provided education and training resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 27. A bill to authorize the implementation of the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KOHL:

S. 28. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the use of generic drugs under the Medicare part D prescription drug program when available unless the brand name drug is determined to be medically necessary; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 29. A bill to clarify the tax treatment of certain payments made to homeowners by the Louisiana Recovery Authority and the Mississippi Development Authority; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. STEVENS:

S. 39. A bill to establish a coordinated national ocean exploration program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 41. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to improve America's research competitiveness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. McCONNELL (for Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 42. A bill to make improvements to the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mrs. DOLE):

S. 43. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to preserve and protect Social

Security benefits of American workers and to help ensure greater congressional oversight of the Social Security system by requiring that both Houses of Congress approve a totalization agreement before the agreement, giving foreign workers Social Security benefits, can go into effect; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 44. A bill to require disclosure and payment of noncommercial air travel in the Senate; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 45. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make a technical correction in the definition of outpatient speech-language pathology services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. COBURN):

S. 46. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the permissible use of health savings accounts to include premiums for non-group high deductible health plan coverage; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 47. A bill to establish a Law Enforcement Assistance Force in the Department of Homeland Security to facilitate the contributions of retired law enforcement officers during major disasters; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. DEMINT, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 48. A bill to return meaning to the Fifth Amendment by limiting the power of eminent domain; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. STEVENS:

S. 49. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prevent the carriage of child pornography by video service providers, to protect children from online predators, and to restrict the sale or purchase of children's personal information in interstate commerce; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ISAKSON:

S. 50. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide economic incentives for the preservation of open space and conservation of natural resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ISAKSON:

S. 51. A bill to derive human pluripotent stem cell lines using techniques that do not knowingly harm embryos; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 52. A bill to amend the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933 to increase the

membership of the Board of Directors and require that each State in the service area of the Tennessee Valley Authority be represented by at least 1 member; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. INOUE):

S. 53. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide health care practitioners in rural areas with training in preventive health care, including both physical and mental care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. INOUE):

S. 54. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of services provided by nursing school clinics under State medicaid programs; to the Committee on Finance

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KYL, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 55. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the individual alternative minimum tax; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. INOUE):

S. 56. A bill to provide relief to the Pottawatomie Nation in Canada for settlement of certain claims against the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. INOUE):

S. 57. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. INOUE):

S. 58. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the reduction in the deductible portion of expenses for business meals and entertainment; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. INOUE):

S. 59. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve access to advanced practice nurses and physician assistants under the Medicaid Program; to the Committee on Finance

By Mr. REID (for Mr. INOUE):

S. 60. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide a means for continued improvement in emergency medical services for children; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. INOUE):

S. 61. A bill to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to authorize the use of clinical social workers to conduct evaluations to determine work-related emotional and mental illnesses; to the Committee on

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. INOUE):

S. 62. A bill to treat certain hospital support organizations as qualified organizations for purposes of determining acquisition indebtedness; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. INOUE):

S. 63. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the restriction that a clinical psychologist or clinical social worker provide services in a comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facility to a patient only under the care of a physician; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. INOUE):

S. 64. A bill to amend title VII of the Public Health Service Act to ensure that social work students or social work schools are eligible for support under certain programs to assist individuals in pursuing health careers and programs of grants for training projects in geriatrics, and to establish a social work training program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 65. A bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. INOUE):

S. 66. A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to determine the validity of the claims of certain Filipinos that they performed military service on behalf of the United States during World War II; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. INOUE):

S. 67. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit former members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces are entitled to travel on such aircraft; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 68. A bill for the relief of Vichai Sae Tung (also known as Chai Chaowasaree); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 69. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. INOUE):

S. 70. A bill to restore the traditional day of observance of Memorial Day, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. INOUE):

S. 71. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize certain disabled former prisoners of war to use Department of

Defense commissary and exchange stores; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. INOUE):

S. 72. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide improved reimbursement for clinical social worker services under the medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. INOUE):

S. 73. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for patient protection by establishing minimum nurse staffing ratios at certain Medicare providers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 74. A bill to ensure adequate funding for high-threat areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 75. A bill to require the Federal Aviation Administration to finalize the proposed rule relating to the reduction of fuel tank flammability exposure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 76. A bill to amend section 1028 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the possession, transfer, or use of fraudulent travel documents; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 77. A bill to improve the tracking of stolen firearms and firearms used in a crime, to allow more frequent inspections of gun dealers to ensure compliance with Federal gun law, to enhance the penalties for gun trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 78. A bill for the relief of Alemseghed Mussie Tesfamical; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 79. A bill to establish within the United States Marshals Service a short term State witness protection program to provide assistance to State and local district attorneys to protect their witnesses in homicide and major violent crime cases and to provide Federal grants for such protection; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. STEVENS:

S. 80. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for 8 weeks of paid leave for Federal employees giving birth and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 81. A bill to authorize the United States Department of Energy to remediate the Western New York Nuclear Service Center in the Town of Ashford, New York, and to

dispose of nuclear waste; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 82. A bill to reaffirm the authority of the Comptroller General to audit and evaluate the programs, activities, and financial transactions of the intelligence community, and for other purposes; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 83. A bill to provide increased rail transportation security; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 84. A bill to establish a United States Boxing Commission to administer the Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. REID, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 85. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that territories and Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. KYL):

S. 86. A bill to designate segments of Fossil Creek, a tributary to the Verde River in the State of Arizona, as wild and scenic rivers; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 87. A bill to permit the cancellation of certain loans under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 88. A bill to increase the penalty for failure to comply with lobbying disclosure requirements; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 89. A bill to prohibit authorized committees and leadership PACs from employing the spouse or immediate family members of any candidate or Federal office holder connected to the committee; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 90. A bill to modify the application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to Indian tribes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 91. A bill to require the Congressional Budget Office and the Joint Committee on Taxation to use dynamic economic modeling

in addition to static economic modeling in the preparation of budgetary estimates of proposed changes in Federal revenue law; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 92. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit the unlawful acquisition and use of confidential customer proprietary network information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. STEVENS:

S. 93. A bill to authorize NTIA to borrow against anticipated receipts of the Digital Television and Public Safety Fund to initiate migration to a national IP-enabled emergency network capable of receiving and responding to all citizen activated emergency communications; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. STEVENS:

S. 94. A bill to protect the welfare of consumers by prohibiting price gouging by merchants with respect to gasoline or petroleum distillates during certain abnormal market disruptions; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 95. A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to ensure that every uninsured child in America has health insurance coverage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 96. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure a fairer and simpler method of taxing controlled foreign corporations of United States shareholders, to treat certain foreign corporations managed and controlled in the United States as domestic corporations, to codify the economic substance doctrine, and to eliminate the top corporate income tax rate, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 97. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to replace the Hope and Lifetime Learning credits with a partially refundable college opportunity credit; to the Committee on Finance

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 98. A bill to foster the development of minority-owned small businesses; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 99. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a refundable credit for small business employee health insurance expenses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 100. A bill to encourage the health of children in schools by promoting better nutrition and increased physical activity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. LOTT, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 101. A bill to update and reinvigorate universal service provided under the Communications Act of 1934; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 102. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and expand relief from the alternative minimum tax and to repeal the extension of the lower rates for capital gains and dividends for 2009 and 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 103. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that major oil and gas companies will not be eligible for the effective rate reductions enacted in 2004 for domestic manufacturers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 104. A bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to establish criminal penalties for knowingly and willfully falsifying or failing to file or report certain information required to be reported under that Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 105. A bill to prohibit the spouse of a Member of Congress previously employed as a lobbyist from lobbying the Member after the Member is elected; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. INOUE):

S. 106. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of a National Center for Social Work Research; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. INOUE):

S. 107. A bill to amend title VII of the Public Health Service Act to make certain graduate programs in professional psychology eligible to participate in various health professions loan programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. INOUE):

S. 108. A bill to amend title VII of the Public Health Service Act to make certain graduate programs in professional psychology eligible to participate in various health professions loan programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. INOUE):

S. 109. A bill to recognize the organization known as the National Academies of Practice; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. INOUE):

S. 110. A bill to allow the psychiatric or psychological examinations required under chapter 313 of title 18, United States Code, relating to offenders with mental disease or defect, to be conducted by a clinical social worker; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. INOUE):

S. 111. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to recognize the United States Military Cancer Institute as an establishment within the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, to require the Institute to promote the health of members of the Armed Forces and their dependents by enhancing cancer research and treatment, to provide for a study of the epidemiological causes of cancer among various ethnic groups for cancer prevention and early detection efforts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. INOUE):

S. 112. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide 100 percent reimbursement for medical assistance provided to a Native Hawaiian through a federally-qualified health center or a Native Hawaiian health care system; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. HATCH, Mr. THOMAS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mrs. DOLE):

S. 113. A bill to make appropriations for military construction and family housing projects for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2007; read the first time.

By Mr. OBAMA:

S. 114. A bill to authorize resources for a grant program for local educational agencies to create innovation districts; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. OBAMA:

S. 115. A bill to suspend royalty relief, to repeal certain provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal certain tax incentives for the oil and gas industry; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 116. A bill to authorize resources to provide students with opportunities for summer learning through summer learning grants; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 117. A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and services for members of the Armed Forces, veterans of the Global War on Terrorism, and other veterans, to require reports on the

effects of the Global War on Terrorism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 118. A bill to give investigators and prosecutors the tools they need to combat public corruption; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 119. A bill to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 120. A bill to establish a grant program for individuals still suffering health effects as a result of the September 11, 2001, attacks in New York City and at the Pentagon; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 121. A bill to provide for the redeployment of United States forces from Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 122. A bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to extend benefits to service sector workers and firms, enhance certain trade adjustment assistance authorities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 123. A bill to authorize the project for hurricane and storm damage reduction, Morganza to the Gulf of Mexico, Louisiana; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 124. A bill to provide certain counties with the ability to receive television broadcast signals of their choice; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 125. A bill to establish the Granada Relocation Center National Historic Site as an affiliated unit of the National Park System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 126. A bill to modify the boundary of Mesa Verde National Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 127. A bill to amend the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve Act of 2000 to explain the purpose and provide for the administration of the Baca National Wildlife Refuge; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 128. A bill to amend the Cache La Poudre River Corridor Act to designate a new management entity, make certain technical and conforming amendments, enhance private property protections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 129. A bill to study and promote the use of energy-efficient computer servers in the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 130. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend reasonable cost contracts under Medicare; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. REED):

S. 131. A bill to extend for 5 years the Mark-to-Market program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 132. A bill to end the trafficking of methamphetamines and precursor chemicals across the United States and its borders; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 133. A bill to promote the national security and stability of the economy of the United States by reducing the dependence of the United States on oil through the use of alternative fuels and new technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 134. A bill to authorize the construction of the Arkansas Valley Conduit in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 135. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Army to acquire land for the purposes of expanding Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 136. A bill to expand the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium to include the Transportation Technology Center; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CARDIN:

S. 137. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide additional

beneficiary protections; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 138. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to apply the joint return limitation for capital gains exclusion to certain post-marriage sales of principal residences by surviving spouses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 139. A bill to expedite review by the Supreme Court of the warrantless electronic surveillance program of the National Security Agency; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 140. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communications services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 141. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently increase the maximum annual contribution allowed to be made to Coverdell education savings accounts, and to provide for a deduction for contributions to education savings accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 142. A bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to allow qualifying States to use all or any portion of their allotments under the State Children's Health Insurance Program for certain Medicaid expenditures; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 143. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 144. A bill to provide Federal coordination and assistance in preventing gang violence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 145. A bill to make funds available for Pacific Salmon emergency disaster assistance; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 146. A bill to require the Federal Government to purchase fuel efficient automobiles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. DODD):

S. 147. A bill to empower women in Afghanistan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 148. A bill to establish the Paterson Great Falls National Park in the State of New Jersey, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 149. A bill to address the effect of the death of a defendant in Federal criminal proceedings; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 150. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to protect the health of pregnant women, fetuses, infants, and children by requiring a health advisory and drinking water standard for perchlorate; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 151. A bill to permanently prohibit oil and gas leasing off the coast of the State of California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 152. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a program to help States expand the educational system to include at least 1 year of early education preceding the year a child enters kindergarten; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 153. A bill to provide for the monitoring of the long-term medical health of firefighters who responded to emergencies in certain disaster areas and for the treatment of such firefighters; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BUNNING (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BOND, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. ENZI, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 154. A bill to promote coal-to-liquid fuel activities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BUNNING (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BOND, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. ENZI, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 155. A bill to promote coal-to-liquid fuel activities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. SUNUNU)):

S. 156. A bill to make the moratorium on Internet access taxes and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce permanent; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 157. A bill to permanently increase the maximum annual contribution allowed to be made to Coverdell education savings accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 158. A bill to expand access to affordable health care and to strengthen the health care safety net and make health care services more available in rural and underserved areas; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 159. A bill to redesignate the White Rocks National Recreation Area in the State of Vermont as the "Robert T. Stafford White Rocks National Recreation Area"; considered and passed.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 160. A bill to provide for compensation to the Lower Brule and Crow Creek Sioux Tribes of South Dakota for damage to tribal land caused by Pick-Sloan projects along the Missouri River; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 161. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to be made automatically by law each year in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 162. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the alcohol credit and the alternative fuel credit, to amend the Clean Air Act to promote the installation of fuel pumps for E-85 fuel, to amend title 49 of the United States Code to require the manufacture of dual fueled automobiles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 163. A bill to improve the disaster loan program of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 164. A bill to modernize the education system of the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 165. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to provide compensation for certain livestock losses; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. SUNUNU):

S. 166. A bill to restrict any State from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 167. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to require the Secretary of Energy to provide grants to eligible entities to carry out research, development, and demonstration projects of cellulosic ethanol and construct infrastructure that enables retail gas stations to dispense cellulosic ethanol for vehicle fuel to reduce the consumption of petroleum-based fuel; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 168. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Pikes Peak Region of Colorado; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 169. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to clarify Federal authority relating to land acquisition from willing sellers for the majority of the trails in the System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. COBURN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 170. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communications services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. COBURN):

S. 171. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Commerce Street in Commerce, Oklahoma, as the "Mickey Mantle Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 172. A bill to prohibit Federal funding for the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. DEMINT):

S. 173. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish Medicare Health Savings Accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 174. A bill to amend the Head Start Act to require parental consent for nonemergency intrusive physical examinations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 175. A bill to provide for a feasibility study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District and cities served by the District; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. COBURN):

S. 176. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the Indian employment credit and the depreciation rules for property used predominantly within an Indian reservation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 177. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the McGee Creek Authority certain facilities of the McGee Creek Project, Oklahoma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 178. A bill to protect freedom of speech exercisable by houses of worship or meditation and affiliated organizations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 179. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to establish the position of Deputy Secretary of Defense for Management, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 180. A bill to provide a permanent deduction for State and local general sales taxes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 181. A bill to provide permanent tax relief from the marriage penalty; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 182. A bill to authorize the Attorney General to make grants to improve the ability of State and local governments to prevent the abduction of children by family members, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. STEVENS:

S. 183. A bill to require the establishment of a corporate average fuel economy standard for passenger automobiles of 40 miles per gallon by 2017, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms.

SNOWE, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 184. A bill to provide improved rail and surface transportation security; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 185. A bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 186. A bill to provide appropriate protection to attorney-client privileged communications and attorney work product; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 187. A bill to provide sufficient resources to permit electronic surveillance of United States persons for foreign intelligence purposes to be conducted pursuant to individualized court-issued orders for calls originating in the United States, to provide additional resources to enhance oversight and streamline the procedures of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to ensure review of the Terrorist Surveillance Program by the United States Supreme Court, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. REID, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. BOXER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 188. A bill to revise the short title of the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 189. A bill to decrease the matching funds requirements and authorize additional appropriations for Keweenaw National Historical Park in the State of Michigan; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 190. A bill to provide a technical correction to the Pension Protection Act of 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 191. A bill to provide relief for all air carriers with pension plans that are not frozen pension plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. McCAIN (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 192. A bill providing greater transparency with respect to lobbying activities, and for other purposes; to the

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 193. A bill to increase cooperation on energy issues between the United States Government and foreign governments and entities in order to secure the strategic and economic interests of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S.J. Res. 1. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to require a balanced budget and protect Social Security surpluses; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 1. A resolution informing the President of the United States that a quorum of each House is assembled; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 2. A resolution informing the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 3. A resolution to elect Robert C. Byrd, a Senator from the State of West Virginia, to be President pro tempore of the Senate of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 4. A resolution notifying the President of the United States of the election of a President pro tempore; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 5. A resolution notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a President pro tempore; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 6. A resolution expressing the thanks of the Senate to the Honorable Ted Stevens for his service as President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate and to designate Senator Stevens as President Pro Tempore Emeritus of the United States Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 7. A resolution fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 8. A resolution electing Nancy Erickson as Secretary of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 9. A resolution notifying the President of the United States of the election of the Secretary of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 10. A resolution notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a Secretary of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 11. A resolution electing Terrance W. Gainer as the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 12. A resolution notifying the President of the United States of the election of a Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 13. A resolution notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID:

S. Res. 14. A resolution electing Martin P. Paone of Virginia as Secretary for the Majority of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Res. 15. A resolution electing David J. Schiappa of Maryland as Secretary for the Minority of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 16. A resolution to make effective appointment of the Senate Legal Counsel; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 17. A resolution to make effective appointment of the Deputy Senate Legal Counsel; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. INOUE):

S. Res. 18. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding designation of the month of November as "National Military Family Month"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 19. A resolution honoring President Gerald Rudolph Ford; ordered held at the desk.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. Res. 20. A resolution recognizing the uncommon valor of Wesley Autry of New York, New York; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. Con. Res. 1. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that an artistic tribute to commemorate the speech given by President Ronald Reagan at the Brandenburg Gate on June 12, 1987, should be placed within the United States Capitol; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 4:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland,

one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to H. Res. 1, resolving that Karen L. Haas of the State of Maryland, be, and is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives, and that Wilson S. Livingood of the Commonwealth of Virginia, be, and is hereby, chosen Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives, and that James M. Eagen, III, of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, be, and is hereby, chosen Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives, and that Father Daniel P. Coughlin of the State of Illinois, be, and is hereby, chosen Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to H. Res. 2, resolving that the Senate be informed that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled, that NANCY PELOSI, a Representative from the State of California, has been elected Speaker, and Karen L. Haas, a citizen of the State of Maryland, has been elected Clerk of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Tenth Congress.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to H. Res. 3, resolving that a committee of 2 Members be appointed by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives to join with a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has assembled and Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

The message also announced that the Speaker appoints as members of the committee on the part of the House to join a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has been assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make, the gentleman from Maryland Mr. HOYER and the gentleman from Ohio Mr. BOEHNER.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. LINCOLN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1) to provide greater transparency in the legislative process, introduced today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage, introduced today by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WEBB, Mr. KERRY, Mr. REED, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KOHL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BAYH, and Mrs. LINCOLN), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 5) to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research, introduced today by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KOHL, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WEBB, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. DODD, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. REED, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. INOUE), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 113) to make appropriations for military construction and family housing projects for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2007, introduced today by Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr.

CORNYN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. HATCH, Mr. THOMAS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mrs. DOLE), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

REDESIGNATING THE WHITE
ROCKS NATIONAL RECREATION
AREA

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 159) to redesignate the White Rocks National Recreation Area in the State of Vermont as the "Robert T. Stafford White Rocks National Recreation Area", introduced on today by Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. SANDERS), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 11:30 A.M. ON MONDAY,
JANUARY 8, 2007, AND FOR
PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 11:30 a.m. on Monday, January 8, 2007; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 12 noon; and that the time therein be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders, or their designees.

Ordered further, That, at 12 noon, the chair lay before the Senate resolution S. Res. 19; that the Senate proceed to consider the resolution; that the Senate immediately agree to the resolution, and to the accompanying

preamble; and that a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table.

Ordered further, That, notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate on tomorrow, bill S. 1 be deemed to have been read the second time.

RESOLUTION S. RES. 19 HELD AT
THE DESK

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. COBURN,

Ordered, That the resolution (S. Res. 19) honoring President Gerald Rudolph Ford, submitted today, be held at the desk.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Ms. LANDRIEU and Mr. COBURN.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 6:28 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. LANDRIEU in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 11:30 a.m. on Monday, January 8, 2007.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2007

Mr. HERB KOHL, from the State of Wisconsin, called the Senate to order at 11:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. KOHL led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, January 8, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable HERB KOHL, a Senator from the State of Wisconsin, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. KOHL took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 4, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 4, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 4, 2007,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-93. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report relative to grants streamlining and standardization; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

EC-94. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2006 Reporting Notice and Amendment; Partial Updating of TSCA Inventory Database; Chemical Substance Production, Processing, and Use Site Reports" (FRL No. 8109-9), received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-95. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Redesignation of the Kent and Queen Anne's 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 8259-7), received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-96. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Revision to Ohio State Implementation Plan to Rescind Oxides of Nitrogen Rule" (FRL No. 8259-5), received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-97. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Surface Coating of Automobiles and Light-Duty Trucks" (FRL No. 8260-7), received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-98. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Organic Hazardous Air Pollutants From the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry" (FRL No. 8259-6), received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-99. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Toxics Release Inventory Burden Reduction Final Rule" (FRL No. 8260-4), received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-100. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Air Interstate Rule and Federal Implementation Plans for CAIR; Corrections" (FRL No. 8254-7), received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-101. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Extension of the Deferred Effective Date for 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Early Action Compact Areas; Correction" (FRL No. 8256-7), received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-102. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule Interpreting the Scope of Certain Monitoring Requirements for State and Federal Operating Permits Programs" (FRL No. 8257-3), received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-103. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Area Sources: Polyvinyl Chloride and Copolymers Production, Primary Copper Smelting, Secondary Copper Smelting, and Primary Nonferrous Metals-Zinc, Cadmium, and Beryllium" (FRL No. 8257-4), received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-104. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants From the Portland Cement Manufacturing Industry" ((RIN2060-AJ78)(FRL No. 8256-4)), received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-105. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice of Finding that Certain States Did Not Submit Clean Air Mercury Rule State Plans for New and Existing Electric Utility Steam Generating Units and Status of Submission of Such Plans" (FRL No. 8255-9), received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-106. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: The 2007 Critical Use Exemption from the Phaseout of Methyl Bromide" (FRL No. 8109-9), received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-107. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the assessment of the flood management system for the Sacramento and San Joaquin River basins; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-108. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report relative to a document recently issued by the Agency that is related to its regulatory programs; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-109. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a quarterly report relative to the status of the Commission's licensing and regulatory duties; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-110. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of the comprehensive plan examining the deauthorization of the Mississippi River-Gulf Outlet; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-111. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fuel Economy Labeling of Motor Vehicles: Revisions to Improve Calculation of Fuel Economy Estimates" (FRL No. 8257-5), received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-112. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil Pollution Prevention; Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure Plan Requirements - Amendments " ((RIN2050-AG23)(FRL No. 8258-3)), received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-113. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to his intent to add East Timor to the list of beneficiary developing countries and to the list of least-developed beneficiary developing countries under the Generalized System of Preferences; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-114. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update" (Notice 2006-111), received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-115. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reporting Rules for Widely Held Fixed Investment Trusts" ((RIN1545-BF75)(TD 9308)), received on

January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-116. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bulgarian Per Se Entity" (Notice 2007-10), received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-117. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice on Cash Balance and Other Hybrid Defined Benefit Pension Plans and Section 701 of PPA '06" (Notice 2007-6), received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-118. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Automatic Method Change Procedure for Executory Contract Liabilities" (Rev. Proc. 2007-14), received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-119. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Executory Contract Liabilities" (Rev. Rul. 2007-3), received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-120. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Maximum Vehicle Values for 2007 Used to Determine the Value of Personal Use of an Employer-Provided Vehicle Under the Special Valuation Rules Under Regulations Sections 1.61-21(d) and (e)" (Rev. Proc. 2007-11), received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-121. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance on Specified Covered Services Under Section 482" (Rev. Proc. 2007-13), received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-122. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice on Temporary Section 482 Regulations" (Notice 2007-5), received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-123. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch,

Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Necessary to Facilitate Business Electronic Filing Under Section 1561" ((RIN1545-BF26)(TD 9304)), received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-124. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Rev. Proc. 2005-12" (Rev. Proc. 2007-17), received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-125. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "User Fees for Processing Installment Agreements" ((RIN1545-BF69)(TD 9306)), received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-126. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Source of Income from Certain Space and Ocean Activities; Source of Communications Income" ((RIN1545-AW50)(TD 9305)), received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-127. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Computing Depreciation" ((RIN1545-BC18)-(TD 9307)), received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-128. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice Requesting Comments on In-Service Distributions - Section 905 of PPA '06" (Notice 2007-8), received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-129. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "TD 9281 Effective Date" (Notice 2007-1), received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-130. A communication from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-131. A communication from the Acting Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Exemption of Work Activity as a Basis for a Continuing Disability Review" (RIN0960-AE93), received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-132. A communication from the Acting Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules for the Issuance of Work Report Receipts, Payment of Benefits for Trial Work Period Service Months After a Fraud Conviction, Changes to the Student Earned Income Exclusion, and Expansion of the Reentitlement Period for Childhood Disability Benefits" (RIN0960-AG10), received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-133. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Medical Criteria for Evaluating Visual Disorders" (RIN0960-AF34), received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-134. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Patient Classification Under Medicare's Prospective Payment System for Skilled Nursing Facilities"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-135. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appeals Settlement Guidelines: Losses Reported from Inflated Basis Assets from Lease Stripping Transactions" (Coordinated Issue Paper UIL: 9226-01-00), received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-136. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - January 2007" (Rev. Rul. 2007-2), received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-137. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Corporate Reorganizations; Distributions Under Sections 368(a)(1)(D) and 354(b)(1)(B)" ((RIN1545-BF84)(TD 9303)), received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-138. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibited Allocations of Securities in an S Corporation" ((RIN1545-BC34)(TD 9302)),

received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-139. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Outcome and Assessment Information Set Study; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-140. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nondiscrimination and Wellness Programs in Health Coverage in the Group Market" (RIN0938-AI08), received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-141. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Financial Report of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-142. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States - Chile Free Trade Agreement" (RIN1505-AB47), received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-143. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bureau of Labor Statistics Price Indexes for Department Stores - October 2006" (Rev. Rul. 2006-62), received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-144. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Section 402(i) of H.R. 4" (Notice 2006-105), received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-145. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 846 Discount Factors for 2006" (Rev. Proc. 2007-9), received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-146. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Transition Relief for Certain Partnerships and Other Pass-Thru Entities Under Section 470" (Notice 2007-4), received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-147. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the

Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 832 Discount Factors for 2006" (Rev. Proc. 2007-10), received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-148. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Cumulative List of Changes in Plan Qualification Requirements" (Notice 2007-3), received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-149. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rules for Nondiscrimination and Wellness Programs in Health Coverage in the Group Market" ((RIN1545-AY32)(TD 9298)), received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-150. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Necessary to Facilitate Business Electronic Filing" ((RIN1545-BC15)(TD 9300)), received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-151. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reduction in Taxable Income for Housing Hurricane Katrina Displaced Individuals" (TD 9301), received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-152. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a certification relative to waiving the restrictions contained in section 1305 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-153. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the President's decision to exercise waiver authority with regard to a prohibition on military assistance; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-154. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a Presidential Determination to suspend the limitation on the obligation of State Department Appropriations contained in the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-155. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-156. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2006-271 - 2006-280); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-157. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the President's determination to exercise his waiver authority in certain countries with respect to the prohibition on the use of fiscal year 2006 Economic Support Funds provided for in section 574(a) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act of 2006; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-158. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Colombia and Ecuador; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-159. A communication from the Interim Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Payment of Premiums; Assessment of and Relief From Penalties" (RIN1212-AA95), received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-160. A communication from the Interim Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Valuation of Benefits and Assets; Expected Retirement Age" (29 CFR Part 4044), received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-161. A communication from the Interim Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044), received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-162. A communication from the Interim Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans" (29 CFR Part 4022), received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-163. A communication from the Director, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Performance of Functions; Claims for Compensation Under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000, as Amended" (RIN1215-AB51), received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-164. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Study Regarding Barriers to Participation of Farmworkers in Health Programs"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-165. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Policy, received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-166. A communication from the Chief and Human Capital Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a change in previously submitted reported information and nomination for the position of Inspector General, received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-167. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-168. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acquisition Regulations" (48 CFR Part 301), received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-169. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer for the position of Assistant Secretary for Employee Benefits Security, received on

December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-170. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the interjurisdictional adoption of children in foster care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-171. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to states' effectiveness in establishing and enforcing medical support obligations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-172. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's competitive sourcing activities during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-173. A communication from the Director, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emergency Mine Evacuation" (RIN1219-AB46), received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-174. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program for fiscal years 2002-2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-175. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rules for Nondiscrimination and Wellness Programs in Health Coverage in the Group Market" (RIN1210-AA54), received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-176. A communication from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-177. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-178. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semi-annual reports of the Inspector Generals of the Treasury

Department and Tax Administration for the period ending September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-179. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through October 31, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-180. A communication from the Inspector General, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2006 Performance Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-181. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-182. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-183. A communication from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Organization's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-184. A communication from the Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, American Battle Monuments Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's annual report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-185. A communication from the Chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-186. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-187. A communication from the Acting Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector

General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-188. A communication from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Organization's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-189. A communication from the Office of the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-190. A communication from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-191. a communication from the Chairman, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-192. A communication from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-193. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's Management Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-194. A communication from the Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the seven audit reports issued during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-195. A communication from the Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-196. A communication from the Chairman of the Board, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the

Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-197. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-198. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2006 Annual report on the implementation of the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-199. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-200. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-201. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Under Secretary, received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-202. A communication from the Deputy Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-203. A communication from the Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act and the Inspector General Act of 1978; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-204. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, information copies of prospectuses supporting the Administration's fiscal year 2007 Capital Investment and Leasing

Program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-205. A communication from the Secretary, Postal Rate Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Commissioner, received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-206. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of the Chief Acquisition Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-14" (FAC 2005-14), received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-207. A communication from the General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-208. A communication from the Deputy Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of NARA Facilities" (RIN3095-AB55), received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-209. A communication from the Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-210. A communication from the Inspector General, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-211. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-212. A communication from the Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-213. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-214. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Letter Report: Auditor's Review of the HIV/AIDS Crisis Area Capacity Building Fund Authorized by the Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Support Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-215. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-216. A communication from the Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Agency's competitive sourcing activities for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-217. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-218. A communication from the Director of the Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-219. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Office's competitive sourcing activities for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-220. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Title II of the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 - Reporting and Best Practices" (RIN3206-AK55), received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-221. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from

April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-222. A communication from the Secretary for Regulatory Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Filipino Veterans' Benefits Improvements" (RIN2900-AK65), received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-223. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical: Informed Consent - Extension of Time Period and Modification of Witness Requirement for Signature Consent" (RIN2900-AM19), received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-224. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transfer of Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty Entitlement to Dependents" (RIN2900-AM12), received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-225. A communication from the Chief of the Immigration Unit, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Board of Immigration Appeals: Composition of Board and Temporary Board Members" ((RIN1125-AA57)(EOIR No. 1581)), received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-226. A communication from the Senior Counsel, United States Marshals Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplement to Justice Department Procedures and Council on Environmental Quality Regulations to Ensure Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act" ((RIN1105-AB13)(USMS 101)), received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-227. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the need for existing bankruptcy judgeships; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-228. A communication from the Acting Director, Regulations and Rulings Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Shawnee Hills Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AA70), received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-229. A communication from the Acting Director, Regulations and Rulings Division,

Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Chehalem Mountains Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AA57), received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-230. A communication from the Junior Past National Treasurer, Navy Wives Clubs of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the latest audit of the organization; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-231. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarification of Registration Requirements for Individual Practitioners" (RIN1117-AA89), received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-232. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the National Institute of Justice for fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-233. A communication from the Secretary of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the submission of its report on Defense base closures and realignments; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-234. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the national emergency declared by Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-235. A communication from the Deputy Chief Counsel, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transportation Worker Identification Credential Implementation in the Maritime Sector; Hazardous Materials Endorsement for a Commercial Driver's License" (RIN1652-AA41), received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-236. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-237. A communication from the Chief Information Office and the Chief Privacy Officer, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to activities that affect privacy; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 194. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 North Frontage Road West in Vail, Colorado, as the "Gerald R. Ford, Jr. Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. THUNE, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 195. A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to establish permanent authority for the Secretary of Agriculture to quickly provide disaster relief to agricultural producers that incur crop or livestock losses as a result of damaging weather or related condition in federally declared disaster areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 196. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to deny Federal retirement benefits to individuals convicted of certain offenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. REID, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 197. A bill to authorize salary adjustments for justices and judges of the United States for fiscal year 2007; considered and passed.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 198. A bill to improve authorities to address urgent nonproliferation crises and United States nonproliferation operations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 199. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Amendments of 1996 to modify the grant program to improve sanitation in rural and Native villages in the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 200. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and the United States Geological Survey, to conduct a study on groundwater resources in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 201. A bill to establish a grant program for individuals still suffering health effects as a result of the September 11, 2001, attacks in New York City and at the Pentagon; to the

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 202. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain Forest Service land to the city of Coffman Cove, Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 203. A bill to provide equitable treatment for the people of the Village Corporation established for the Native Village of Saxman, Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 204. A bill for the relief of Ziad Mohamed Shaban Khweis, Heyam Ziad Khweis, and Juman Ziad Khweis; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 205. A bill to grant rights-of-way for electric transmission lines over certain Native allotments in the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE
RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 21. A resolution recognizing the uncommon valor of Wesley Autrey of New York, New York; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1

At the request of Mr. BROWN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1, a bill to provide greater transparency in the legislative process.

S. 2

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

S. 4

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 4, a bill to make the United States more secure by implementing unfinished recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to fight the war on terror more effectively, to improve homeland security, and for other purposes.

S. 10

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL] was

added as a cosponsor of S. 10, a bill to reinstate the pay-as-you-go requirement and reduce budget deficits by strengthening budget enforcement and fiscal responsibility.

S. 43

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND] and the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 43, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to preserve and protect Social Security benefits of American workers and to help ensure greater congressional oversight of the Social Security system by requiring that both Houses of Congress approve a totalization agreement before the agreement, giving foreign workers Social Security benefits, can go into effect.

S. 57

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 57, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 85

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 85, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that territories and Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine.

S. 87

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 87, a bill to permit the cancellation of certain loans under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

S. 101

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 101, a bill to update and reinvigorate universal service provided under the Communications Act of 1934.

S. 119

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] were added as cosponsors of S. 119, a bill to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to

military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts, and for other purposes.

S. 136

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 136, a bill to expand the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium to include the Transportation Technology Center.

S. 170

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] were added as cosponsors of S. 170, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communications services.

S. 190

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 190, a bill to provide a technical correction to the Pension Protection Act of 2006.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:33 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 1. Concurrent resolution regarding consent to assemble outside the seat of government.

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

S. 159. An act to redesignate the White Rocks National Recreation Area in the State of Vermont as the "Robert T. Stafford White Rocks National Recreation Area".

The message further announced that the House has agreed to H. Res. 11, resolving that the House of Representatives has learned with profound regret and sorrow of the death of Gerald R. Ford, 38th President of the United States of America.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 1. Concurrent resolution regarding consent to assemble outside the seat of government; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

HONORING PRESIDENT GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

The hour of 12 noon having arrived, Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 4, 2007,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 19) honoring President Gerald Rudolph Ford, submitted by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN) on Thursday, January 4, 2007, and ordered held at the desk; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 4, 2007,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 88, nays...0

[Rollcall Vote No. 1 Leg.]

YEAS --- 88

Akaka, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Inhofe, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski,

Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the resolution was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the preamble.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the preamble be modified.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 4, 2007, as modified today,

The preamble, as modified, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR JUSTICES AND JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 197) to authorize salary adjustments for justices and judges of the United States for fiscal year 2007, introduced on today by Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. REID, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. CORNYN), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ATTENDANCE OF SENATORS

The following Senators attended the session of the Senate on today: Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. WYDEN.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BILL NELSON in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage, introduced on Thursday, January 4, 2007 by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WEBB, Mr. KERRY, Mr. REED, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. HARKIN, Ms.

MIKULSKI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KOHL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BAYH, and Mrs. LINCOLN), and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 5) to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research, introduced on Thursday, January 4, 2007 by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KOHL, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WEBB, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. DODD, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. REED, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. INOUE), and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 113) to make appropriations for military construction and family housing projects for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2007, introduced on Thursday, January 4, 2007 by Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. HATCH, Mr. THOMAS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mrs. DOLE), and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1 ON TOMORROW

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, at 11 a.m. on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1) to provide greater transparency in the legislative process; and that the time until 12:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate only.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 12:30 p.m.; and that the first half of the time therein be controlled by the minority leader, or his designee, and the second half of the time therein be controlled by the majority leader, or his designee.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 5:21 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2007

Mr. ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CASEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, January 9, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., a Senator from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CASEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business. Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-238. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Executive Compensation Disclosure" (RIN3235-A180), received on January 8, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-239. A communication from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Board's competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-240. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the inventory of commercial

activities undertaken by the Commission in fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-241. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Criticality Control of Fuel Within Dry Storage Casks or Transportation Packages in a Spent Fuel Pool" (RIN3190-AH95), received on January 8, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-242. A communication from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its study on the effect of certain rural hospital payment adjustments; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-243. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Republication of Rev. Proc. 2006-6" (Rev. Proc. 2007-6), received on January 8, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-244. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Republication of Rev. Proc. 2006-8" (Rev. Proc. 2007-8), received on January 8, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-245. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Republication of Rev. Proc. 2006-5" (Rev. Proc. 2007-5), received on January 8, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-246. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Republication of Rev. Proc. 2006-4" (Rev. Proc. 2007-4), received on January 8, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-247. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 451 - General Rule for Taxable Year of Inclusion" (Rev. Rul. 2007-1, 2007-3), received on January 8, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-248. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Rev. Proc. 2004-11" (Rev. Proc. 2007-16),

received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-249. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "CPI Adjustment for Section 1274A for 2007" (Rev. Proc. 2007-4), received on January 8, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-250. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Field Directive on Application of IRC Section 118 to Partnerships" (UIL: 118.01-02), received on January 8, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-251. A communication from the Secretary, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Board's competitive sourcing activities during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 206. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. 207. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate part or all of any income tax refund to support reservists and National Guard members; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 208. A bill for the relief of Luay Lufti Hadad; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 209. A bill for the relief of Marcos Antonio Sanchez-Diaz; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 210. A bill for the relief of Anton Dodaj, Gjyljana Dodaj, Franc Dodaj, and Kristjan Dodaj; to the Committee on the Judiciary

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BAYH, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. VITTER,

Mr. CASEY, Mr. BENNETT, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 211. A bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services, volunteer services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 212. A bill for the relief of Perlat Binaj, Almida Binaj, Erina Binaj, and Anxhela Binaj; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 213. A bill for the relief of Mohamad Derani, Maha Felo Derani, and Tarek Derani; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 214. A bill to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 215. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure net neutrality; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 216. A bill to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land in the Santa Fe National Forest and certain non-Federal land in the Pecos National Historical Park in the State of New Mexico; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. 217. A bill to require the United States Trade Representative to initiate a section 301 investigation into abuses by the Australian Wheat Board with respect to the United Nations Oil-for-Food Programme, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 218. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the income threshold used to calculate the refundable portion of the child tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. THOMAS):

S. 219. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 152 North 5th Street in Laramie, Wyoming, as the "Gale W. McGee Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 220. A bill to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the A & B Irrigation District in the

State of Idaho; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KOHL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 221. A bill to amend title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to livestock and poultry contracts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 222. A bill to amend the Haitian Hemispheric Opportunity through Partnership Encouragement Act of 2006 to extend the date for the President to determine if Haiti meets certain requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. REED, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 223. A bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 224. A bill to create or adopt, and implement, rigorous and voluntary American education content standards in mathematics and science covering kindergarten through grade 12, to provide for the assessment of student proficiency benchmarked against such standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 225. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the number of individuals qualifying for retroactive benefits from traumatic injury protection coverage under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 226. A bill to direct the Inspector General of the Department of Justice to submit semi-annual reports regarding settlements relating to false claims and fraud against the Federal Government; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 227. A bill to establish the Granada Relocation Center National Historic Site as an affiliated unit of the National Park

System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 228. A bill to establish a small business child care grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 229. A bill to redesignate a Federal building in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the "Raymond G. Murphy Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 230. A bill to provide greater transparency in the legislative process; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. OBAMA, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 231. A bill to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 232. A bill to make permanent the authorization for watershed restoration and enhancement agreements; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 233. A bill to prohibit the use of funds for an escalation of United States military forces in Iraq above the numbers existing as of January 9, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 234. A bill to require the FCC to issue a final order regarding television white spaces; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1, a bill to provide greater transparency in the legislative process.

S. 5

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 5, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research.

S. 80

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 80, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for 8 weeks of paid leave for Federal employees giving birth and for other purposes.

S. 85

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of S. 85, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that territories and Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine.

S. 95

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 95, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to ensure that every uninsured child in America has health insurance coverage, and for other purposes.

S. 105

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 105, a bill to prohibit the spouse of a Member of Congress previously employed as a lobbyist from lobbying the Member after the Member is elected.

S. 113

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI], the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] were added as cosponsors of S. 113, a bill to make appropriations for military construction and family housing projects for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2007.

S. 138

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 138, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to apply the joint return limitation for capital gains exclusion to certain post-marriage sales of principal residences by surviving spouses.

S. 143

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 143, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes.

S. 147

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI]

was added as a cosponsor of S. 147, a bill to empower women in Afghanistan, and for other purposes.

S. 184

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 184, a bill to provide improved rail and surface transportation security.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 9, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed briefing on Iraq.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, January 9, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. for a hearing titled "Ensuring Full Implementation of the 9/11 Commission's Recommendations."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 6:10 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 159. An act to redesignate the White Rocks National Recreation Area in the State of Vermont as the "Robert T. Stafford White Rocks National Recreation Area".

At 7:31 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1. An act to provide for the implementation of the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 1. An act to provide for the implementation of the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States; to the

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

LEGISLATIVE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

The hour of 11 a.m. having passed, Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANDERS in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1) to provide greater transparency in the legislative process; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate reconvenes at 2:15 p.m. today, there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Mr. LIEBERMAN and Ms. COLLINS; and that, upon conclusion of said debate, the majority leader be recognized to propose an amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pending debate,

RECESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

Ordered, That the Senate recess, as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:27 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. MCCASKILL in the chair) called the Senate to order.

LEGISLATIVE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. DURBIN) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3, in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. OBAMA) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature

of a substitute), by striking sections 108 and 109, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 4).

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 5).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. VITTER to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 6).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. VITTER to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 7).

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR PRINTING TRIBUTES TO THE LATE PRESIDENT GERALD FORD

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That tributes to the late President Gerald Ford be printed as a Senate Document; and that Senators be authorized to submit said tributes until Thursday, February 15, 2007.

ORDER RELATIVE TO NOMINATIONS TO THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That nominations to the Office of Inspector General, except the Office of Inspector General of the Central Intelligence Agency, be referred in each case to the committee having primary jurisdiction over the department, agency, or entity; that, if and when reported, each nomination then be referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs for a period of not to exceed 20 calendar days; that, if the 20-day period expires while the Senate is in recess, the

Committee have five additional calendar days after the Senate reconvenes to report the nomination.

Ordered further, That, if the nomination is not reported upon the expiration of the period, the nomination be discharged and placed on the executive calendar.

ATTENDANCE OF A SENATOR

Mr. GREGG attended the session of the Senate on today.

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED; BILL S. 198 REREFERRED

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 198) to improve authorities to address urgent nonproliferation crises and United States nonproliferation operations; and that the bill be referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business; that the first 30 minutes of the time therein be controlled by the majority leader, or his designee, and the second 30 minutes of the time therein be controlled by the minority leader, or his designee; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:32 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, January 10, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business. Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-252. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, authorization of 2 officers to wear the insignia of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-253. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, a report on the

approved retirement of General John P. Abizaid, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-254. A communication from the Federal Register Certifying Office, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Offset Under Reciprocal Agreements with States" (RIN1510-AB09), received on January 9, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-255. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Reinvestment Act Regulations" (RIN1557-AD00), received on January 9, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-256. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Awards" (RIN3206-AL06), received on January 9, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-1. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana relative to memorializing Congress to adopt the Constitution Restoration Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 16

Whereas, in 2005, the United States Supreme Court, in two razor thin majorities of 5-4 in *Van Orden v. Perry* (Texas) and *ACLU v. McCreary County* (Kentucky), concluded that it is inconsistent with the First Amendment to display the Ten Commandments in an outdoor public square in Texas, but not on the courthouse walls of two counties in Kentucky; and

Whereas, at the instance of the Indiana Civil Liberties Union, a federal judge recently ordered the Indiana House of Representatives to discontinue opening its sessions in prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, ruling that the practice is now "unconstitutional"; and

Whereas, despite the fact that America's Constitution ends with an acknowledgment of Jesus Christ in Article VII, providing in pertinent part "Done ... in the Year of our Lord...," threats of federal court litigation over the acknowledgment of God now have some Americans doubtful whether it is even

“constitutional” to extend greetings of “Merry Christmas” or otherwise publicly acknowledge the historical birth of Christ; and

Whereas, the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, which provides in part that “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion,” is specific and unequivocal instruction to only the United States Congress and the United States Constitution makes no restriction on the ability of states, municipalities, or individuals to acknowledge God, the Supreme Ruler of the Universe; and

Whereas, the federal judiciary has overstepped its constitutional boundaries and ruled against the acknowledgment of God as the sovereign source of law, liberty, and government by local and state officers and other state institutions, including state schools; and

Whereas, a constant complaint from the federal courts is that their caseloads are too heavy due in part to an increasingly large proportion of cases consuming the docket of federal courts which involve “unconstitutional separation between church and state” claims involving litigants who claim to be offended at the mention of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, one significant way dockets of federal courts could be reduced would be the adoption of the Constitutional Restoration Act by Congress which would remove the jurisdiction of the federal courts over these types of claims or controversies under the authority of Article III, Section 2, of the United States Constitution; and

Whereas, the Senate of the Louisiana Legislature recognizes that this is the season to give gifts and be charitable and an integral part of the season is the inclusion and acknowledgment of Jesus Christ: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to adopt the Constitution Restoration Act, thereby reducing the caseload of our federal courts by removing from their jurisdiction any and all cases involving the acknowledgment of God as the sovereign source of law, liberty, or government as authorized by Article III, Section 2, of the United States Constitution. Be it further

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

POM-2. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to memorializing Congress to adopt the Constitution Restoration Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

Whereas, in 2005, the United States Supreme Court, in two razor thin majorities of 5-4 in *Van Orden v. Perry* (Texas) and *ACLU v. McCreary County* (Kentucky), concluded that it is inconsistent with the First Amendment to display the Ten Commandments in an outdoor public square in Texas, but not on the courthouse walls of two counties in Kentucky; and

Whereas, at the instance of the Indiana Civil Liberties Union, a federal judge recently ordered the Indiana House of Representatives to discontinue opening its sessions in prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, ruling that the practice is now “unconstitutional”; and

Whereas, despite the fact that America’s Constitution ends with an acknowledgment of Jesus Christ in Article VII, providing in pertinent part “Done ... in the Year of our Lord...,” threats of federal court litigation over the acknowledgment of God now have some Americans doubtful whether it is even “constitutional” to extend greetings of “Merry Christmas” or otherwise publicly acknowledge the historical birth of Christ; and

Whereas, the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, which provides in part that “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion,” is specific and unequivocal instruction to only the United States Congress and the United States Constitution makes no restriction on the ability of states, municipalities, or individuals to acknowledge God, the Supreme Ruler of the Universe; and

Whereas, the federal judiciary has overstepped its constitutional boundaries and ruled against the acknowledgment of God as the sovereign source of law, liberty, and government by local and state officers and other state institutions, including state schools; and

Whereas, a constant complaint from the federal courts is that their caseloads are too heavy due in part to an increasingly large proportion of cases consuming the docket of federal courts which involve “unconstitutional separation between church and state” claims involving litigants who claim to be offended at the mention of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, one significant way dockets of federal courts could be reduced would be the adoption of the Constitutional Restoration Act by Congress which would remove the jurisdiction of the federal courts over these types of claims or controversies under the authority of Article III, Section 2, of the United States Constitution; and

Whereas, the Louisiana Legislature recognizes that this is the season to give gifts and be charitable and an integral part of the season is the inclusion and acknowledgment of Jesus Christ: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to adopt the Constitution Restoration Act, thereby reducing the caseload of our federal courts by removing from their jurisdiction any and all cases involving the acknowledgment of God as the sovereign source of law, liberty, or government as authorized by Article III, Section 2, of the United States Constitution. Be it further

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

POM-3. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana relative to memorializing Congress to take such actions as are necessary to create a federal catastrophe fund; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6

Whereas, creation of a federal catastrophe fund is a comprehensive, integrated approach to help better prepare and protect the nation from natural catastrophes, such as hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, snowstorms, and earthquakes; and

Whereas, the current system of response to catastrophes leaves many people and businesses at risk of being unable to replace what they lost, wastes tax dollars, raises insurance premiums, and leads to shortages of insurance needed to sustain our economy; and

Whereas, creation of a federal catastrophe fund would help stabilize insurance markets following a catastrophe and help steady insurance costs for consumers while making it possible for private insurers to offer more insurance in catastrophe-prone areas; and

Whereas, a portion of the premiums collected by insurance companies could be deposited into such a fund which could be administered by the United States Treasury and grow tax free; and

Whereas, the federal catastrophe fund would operate as a “backstop” and could only be accessed when private insurers and state catastrophe funds have paid losses in excess of a defined threshold; and

Whereas, utilizing the capacity of the federal government would help smooth out fluctuations consumers currently experience in insurance prices and availability because of exposure to large catastrophic losses and would provide better protection at a lower price; and

Whereas, when there is a gap between the insurance protection consumers buy and the damage caused by a major catastrophe, taxpayers across the country pay much of the difference, as congressional appropriations of billions of dollars for after-the-fact disaster

relief in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina demonstrated: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to create a federal catastrophe fund; and be it further

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

POM-4. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to commending and memorializing Congress for passing the Domenici-Landrieu Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16

Whereas, since 1930 the coastal landscape of Louisiana has lost over 1,900 square miles of land, eroding at a rate of 25 square miles every year. In addition, hurricanes Katrina and Rita converted over 200 square miles of wetlands into open water; and

Whereas, the communities, economy, natural resources, and cultural heritage of south Louisiana remain vulnerable to the extremes of coastal flooding, hurricanes, and land loss; and

Whereas, the protection and restoration of coastal Louisiana will require a long term commitment of funding to establish comprehensive, effective and sustainable coastal protection projects and programs; and

Whereas, the Louisiana congressional delegation has been working for decades to secure a steady stream of revenue to fund the critical work of coastal protection and restoration in Louisiana; and

Whereas, since the inception and development of federal offshore oil and gas production in the Gulf of Mexico, the state of Louisiana has provided essential onshore support for such production; and

Whereas, such support has included numerous components of Louisiana's vital "energy corridor" that provide the nation with a third of its domestic oil and gas supply, including the pipeline systems that cross Louisiana's coastal wetlands; and

Whereas, the countless communities in south Louisiana that form the backbone and labor force to facilitate the delivery of these crucial energy resources to the rest of the nation are critical factors in such support; and

Whereas, the federal government collects over \$6 billion each year from the bonus bids, rents and royalties derived from federal leases on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Gulf of Mexico, and under current federal law nearly all of these revenues are deposited

into the General Treasury of the United States; and

Whereas, in recognition of the urgent crisis facing coastal Louisiana and of the support provided by each of the Gulf Coast states that produce oil and gas for the nation, and in further acknowledgment of the significant amount of funding available from oil and gas production on the Outer Continental Shelf, the United States Congress passed the Domenici-Landrieu Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 on December 9, 2006; and

Whereas, this act authorizes oil and gas development in about 8.3 million acres of the eastern Gulf of Mexico, including 2.5 million acres within a section known as Lease Area 181; and

Whereas, beginning in the federal Fiscal Year 2007 and in each fiscal year thereafter, this Act directs the secretary of the United States Department of the Interior to share 37.5 percent of the revenues from these new areas with the states of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama for coastal restoration, with such funds to be derived from bonus bids, rents, and royalties on leases within the new areas; and

Whereas, beginning in the federal Fiscal Year 2016 and in each fiscal year thereafter, this Act further directs the secretary of the United States Department of the Interior to share 37.5 percent of the revenues with the states of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama from all new federal oil and gas leases after the date of enactment in existing U.S. Department of Interior, Mineral Management Service, planning areas throughout the Gulf of Mexico; and

Whereas, the enactment of this Act represents the most significant change offshore oil and gas policy in over fifty years; and

Whereas, the dedication of these revenues constitute the beginning of the steady stream of federal funding sought by the Louisiana congressional delegation for decades; and

Whereas, such steady stream of federal funding is a truly significant step towards sustainable coastal protection and restoration as an attainable goal for Louisiana: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana commends and memorializes the United States Congress for passing the Domenici-Landrieu Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006, which provides for sharing of federal offshore oil and gas revenue with Louisiana for coastal protection and restoration. Be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana congratulates the members of the Louisiana congressional delegation for their dedication, persistence, and vigilance in fighting for a share of federal offshore oil and gas revenues to protect and restore coastal Louisiana through the passage of the Domenici-

Landrieu Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006. Be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana requests and urges President George W. Bush to immediately sign the Domenici-Landrieu Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006. Be it further

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

POM-5. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to memorializing Congress to authorize Louisiana to lease closed interstate rest areas to private entities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13

Whereas, many rest areas located on Louisiana's interstate highways have been closed in recent years; and

Whereas, these closed rest areas have created a burden on the state and an eyesore to interstate travelers; and

Whereas, if the Congress authorized Louisiana to lease closed interstate rest areas to private entities, certain conveniences, such as gas stations, auto repair stations and restaurants, could be offered to the traveling public in a convenient manner; and

Whereas, these conveniences would then be available in areas where they are not currently available; and

Whereas, such developments could provide a revenue stream to Louisiana by making use of property in a desirable area not currently being used in commerce: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to authorize Louisiana to lease closed interstate rest areas to private entities in order to provide services and products helpful or desirable to interstate travelers. Be it further

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 235. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain buildings and lands of the Yakima Project, Washington, to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 236. A bill to require reports to Congress on Federal agency use of data mining; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 237. A bill to improve agricultural job opportunities, benefits, and security for aliens in the United States and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. GREGG, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 238. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to limit the misuse of Social Security numbers, to establish criminal penalties for such misuse, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 239. A bill to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of data containing sensitive personally identifiable information, to disclose any breach of such information; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. BENNETT, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. BUNNING):

S. 240. A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 241. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements to protect natural resources of units of the National Park System through collaborative efforts on land inside and outside of units of the National Park System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. INOUE, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. SALAZAR, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 242. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the importation of prescription drugs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. GREGG, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. VITTER, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. THUNE, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. BURR):

S. 243. A bill to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. THUNE, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 244. A bill to improve women's access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the delivery of obstetrical and gynecological services; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 245. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate the President William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace Home in Hope, Arkansas, as a National Historic Site and unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ENZI, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 246. A bill to enhance compliance assistance for small business; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. BOND:

S. 247. A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 555 Independence Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as the "Rush Hudson Limbaugh, Sr. United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 248. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and modify the work opportunity credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 249. A bill to permit the National Football League to restrict the movement of its franchisees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 250. A bill to reduce the costs of prescription drugs for Medicare beneficiaries and to guarantee access to comprehensive prescription drug coverage under part D of

the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. DEMINT):

S. 251. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the importation of prescription drugs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 252. A bill to repeal the provision of law that provides automatic pay adjustments for Members of Congress; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 253. A bill to permit the cancellation of certain loans under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 254. A bill to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 255. A bill to provide assistance to the State of New Mexico for the development of comprehensive State water plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. Res. 22. A resolution reaffirming the constitutional and statutory protections accorded sealed domestic mail, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 2

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

S. 5

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 5, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research.

S. 10

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 10, a bill to reinstate the pay-as-you-go requirement and reduce budget deficits by strengthening budget enforcement and fiscal responsibility.

S. 43

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 43, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to preserve and protect Social Security benefits of American workers and to help ensure greater congressional oversight of the Social Security system by requiring that both Houses of Congress approve a totalization agreement before the agreement, giving foreign workers Social Security benefits, can go into effect.

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 143

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] and the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 143, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes.

S. 147

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 147, a bill to empower women in Afghanistan, and for other purposes.

S. 191

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 191, a bill to provide relief for all air carriers with pension plans that are not frozen pension plans.

S. 195

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 195, a bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to establish permanent authority for the Secretary of Agriculture to quickly provide disaster relief to agricultural producers that incur crop or livestock losses as a result of damaging weather or related condition in federally declared disaster areas, and for other purposes.

S. 211

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide

availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services, volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 214

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 214, a bill to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys.

S. 223

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 223, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 233

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 233, a bill to prohibit the use of funds for an escalation of United States military forces in Iraq above the numbers existing as of January 9, 2007.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday January 10, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in 328a, Senate Russell Office Building. The purpose of this committee hearing will be to discuss agriculture and rural America's role in enhancing national energy security.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 10, 2007, at 2 p.m., in closed session to receive a briefing regarding U.S. military action in Somalia.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Finance will meet on Wednesday, January 10, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Tax Incentives for Businesses in Response to a Minimum Wage Increase".

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 10, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on Iraq.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the

Senate on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at 10 a.m. in SD-430.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Balancing Privacy and Security: The Privacy Implications of Government Data Mining Programs" on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 10, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a business meeting.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 5:43 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2. An act to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore reported that he had signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

S. 159. An act to redesignate the White Rocks National Recreation Area in the State of Vermont as the "Robert T. Stafford White Rocks National Recreation Area".

LEGISLATIVE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1) to provide greater transparency in the legislative process; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 7, proposed by Mr. VITTER, to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT (for himself and Mr. CORNYN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), by striking section 103, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 11).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT (for himself and Mr. OBAMA) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 12).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 13).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT (for himself and Mr. CORNYN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 14).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. INHOFE) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 51, after line 12, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 9).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. VITTER to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 34, line 5, striking "\$100,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$200,000" (being amendment No. 10).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN,

Ordered, That, at 11:45 a.m., the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 7; that there be 15 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon between the bill managers and Mr. VITTER; and that, at 12 noon, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment, without intervening action or debate.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 10 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

The hour of 11:45 a.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 7 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. VITTER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 93, nays...2

[Rollcall Vote No. 2 Leg.]

YEAS --- 93

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 2

Lott, Lugar.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 10 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SALAZAR (for himself and Mr. OBAMA) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 15).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. PRYOR) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. STEVENS,

Ordered, That amendment No. 4 be the pending question.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 4, proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. OBAMA, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR), to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. STEVENS to amend the pending amendment, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 16).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. DEMINT, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. KYL, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. ENZI, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mr. COBURN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 17).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

Ordered, That, at 5 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 5; that, following said vote, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 6; and that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the votes.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 17 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The hour of 5 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 5 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 56, nays... 40

[Rollcall Vote No. 3 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Thomas, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 40

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Landrieu, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Specter, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 6 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 54, nays... 41

[Rollcall Vote No. 4 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Brown, Bunning, Byrd, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Gregg, Hatch, Kennedy, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Stabenow, Sununu, Thomas, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse.

NAYS --- 41

Allard, Bayh, Burr, Cantwell, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Feingold, Graham, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kerry, Kyl, Landrieu, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Mikulski, Nelson (FL), Obama, Roberts, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Warner, Wyden.

Mrs. BOXER, when her name was called, answered "present".

So the motion was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 17 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. STEVENS,

Ordered, That his amendment No. 16 (to amendment No. 4, as modified) be withdrawn.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 17 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Ordered, That amendment No. 15 be the pending business.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 15 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 15, as modified, to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. WHITEHOUSE to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 17 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

ATTENDANCE OF A SENATOR

Mrs. DOLE attended the session of the Senate on today.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARDIN in the chair) announced that the Vice President, pursuant to the provisions of 20 U.S.C.,

sections 42 and 43, had appointed Mr. DODD as a member of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

TICKET TO WORK AND WORK INCENTIVES ADVISORY PANEL

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the majority leader, after consultation with the ranking member of the Senate Committee on Finance, pursuant to Public Law 106-170, had appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel: David L. Miller, of South Dakota.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to a period of 90 minutes for the transaction of morning business; that the first half of the time therein be controlled by the minority leader, or his designee, and the second half of the time therein be controlled by the majority leader, or his designee; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

At 6:07 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

of Vermont as the "Robert T. Stafford White Rocks National Recreation Area".

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-257. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Beauveria Bassiana HF23; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8108-4), received on January 10, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-258. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mediterranean Fruit Fly; Remove Portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Santa Clara Counties, CA, From the List of Quarantined Areas" (Docket No. APHIS-2005-0116), received on January 10, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-259. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to agreements made under the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-260. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a review of the Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-261. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving exports to Kenya; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-262. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-263. A communication from the Assistant to the Board, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Reinvestment Act" (Docket No. R-1273), received on January 10, 2007; to the

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-264. A communication from the Assistant to the Board, Legal Division, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Management Official Interlocks" (Docket No. R-1272), received on January 10, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-265. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Secretary of the Army's recommendation of a flood damage reduction project for the town of Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-266. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report relative to a document on an Agency assessment of coastal health; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-267. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Identification of the Northern Virginia PM2.5 Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 8266-1), received on January 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-268. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Plans for Designated Facilities; New Jersey; Delegation of Authority" (FRL No. 8268-9), received on January 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-269. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Medical Device Manufacturing" (FRL No. 8267-7), received on January 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-270. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2007

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. TESTER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, January 11, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. TESTER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period of 90 minutes for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, January 11, 2007, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 159. An act to redesignate the White Rocks National Recreation Area in the State

rule entitled "Determination of Attainment, Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Indiana; Redesignation of the Allen County 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment" (FRL No. 8267-9), received on January 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-271. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District and Ventura County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 8261-3), received on January 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-272. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "January - March 2007 Section 42 Bond Factor Amounts" (Rev. Rul. 2007-5), received on January 10, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-273. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of the Substantial Assistance Rules" (Notice 2007-13), received on January 10, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-274. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualified Amended Returns" ((RIN1545-BD40)(TD 9309)), received on January 10, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-275. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-502, "Crispus Attucks Park Indemnification Act of 2006" received on January 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-276. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-482, "Omnibus Public Safety Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-277. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-523, "Digital Inclusion Act of 2006" received on January 10, 2007;

to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-278. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-507, "Neighborhood Investment Amendment Temporary Act of 2006" received on January 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-279. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-506, "Deed Transfer and Recordation Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-280. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-505, "Uniform Disclaimers of Property Interests Revision Act of 2006" received on January 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-281. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-508, "July Local Supplemental Other Type Appropriations Approval Temporary Act of 2006" received on January 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-282. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-509, "Anti-Tagging and Anti-Vandalism Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-283. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-504, "Domestic Violence Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-284. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-503, "District of Columbia Poverty Lawyer Loan Assistance Repayment Program Act of 2006" received on January 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-285. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-475, "Technical Amendments Act of 2006" received on January 10, 2007; to the Committee on

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-286. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-474, "Emerging Technology Opportunity Development Task Force Act of 2006" received on January 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-287. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-473, "Targeted Historic Preservation Assistance Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-288. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-437, "People First Respectful Language Conforming Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-289. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-492, "Library Procurement Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-290. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-489, "Metro Bus Funding Requirement Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-291. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-488, "Anti-Drunk Driving Clarification Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-292. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-486, "Health-Care Decisions for Persons with Developmental Disabilities Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-293. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-485, "Child and Family Services Grant-making Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on

January 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-294. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-476, "Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Support Act of 2006" received on January 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-295. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-496, "Square 2910 Residential Development Stimulus Temporary Act of 2006" received on January 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-296. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-495, "Wisconsin Avenue Bridge Project and Noise Control Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-297. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-494, "Separation Pay, Term of Office and Voluntary Retirement Modifications for Chief of Police Charles H. Ramsey Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-298. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-493, "Health Insurance Coverage for Habilitative Services for Children Act of 2006" received on January 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-299. A communication from the Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-300. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2006 to September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-301. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-302. A communication from the Chair of the Board of Directors, Office of Compliance, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report required by Section 102(b)(2) of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995; referred jointly to the Committees on Rules and Administration and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 256. A bill to harmonize rate setting standards for copyright licenses under section 112 and 114 of title 17, United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 257. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing the Columbia-Pacific National Heritage Area in the States of Washington and Oregon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SUNUNU (for himself and Mr. GREGG):

S. 258. A bill to clarify provisions relating to statutory copyright licenses for satellite carriers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BYRD, Mr. REID, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. REED, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SPECTER, and Mrs. DOLE):

S. 259. A bill to authorize the establishment of the Henry Kuualoa Giugni Kupuna Memorial Archives at the University of Hawaii; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 260. A bill to establish the Fort Stanton-Snowy River Cave National Conservation Area; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. VITTER, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KYL, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 261. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions

against animal fighting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 262. A bill to rename the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in the State of Idaho as the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in honor of the late Morley Nelson, an international authority on birds of prey, who was instrumental in the establishment of this National Conservation Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 263. A bill to amend the Oregon Resource Conservation Act of 1996 to reauthorize the participation of the Bureau of Reclamation in the Deschutes River Conservancy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 264. A bill to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in the rehabilitation of the Wallowa Lake Dam in Oregon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 265. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a water resource feasibility study for the Little Butte/Bear Creek Subbasins in Oregon; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 266. A bill to provide for the modification of an amendatory repayment contract between the Secretary of the Interior and the North Unit Irrigation District, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. REID, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 267. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that territories and Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. WYDEN, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 268. A bill to designate the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 269. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase and permanently extend the expensing of certain depreciable business assets for small businesses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 270. A bill to permit startup partnerships and S corporations to elect taxable years other than required years; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 271. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a shorter recovery period for the depreciation of certain improvements to retail space; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. 272. A bill to amend Public Law 87-383 to reauthorize appropriations to promote the conservation of migratory waterfowl and to offset or prevent the serious loss of important wetland and other waterfowl habitat essential to the preservation of migratory waterfowl, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 273. A bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate for lower prices for Medicare prescription drugs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. CARPER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 274. A bill to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 275. A bill to establish the Prehistoric Trackways National Monument in the State of New Mexico; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 276. A bill to strengthen the consequences of the fraudulent use of United States or foreign passports and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. Res. 23. A resolution designating the week of February 5 through February 9, 2007, as "National School Counseling Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 24. A resolution designating January 2007 as "National Stalking Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. Res. 25. A resolution congratulating the University of Florida football team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. DOLE (for herself and Mr. BURR):

S. Res. 26. A resolution commending the Appalachian State University football team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I-AA Football Championship; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 2

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

S. 3

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 3, a bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fair prescription drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 4

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 4, a bill to make the United States more secure by implementing unfinished recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to fight the war on terror more effectively, to improve homeland security, and for other purposes.

S. 5

At the request of Mr. BROWN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 5, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research.

S. 6

At the request of Mr. BROWN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 6, a bill to enhance the security of the United States by reducing the dependence of the United States on foreign and unsustainable energy sources

and the risks of global warming, and for other purposes.

S. 7

At the request of Mr. BROWN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 7, a bill to amend title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and other laws and provisions and urge Congress to make college more affordable through increased Federal Pell Grants and providing more favorable student loans and other benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 8

At the request of Mr. BROWN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 8, a bill to restore and enhance the capabilities of the Armed Forces, to enhance the readiness of the Armed Forces, to support the men and women of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 10

At the request of Mr. BROWN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 10, a bill to reinstate the pay-as-you-go requirement and reduce budget deficits by strengthening budget enforcement and fiscal responsibility.

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 10, supra.

S. 21

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 21, a bill to expand access to preventive health care services that help reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce abortions, and improve access to women's health care.

S. 119

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 119, a bill to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts, and for other purposes.

S. 154

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 154, a bill to promote coal-to-liquid fuel activities.

S. 155

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 155, a bill to promote coal-to-liquid fuel activities.

S. 231

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 231, a bill to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

S. 237

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] were added as cosponsors of

S. 237, a bill to improve agricultural job opportunities, benefits, and security for aliens in the United States and for other purposes.

S. 243

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 243, a bill to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system.

S. 244

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 244, a bill to improve women's access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the delivery of obstetrical and gynecological services.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

The Committee on the Budget be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 11, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. to hold hearings to examine the long term budget outlook in SD-608.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 11, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Prescription Drug Pricing and Negotiation: An Overview and Economic Perspectives for the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 11, 2007, at 10 a.m. to hold a hearing on Iraq.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 11, 2007, at 2 p.m. to hold a hearing on Iraq.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 11, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold an open hearing.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 4:17 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 1928a, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly: Mr. TANNER of Tennessee, Chairman.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

LEGISLATIVE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANDERS in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1) to provide greater transparency in the legislative process; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 17, proposed by Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. DEMINT, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. KYL, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. ENZI, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mr. COBURN), to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

Ordered, That, at 2 p.m. today, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 11; that,

following the vote, regardless of the outcome, the Senate immediately vote in relation to amendment No. 13; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote; and that no second-degree amendments be in order to either amendment prior to the vote.

Ordered further, That Mr. DEMINT control 45 minutes for debate; that, at 12:30 p.m. today, Mr. BYRD be recognized to speak for 25 minutes; and that, upon conclusion of said remarks, Mr. KYL be recognized to speak for 15 minutes.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 17 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

On motion by Mr. ENSIGN, by unanimous consent, to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting others words (being amendments numbered 24 and 25, en bloc).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 25 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN, by unanimous consent, to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendments numbered 26 and 27, en bloc).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 27 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 11, proposed by Mr. DEMINT (for himself and Mr. CORNYN), to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 46, nays... 51

[Rollcall Vote No. 5 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Byrd, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feinstein, Hatch, Kennedy, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, Lott, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Stabenow, Voinovich, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 51

Alexander, Allard, Bond, Burr, Cantwell, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kerry, Kyl, Landrieu, Lieberman, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (FL), Obama, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Warner, Webb.

So the motion was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. BENNETT,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 13, proposed by Mr. DEMINT, to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

Mr. CONRAD raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates provisions of section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT, under section 904 (c)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act for consideration of his pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 25, nays... 72

[Rollcall Vote No. 6 Leg.]

YEAS --- 25

Allard, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Sessions, Stevens, Thune, Vitter.

NAYS --- 72

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Craig, Crapo, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hutchison, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill,

Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. CONRAD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. CANTWELL in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 11 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. DEMINT asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be agreed to.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 11 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

On motion by Mr. BENNETT (for Mr. MCCAIN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 8, striking "expense." on line 4, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 19).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

On motion by Mr. BENNETT for Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. GRAHAM) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 4, striking all beginning with line 11 through line 10, page 5, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 28).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

On motion by Mr. BENNETT for Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. GRAHAM) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 4, striking all beginning with line 11 through line 10, page 5, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 29).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 29 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BENNETT,

Ordered, That amendment No. 25 be modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 29 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. VITTER called for the regular order with respect to his amendment No. 9.

Whereupon,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 9, proposed by Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. INHOFE), to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. VITTER modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 9, as modified, to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. CARPER) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 30).

Pending debate,

Mr. DEMINT raised a question as to the presence of a quorum.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. KLOBUCHAR in the chair) directed the roll to be called.

Pending the ascertainment of a quorum,

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the quorum call be withdrawn.

Mr. DEMINT objected.

Pending the further ascertainment of a quorum,

When

Four Senators answered to their names, as follows:

[Quorum No. 2]

DeMint, Durbin, Klobuchar, Reid.

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that a quorum was not present.

On motion by Mr. REID to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the presence of absent Senators.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to instruct.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 90, nays...6

[Rollcall Vote No. 7 Leg.]

YEAS --- 90

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 6

Coburn, DeMint, Ensign, Lott, McCain, Shelby.

So the motion was agreed to; and, as indicated by the foregoing rollcall, a quorum being present.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 30 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. BENNETT) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 37).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

On motion by Mr. BENNETT (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. KYL, and Mr. CORNYN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), by striking section 220 (being amendment No. 20).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

On motion by Mr. THUNE to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 37).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. STEVENS,

Ordered, That it be in order for him to propose an amendment to amendment No. 4,

notwithstanding the amendment not presently being the pending question.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

On motion by Mr. STEVENS to amend amendment No. 4, on various pages and lines, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 40).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 37 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 38 be the pending question.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 38 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN modified her pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 38, as modified, to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. BENNETT to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 37 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 7, after line 6, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 42).

Pending debate,

CONGRATULATING THE
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
FOOTBALL TEAM ON WINNING
THE 2006 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION
I FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

On the request of Mr. BROWN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 25) congratulating the University of Florida football team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship, submitted today by Mr. BILL NELSON (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMENDING THE APPALACHIAN
STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL
TEAM ON WINNING THE 2006
NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC
ASSOCIATION DIVISION I-AA
FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

On the request of Mr. BROWN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 26) commending the Appalachian State University football team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I-AA Football Championship, submitted today by Mrs. DOLE (for herself and Mr. BURR), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. BROWN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3) to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. BROWN asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. BROWN objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDER FOR FURTHER
CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That on tomorrow, when the Senate resumes consideration of the pending bill S. 1, the time until 9:50 a.m. be for concurrent debate on amendment No. 1, intended to be proposed by Mr. KERRY, and amendment No. 10, proposed by Mr. VITTER; that the time therein be equally divided and

controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, at 9:50 a.m., the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 1; that, following the vote, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 10; that no amendments be in order to either amendment; and that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the votes.

Ordered further, That, when amendment No. 1 is proposed, it be modified immediately.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of bill S. 1.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

At 8:03 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2007

Mr. RUSSELL D. FEINGOLD, from the State of Wisconsin, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. FEINGOLD led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, January 12, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable RUSSELL D. FEINGOLD, a Senator from the State of Wisconsin, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. FEINGOLD took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

LEGISLATIVE TRANSPARENCY
AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. OBAMA in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1) to provide greater transparency in the legislative process; and
The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 42, proposed by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER), to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, and Mr. PRYOR) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1).

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The amendment was deemed modified.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 1, as modified, to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period of concurrent debate on amendments numbered 1 and 10.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1, as modified, to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. OBAMA), by unanimous consent, to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendments numbered 31, 32, 33, and 34, en bloc).

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1, as modified, to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 87, nays...0

[Rollcall Vote No. 8 Leg.]

YEAS --- 87

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 10, proposed by Mr. VITTER, to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. LOTT,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 81, nays...6

[Rollcall Vote No. 9 Leg.]

YEAS --- 81

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Cochran, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor,

Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 6

Coburn, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Lott, Roberts.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 42 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. REID called for the regular order with respect to amendment No. 4.

Whereupon,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 4, proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. OBAMA, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR), to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. REID modified his pending amendment by incorporating as a modification thereof the amendment No. 19 thereto.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 4, as modified, to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. VITTER,

Ordered, That amendment No. 9 be the pending question; that he be recognized to speak for 5 minutes thereon; and that, upon conclusion of remarks by him, the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 11.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 9, as modified, proposed by Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. INHOFE), to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. VITTER further modified his pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 9, as modified, to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 11 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to insert, in lieu of the language proposed to be inserted by the pending amendment, other words (being amendment No. 44, in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 36).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 7, various lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 45).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That it be in order for him to propose an amendment to amendment No. 2, notwithstanding the amendment not presently being before the Senate.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

On motion by Mr. CORNYN to amend amendment No. 2 on page 4, after line 5, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 46).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 45 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. STEVENS,

Ordered, That amendment No. 40 be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 45 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BOND (for Mr. COBURN), by unanimous consent, to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on various pages and lines, striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendments considered en bloc and designated Nos. 48, 49, 50, 51).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 51 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 47).

Pending debate,

CONSTITUTING THE MAJORITY PARTY'S MEMBERSHIP ON CERTAIN COMMITTEES

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MENENDEZ in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 27) to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees of the One Hundred Tenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen, submitted today by Mr. REID, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

The majority leader announced that, pursuant to S. Res. 445 (108th Congress), he had appointed Mr. ROCKEFELLER to serve as chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence.

Pending debate,

CONSTITUTING THE MINORITY PARTY'S MEMBERSHIP ON CERTAIN COMMITTEES

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 28) to constitute the minority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Tenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen, submitted today by Mr. MCCONNELL, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER

The minority leader announced that, pursuant to S. Res. 445 (108th Congress), he had appointed Mr. BOND to serve as vice-chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence.

LEGISLATIVE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 47 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That his amendment No. 4 be the pending question.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 4, as modified, to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending amendment No. 4, as modified, to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill S. 1, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 4, as modified, to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill S. 1:

HARRY REID, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, J. LIEBERMAN, TOM CARPER, KEN SALAZAR, ROBERT MENENDEZ, PATTY MURRAY, JON TESTER, JACK REED, JOE BIDEN, DEBBIE STABENOW, DANIEL K. AKAKA, B.A. MIKULSKI, BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, DICK DURBIN, TED KENNEDY.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill S. 1, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill S. 1:

HARRY REID, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, J. LIEBERMAN, TOM CARPER, KEN SALAZAR, ROBERT MENENDEZ, PATTY MURRAY, JON TESTER, JACK REED, JOE BIDEN, DEBBIE STABENOW, DANIEL K. AKAKA, B.A. MIKULSKI, BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, DICK DURBIN, TED KENNEDY.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill S. 1, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1:

HARRY REID, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, J. LIEBERMAN, TOM CARPER, KEN SALAZAR, ROBERT MENENDEZ, PATTY MURRAY, JON TESTER, JACK REED, JOE BIDEN, DEBBIE STABENOW, DANIEL K. AKAKA, BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, DICK DURBIN, TED KENNEDY, EVAN BAYH.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorums under the rule be waived; and that, notwithstanding an adjournment of the Senate on Monday, January 15, 2007, said day count as intervening as pursuant to Rule XXII of the

Standing Rules of the Senate on the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 4, as modified.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. REID, by unanimous consent, proposed amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated: Mr. FEINGOLD, amendment No. 54; Mr. LIEBERMAN, amendment No. 43; Mr. CASEY, amendment No. 56.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 56 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3) to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 287) to prohibit the use of funds for an escalation of United States military forces in Iraq above the numbers existing as of January 9, 2007, introduced today by Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. BROWN), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

LEGISLATIVE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 56 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WEBB,

Ordered, That amendment No. 44 be modified.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WEBB,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. 277. A bill to modify the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park to include certain land within the GT Park Subdivision, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. THOMAS:

S. 278. A bill to establish a program and criteria for National Heritage Areas in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 279. A bill to repeal certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. OBAMA, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 280. A bill to provide for a program to accelerate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States by establishing a market-driven system of greenhouse gas tradeable allowances, to support the deployment of new climate change-related technologies, and to ensure benefits to consumers from the trading in such allowances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 281. A bill to amend title 44 of the United States Code, to provide for the

suspension of fines under certain circumstances for first-time paperwork violations by small business concerns; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 282. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reduce over a 5-year period the interest rate on certain undergraduate student loans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 283. A bill to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. THUNE, Mr. DORGAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. TESTER, Mr. INOUE, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 284. A bill to provide emergency agricultural disaster assistance; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 285. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit to certain concentrated animal feeding operations for the cost of complying with environmental protection regulations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HAGEL:

S. 286. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income interest received on loans secured by agricultural real property; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 287. A bill to prohibit the use of funds for an escalation of United States military forces in Iraq above the numbers existing as of January 9, 2007; read the first time.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 288. A bill to amend titles 10 and 14, United States Code, to provide for the use of gold in the metal content of the Medal of Honor; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. WEBB, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 289. A bill to establish the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 290. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit to rural primary health providers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. KERRY):

S. 291. A bill to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LOTT, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 292. A bill to establish a bipartisan commission on insurance reform; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 293. A bill to extend the period in which States may spend funds from the additional allotments provided to States under the Social Services Block Grant program for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S.J. Res. 2. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to limiting the number of terms that a Member of Congress may serve; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. REID:

S. Res. 27. A resolution to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees of the One Hundred Tenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. McCONNELL:

S. Res. 28. A resolution to constitute the minority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Tenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. KOHL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. WEBB, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DODD, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SALAZAR, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. REED, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. PRYOR, Mr.

FEINGOLD, Mr. REID, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. Res. 29. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and the many lessons still to be learned from Dr. King's example of nonviolence, courage, compassion, dignity, and public service; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 21

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 21, a bill to expand access to preventive health care services that help reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce abortions, and improve access to women's health care.

S. 138

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 138, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to apply the joint return limitation for capital gains exclusion to certain post-marriage sales of principal residences by surviving spouses.

S. 206

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 206, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 215

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 215, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure net neutrality.

S. 233

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 233, a bill to prohibit the use of funds for an escalation of United States military forces in Iraq above the numbers existing as of January 9, 2007.

S. 234

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 234, a bill to require the FCC to issue a final order regarding television white spaces.

S. 259

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 259, a bill to authorize the establishment of the Henry Kuualoha Giugni Kupuna Memorial Archives at the University of Hawaii.

AUTHORITY FOR A COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Friday, January 12, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., to receive testimony on Iraq.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 3:20 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4. An act to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate lower covered part D drug prices on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3003 note, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following named Member of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Chairman.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 4. An act to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate lower covered part D drug prices on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

UNITED STATES-CHINA ECONOMIC SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106-398, as amended by Public Law 108-7, in accordance with the qualifications specified under section 1238(b)(3)(E) of Public Law 106-398, and upon the recommendation of the majority leader, in consultation with the chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, appoints the following individual to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Mr. Peter Videnieks, of Virginia.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2007, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WEBB,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2007; that, on Tuesday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 1 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the first hour therein be controlled by Mr. WYDEN, the second hour therein be controlled by the minority, and the third hour therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, at 1 p.m., the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1.

Ordered further, That, on Tuesday next, Senators be authorized to "file" first-degree amendments until 10:30 a.m., and second-degree amendments until 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WEBB,

At 3:46 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2007.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2007

Mr. JIM WEBB, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WEBB led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, January 16, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JIM WEBB, a Senator

from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. WEBB took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, January 12, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, January 12, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Friday, January 12, 2007,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business until 1 p.m..

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-303. A communication from the Chairman and CEO, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure and Reporting" (RIN3052-AC11), received on January 11, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-304. A communication from the Regulatory Analyst, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fees for Rice Inspection Services" (RIN0580-AA92), received on January 11, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-305. A communication from the Under Secretary of Agriculture (Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program" (RIN0584-AD35), received on January 11, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-306. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's 2006

Commercial Activities Report; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-307. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Belarus that was declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-308. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (71 FR 70904), received on January 11, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-309. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (71 FR 70885), received on January 11, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-310. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (71 FR 70894), received on January 11, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-311. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Corporate Debt Collection" (RIN3064-AD12), received on January 11, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-312. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2007 Final Specifications for the Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass Fisheries" (RIN0648-AT60), received on January 11, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-313. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Temporary Rules; Inseason Retention Limit Adjustment" (ID No. 121206B), received on January 11, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-314. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rules; Closure (Total Allowable Catch Harvested for Management Area 1B)"

(RIN0648-AT21), received on January 11, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-315. A communication from the Assistant Administrator of Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule and Temporary Rule for Emergency Action to Implement 2007 First Season Atlantic Shark Commercial Management Measures" (ID No. 091106B), received on January 11, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-316. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Closure (Rhode Island Commercial Bluefish Fishery)" (ID No. 120406C-X), received on January 11, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-317. A communication from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-318. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "West Virginia Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Plan" (WV-111-FOR), received on January 11, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-319. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Financial Accounting, Reporting and Records Retention Requirements Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005" (FERC Docket No. RM06-11-000), received on January 11, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-320. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior (Policy, Management and Budget), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-321. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exception to the HIPAA Nondiscrimination Requirements for Certain Grandfathered Church Plans" ((RIN1545-AY33)(TD 9299)), received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-322. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update" (Notice 2007-12), received on January 11, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-323. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bureau of Labor Statistics Price Indexes for Department Stores - November 2006" (Rev. Rul. 2007-12), received on January 11, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-324. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Physician Group Practice Demonstration: First Evaluation Report"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-325. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to their study on barriers to participation of farmworkers in health programs; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-326. A communication from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Impact of Change in Medicare Payments for Part B Drugs"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-327. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2006-281 - 2006-303); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-328. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary of State for Administration, received on January 11, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-329. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a program that will be initiated for Colombia under the Agency's Bureau of Democracy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-330. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to extending and amending certain Memorandums of Understanding; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-331. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, reports relative to post-liberation Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-332. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Labeling: Nutrition Labeling of Dietary Supplements on a 'Per Day' Basis" (Docket No. 1998P-0043), received on January 11, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-333. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, two reports entitled "The National Healthcare Quality Report 2006" and "The National Healthcare Disparities Report 2006"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-334. A communication from the Chair, Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program Board, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Jacob K. Javits Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-335. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the withdrawal of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, received on January 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-336. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, the President's Pay Agent, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the extension of locality-based comparability payments to categories of positions that are in more than one executive agency; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-337. A communication from the President, James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Foundation's annual report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-338. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report on Audit Follow-up for the period of April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-339. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of the Chief Acquisition Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-15" (FAC 2005-15), received on

January 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-340. A communication from the Federal Co-Chair, Denali Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-341. A communication from the Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel, transmitting, a proposed bill to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Office for fiscal years 2008 through 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-342. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's progress and status of compliance with certain privatization requirements; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-343. A communication from the Staff Director, United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the appointment of members to the Arizona Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-344. A communication from the Clerk, Circuit and County Courts, transmitting, responses to the Minority Appointment Reporting Form for 2005; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-345. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of the Presumptive Period for Compensation for Gulf War Veterans" (RIN2900-AM47), received on January 11, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-346. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Poultry Improvement Plan and Auxiliary Provisions" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0008), received on January 12, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-347. A communication from the Administrator, Housing and Community Facilities Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Direct Single Family Housing Loans and Grants" (RIN0575-AC54), received on January 12, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-348. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland

Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone Regulations (including 5 regulations beginning with CGD13-06-052)" (RIN1625-AA00), received on January 12, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-349. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone (including 5 regulations beginning with COTP Honolulu 06-008)" (RIN1625-AA87), received on January 12, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-350. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Annual Gasparilla Marine Parade, Hillsborough Bay, Tampa, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08)(CGD07-05-156)), received on January 12, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-351. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Anchorage Regulations (including 2 regulations beginning with CGD08-06-026)" (RIN1625-AA01), received on January 12, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-352. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operations (including 4 regulations beginning with CGD08-06-005)" (RIN1625-AA09), received on January 12, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-353. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; East Rockaway Inlet to Atlantic Beach Bridge, Nassau County, Long Island, New York" ((RIN1625-AA11)-(CGD01-06-142)), received on January 12, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-354. A communication from the Assistant Secretary (Fish, Wildlife and Parks), Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for the Laguna Mountains Skipper (*Pyrgus ruralis*)

lagunae)" (RIN1018-AU50), received on January 12, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-355. A communication from the Assistant Secretary (Fish, Wildlife and Parks), Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for *Astragalus ampullarioides* (Shivwits Milk vetch) and *Astragalus holmgreniorum* (Holmgren Milk vetch)" (RIN1018-AU45), received on January 12, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-356. A communication from the Assistant Secretary (Fish, Wildlife and Parks), Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for *Monardella linoidea* ssp. *viminea* (Willow Monardella)" (RIN1018-AT92), received on January 12, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-357. A communication from the Assistant Secretary (Fish, Wildlife and Parks), Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Canada Lynx" (RIN1018-AU52), received on January 12, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-6. A resolution adopted by the Aurora Township Board of Trustees approving the election canvass results from a recent referendum; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-7. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Michigan relative to increasing funding to dredge Michigan's deep-draft Great Lakes ports and waterways; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 288

Whereas, Michigan is home to 40 deep-draft commercial ports on the Great Lakes, more than the other seven Great Lakes states combined; and

Whereas, in a typical year, these ports will handle in excess of 90 million tons of cargo, representing more than 50 percent of all the cargo moving on the Lakes, and the equivalent of 10 tons for each Michigan resident. The ports of Calcite, Cedarville,

Drummond Island, Port Inland, and Presque Isle typically ship nearly 70 percent of the limestone moving on the Great Lakes. The ports of Marquette and Escanaba account for more than 20 percent of the Lakes' iron ore trade. The ports of Alpena and Charlevoix are the primary source of cement carried on the Great Lakes; and

Whereas, this waterborne commerce generates tens of thousands of family-sustaining jobs in Michigan and supports the state economy. For example, Michigan's steel and construction industries depend on Great Lakes shipping to deliver efficiently millions of tons of raw materials they need each year; and

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Transportation is promoting Short Sea Shipping—commercial waterborne transportation along the inland and coastal waterways—as a means of easing congestion on the nation's crowded highways and railbeds; and

Whereas, compared to other transportation modes, waterborne commerce provides environmental benefits, including fuel savings and fewer emissions. In addition, the efficiencies of waterborne commerce enable Michigan utilities to use cleaner-burning low-sulfur coal loaded in Wisconsin and shipped on the Great Lakes; and

Whereas, Michigan's deep-draft Great Lakes ports and waterways are long overdue for needed dredging to deepen them. For example, while currently under way, it had been 23 years since the Saginaw River turning basin was last dredged; and

Whereas, Michigan's economy is not reaping the full benefits of Great Lakes shipping due to the lack of necessary dredging. Ships cannot carry full loads and offer customers the best freight rates. The largest vessels delivering low-sulfur coal to Michigan are leaving behind as much as 4,500 tons each trip. Shortfalls in deliveries of iron ore, limestone, cement, and other cargos hamper Michigan employers' ability to compete; and

Whereas, The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' budget for dredging Great Lakes ports and waterways has been inadequate for decades. This is true even though cargo is assessed a federal tax to fund dredging and the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund has a surplus of nearly \$2 billion; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize Congress to increase federal funding for dredging Michigan's Great Lakes deep-draft ports and waterways, using surplus monies from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge Congress to direct the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to clear the backlog of dredging projects at Michigan's ports and waterways and to then

maintain those harbors and channels to project depth in the future; and be it further

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

POM-8. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Michigan relative to federal funding for the barriers designed to protect the Great Lakes from Asian carp; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 313

Whereas, Two species of Asian carp are on the verge of invading the Great Lakes. Silver carp and bighead carp have advanced up the Mississippi River since they escaped from Arkansas fish farms in the early 1980s, and now have been identified as close as 50 miles to Lake Michigan in the Illinois River near Chicago; and

Whereas, Asian carp pose a significant risk to the ecology and economy of the Great Lakes region. Asian carp can grow as large as 100 pounds and are voracious feeders. They would compete with native fish and could become a dominant species in the Great Lakes, threatening the Great Lakes' \$4 billion commercial and recreational fishery. In addition, silver carp can jump up to 10 feet out of the water when disturbed, posing a risk to recreational boaters. In several states, leaping carp have injured boaters; and

Whereas, Asian carp are the latest in a long line of exotic species to threaten the Great Lakes. Past invasions of the Great Lakes by exotic species like zebra and quagga mussels and sea lampreys have severely affected the Great Lakes. It is estimated that over \$40 million per year is spent to control these two exotic species. Scientists project that Asian carp could have a similar impact on the Great Lakes; and

Whereas, The United States Army Corps of Engineers operates a temporary demonstration barrier in the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal to prevent the movement of Asian carp into the Great Lakes. In addition, the Army Corps and the state of Illinois are constructing a permanent electrical barrier to replace the temporary barrier; and

Whereas, Over \$12 million has been spent to date on construction and operation of the electrical barriers. To help match federal funding, the state of Michigan has contributed nearly \$70,000 toward the completion of the permanent electrical barrier; and

Whereas, Current funding is insufficient to complete construction of the permanent barrier and only covers operation of the temporary barrier through the first half of

fiscal year 2007. In addition, there is no funding to renovate the temporary barrier as a permanent backup to the new barrier; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the United States Congress to approve full federal funding to complete construction and ensure permanent operation and maintenance of both electrical barriers in the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal to protect the Great Lakes from Asian carp; and be it further

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

Adopted by the House of Representatives, December 12, 2006.

POM-9. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to refraining from taxing rebuilding grants from the state's Road Home program; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

Whereas, Louisiana taxpayers have spent countless hours coping with paperwork and bureaucracy that has inconvenienced them since Hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated southern Louisiana last year; and

Whereas, the grants themselves are not taxable, but the Internal Revenue Service says grant recipients who claimed a storm-related casualty loss would have to consider all or part of the grant as income; and

Whereas, the average Road Home grant is sixty-five thousand dollars; therefore, some recipients would find themselves bumped up to higher tax brackets and would likely have a higher federal income tax liability; and

Whereas, the Louisiana Department of Revenue has determined that grants would not constitute income for state purposes: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress and the Internal Revenue Service to take such actions as are necessary to refrain from taxing rebuilding grants from the state's Road Home program; and be it further

Resolved that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America, to the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service, and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-10. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Michigan relative to enacting legislation to amend the definition of "physician" in the Medicaid Program to include podiatric physicians; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 248

Whereas, The Medicare system has long recognized doctors of podiatric medicine as physicians in federal law. However, the provisions of Title XIX that establish the country's Medicaid program do not include podiatric physicians in the definition of "physician"; and

Whereas, There is legislation pending in the Congress, H.R. 699 and S. 440, to require that podiatry services are covered by Medicaid. Enactment of this measure would guarantee access to quality foot and ankle care for Medicaid patients; and

Whereas, Podiatric physicians play an important role in the recognition of systemic diseases, such as diabetes, as well as recognition and treatment of peripheral neuropathy, a frequent cause of diabetic foot wounds that can lead to amputations if left untreated; and

Whereas, Under the current provisions, Medicaid patients may be prevented from seeking care from a podiatric physician because these services are not covered as "physician services." This policy puts many people at risk, especially diabetic patients; and

Whereas, Quality foot care increases mobility, prevents amputations, improves quality of life, and avoids numerous unnecessary costs. Clearly, including podiatric services under the Medicaid program is a prudent step to take; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to amend the definition of "physician" in the Medicaid program to include podiatric physicians; and be it further

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

POM-11. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Michigan relative to enacting the Hearing Aid Assistance Tax Credit Act; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 266

Whereas, hearing is clearly one of our most essential senses. It is often taken for granted, unfortunately, until the time one begins to experience hearing loss. At this point it is too late to reverse the damage. Hearing aids are the ready solution to the problems associated with hearing loss, but the costs associated with good quality equipment is expensive, is not always covered by one's insurance or Medicaid, and is too often foregone for more immediate needs. A federal tax credit would provide immediate and necessary relief for tens of thousands; and

Whereas, indeed, it has been estimated that hearing aids would help ninety-five percent of those suffering from hearing loss. Only twenty-two percent of the population, however, currently uses a hearing device, because the average out-of-pocket costs associated with hearing aids is over \$2,800. Thousands upon thousands of individuals and family members are impacted by these soaring costs. It is estimated that close to 2 million people are affected by untreated hearing loss; and

Whereas, in Michigan, legislation was enacted in 1978 to exempt hearing aids from the state sales tax. This initiative was a clear recognition of the importance of cost savings to those in need of hearing aids. The Congress should follow this stellar example and enact similar tax incentives in the U.S. Tax Code; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact the Hearing Aid Assistance Tax Credit Act; and be it further

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

POM-12. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to the adoption of the Constitution Restoration Act of 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33

Whereas, on Monday, June 27, 2005, the United States Supreme Court in two razor-thin majorities of 5-4 in *Van Orden v. Perry* (Texas) and *ACLU v. McCreary County* (Kentucky), concluded that it is consistent with the First Amendment to display the Ten Commandments in an outdoor public square in Texas, but not on the courthouse walls of two counties in Kentucky; and

Whereas, American citizens are concerned that the court has produced two opposite results involving the same Ten Commandments, leading to the conclusion that, based on the Kentucky decision, the Ten Commandments may be displayed in a county courthouse provided it is not backed by a belief in God; and

Whereas, Supreme Justice Scalia emphasized the importance of the Ten Commandments when he stated in the Kentucky case, "The three most popular religions in the United States, Christianity, Judaism, and Islam, which combined account for 97.7% of all believers, are monotheistic. All of them, moreover, believe that the Ten Commandments were given by God to Moses and are divine prescriptions for a virtuous life"; and

Whereas, Chief Justice Rehnquist in the Texas case referred to the duplicity of the United States Supreme Court in telling local governments in America that they may not display the Ten Commandments in public buildings in their communities while at the same time allowing these same Ten Commandments to be presented on these specific places on the building housing the United States Supreme Court stating, "Since 1935, Moses has stood holding two tablets that reveal portions of the Ten Commandments written in Hebrew, among other lawgivers in the south frieze. Representations of the Ten Commandments adorn the metal gates lining the north and south sides of the courtroom as well as the doors leading into the courtroom. Moses also sits on the exterior east facade of the building holding the Ten Commandments tablets"; and

Whereas, a recent poll by the First Amendment Center revealed that seventy percent of Americans would have no objection to posting the Ten Commandments in government buildings, and eighty-five percent would approve if the Ten Commandments were included as one document among many historical documents when displayed in public buildings; and

Whereas, the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, which provides in part that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion", is a specific and unequivocal instruction to only the United States Congress, and the United States Constitution makes no restriction on the ability of states to acknowledge God, the Supreme Ruler of the Universe; and

Whereas, the United States District Court Southern District of Indiana on November 30, 2005, entered a final judgment and permanent injunction ordering the speaker of the Indiana House of Representatives not to permit sectarian prayers as part of the official proceedings of the House; and

Whereas, the federal judiciary has violated one of the most sacred provisions of the United States Constitution providing for three branches of government and the separation of powers of those branches by overstepping its authority and dictating the activities of the inner workings of the legislative branch of government; and

Whereas, the federal judiciary has overstepped its constitutional boundaries and ruled against the acknowledgment of God as the sovereign source of law, liberty, and government by local and state officers and other state institutions, including state schools; and

Whereas, there is concern that recent decisions of the court will be used by litigants in an effort to remove God from the public square in America, including public buildings and public parks; and

Whereas, there is concern that the federal judiciary will continue to attempt to micromanage the internal workings of the legislative as well as executive branches of government; and

Whereas, there is pending before the 1st Session of the 109th Congress the Constitution Restoration Act of 2005, which will limit the jurisdiction of the federal courts and preserve the right to acknowledge God to the states and to the people and resolve the issue of improper judicial intervention in matters relating to the acknowledgment of God: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to adopt S520 and HR 1070, the Constitution Restoration Act of 2005 and, in doing so, protecting the ability of the people of Louisiana to display the Ten Commandments in public places, to express their faith in public, to retain God in the Pledge of Allegiance, and to retain "In God We Trust" as our national motto, and to use Article III, Section 2.2 of the United States Constitution to except these areas from the jurisdiction of the United States Supreme Court; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the administrator of the General Services, Washington, D.C., to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress and presiding officer of each house of each state legislature in the United States.

POM-13. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to certain Committees continuing their investigation and oversight efforts regarding the Federal Emergency Management Agency; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11

Whereas, in House Concurrent Resolution No. 72 of the 2005 First Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the legislature expressed serious concerns regarding the \$3.7 billion that Louisiana was expected to pay to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as the state's share of hurricane recovery costs; and

Whereas, these concerns stemmed from initial reports of inefficiencies and accounting errors on the part of FEMA, which had resulted in an artificially high spending for disaster recovery; and

Whereas, in light of its concerns, the Legislature of Louisiana memorialized the United States Congress to task the Government Accountability Office (GAO) with a complete audit of FEMA's expenditures, and the appropriateness and

reasonableness thereof, on Katrina and Rita recovery efforts in Louisiana; and

Whereas, to date the Forensic Audits and Special Investigations Unit of the GAO has delivered four reports to the United States Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs regarding its investigation of fraud, waste, and abuse in FEMA's response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and

Whereas, the titles of these reports alone indicate that the Louisiana Legislature was right to be suspicious of and to request inquiry into the amount FEMA was claiming it spent on recovery: Expedited Assistance for Victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita: FEMA's Control Weaknesses Exposed the Government to Significant Fraud and Abuse; Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Disaster Relief: Improper and Potentially Fraudulent Individual Assistance Payments Estimated to be Between \$600 Million and \$1.4 Billion, and Purchase Cards: Control Weaknesses Leave DHS Highly Vulnerable to Fraudulent, Improper, and Abusive Activity; and

Whereas, on December 6, 2006, the GAO delivered its most recent report to a meeting of the senate committee; and

Whereas, this last report, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Disaster Relief: Continued Findings of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse, includes the following findings: nearly \$17 million in potentially improper or fraudulent rental assistance payments to individuals while they were living in trailers also paid for by FEMA; FEMA provided potentially improper or fraudulent rental assistance payments to individuals living in FEMA-paid apartments; nearly \$20 million in potentially improper or fraudulent payments went to individuals who registered for both Hurricanes Katrina and Rita assistance using the same property; and millions of dollars of improper and potentially fraudulent payments went to nonqualified aliens, including foreign students and temporary workers; and

Whereas, it is reasonable to expect at this time that additional inquiry by the GAO will continue to reveal further problems with the FEMA expenditures; and

Whereas, in her opening statement to the committee when this report was delivered, committee chairman, Senator Susan M. Collins, said: "No flaw has been more persistent and more damaging to effective relief for disaster victims and to public confidence in their government than the rampant fraud, waste, and abuse that have plagued federal relief and recovery programs"; and

Whereas, in his statement to the committee at that meeting, ranking minority member Senator Joe Lieberman said "GAO's investigations over the past year as well as FEMA's own data on overpayments show that the agency squandered hundreds of millions of dollars in gross improper

payments to individuals and households that the government may never recover"; and

Whereas, the United States Congress has already responded to some of the GAO findings by including a FEMA reform package as part of the 2007 Appropriations Act for the Department of Homeland Security; and

Whereas, though it has now been approximately fifteen months since Hurricanes Katrina and Rita struck Louisiana, the GAO investigations and FEMA's own admissions confirm suspicions of waste, the \$3.7 billion that FEMA originally billed to Louisiana is now expected to be closer to \$500 million, and the congress has taken actions to prevent some of the abuse from occurring in the future, the Legislature of Louisiana is hopeful that the United States Senate Committee and the Forensic Audits and Special Investigations Unit of the GAO will not forget about this issue; and

Whereas, Louisiana is prepared to pay its share of reasonable costs of recovery, but a definitive appraisal of reasonable costs has not yet been determined; and

Whereas, incoming United States Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has announced tentative committee assignments for the 110th United States Congress, which include Senator Joe Lieberman assuming the position of committee chairman and Senator Mary Landrieu being made a member of the committee; and

Whereas, with Senator Lieberman in a position to continue the important work of the committee and Senator Landrieu in a position to represent the interests of her state in this work, and with the excellent work of the GAO in evidence, the Legislature of Louisiana is hopeful that an accurate appraisal of the state's obligation in the area of recovery costs will be determined soon: Now, Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its gratitude to the United States Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and to the Forensic Audits and Special Investigations Unit of the GAO for the work they have already done in identifying fraud and waste in FEMA's hurricane recovery spending in Louisiana; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the committee and the GAO to continue their investigation and oversight efforts and to provide guidance to FEMA and to the state of Louisiana as to what the state's share of legitimate recovery expenses is; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president and the secretary of the United States Senate, the Louisiana

congressional delegation, Senator Susan Collins, Senator Joe Lieberman, the managing director of the Forensic Audits and Special Investigations Unit of the Government Accountability Office, the Louisiana commissioner of administration, and the Louisiana legislative auditor.

POM-14. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to certain Committees continuing their investigation and oversight efforts regarding the Federal Emergency Management Agency; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. INOUE, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. BURR, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 294. A bill to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 295. A bill to establish a servitude and emancipation archival research clearinghouse in the National Archives; to the Committee

on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BOND (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 296. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the availability of the cash method of accounting for small businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 297. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide 15-year straight-line cost recovery for certain improvements to retail space and for qualified new restaurant improvements and to expand the eligibility for the work opportunity tax credit to all disabled veterans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 298. A bill to provide incentives for renewable energy production, to increase fuel economy standards for automobiles, and to provide tax incentives for renewable energy production; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. 299. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing for small businesses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. REID, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 300. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation to carry out the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program in the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 301. A bill to provide higher education assistance for nontraditional students, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 302. A bill to establish a procedure to safeguard the Social Security Trust Funds; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 303. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 324 Main Street in Grambling, Louisiana, shall be known and designated as the "Coach Eddie Robinson Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VOINOVICH:

S. 304. A bill to establish a commission to develop legislation designed to reform tax policy and entitlement benefit programs and to ensure a sound fiscal future for the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 305. A bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to make it unlawful for a packer to own, feed, or control livestock intended for slaughter; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 306. A bill to provide certain requirements for hydroelectric projects on the Mohawk River in the State of New York, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 307. A bill to establish a minimum rate of release for water from the Yellowtail Dam, Montana; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 308. A bill to prohibit an escalation in United States military forces in Iraq without prior authorization by Congress; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. REED, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. INOUE, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 309. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. Res. 30. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the need for the United States to address global climate change through the negotiation of fair and effective international commitments; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 6

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 6, a bill to enhance the security of the United States by reducing the dependence of the United States on foreign and unsustainable energy sources and the risks of global warming, and for other purposes.

S. 55

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 55, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the individual alternative minimum tax.

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 183

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to require the establishment of a corporate average fuel economy standard for passenger automobiles of 40 miles per gallon by 2017, and for other purposes.

S. 193

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 193, a bill to increase cooperation on energy issues between the United States Government and foreign governments and entities in order to secure the strategic and economic interests of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 200

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 200, a bill to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and the United States Geological Survey, to conduct a study on groundwater resources in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

S. 223

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 223, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 250

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 250, a bill to reduce the costs of prescription drugs for Medicare beneficiaries and to guarantee access to comprehensive prescription drug coverage under part D of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 261

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of S. 261, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 22

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 22, a resolution reaffirming the constitutional and statutory protections accorded sealed domestic mail, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 29

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] and the Senator from Louisiana

[Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 29, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and the many lessons still to be learned from Dr. King's example of nonviolence, courage, compassion, dignity, and public service.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at 10 a.m. in SD-430.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "The Plight of Iraqi Refugees" on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at 2 p.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

ORDER FOR DEBATE ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WYDEN,

Ordered, That the time from 4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that Mr. FEINGOLD be recognized to speak for 10 minutes of the time of the majority.

Ordered further, That the majority leader be recognized to speak at 12:30 p.m. on today.

LEGISLATIVE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

The hour of 1 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Friday, January 12, 2007, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. KLOBUCHAR in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1) to provide greater transparency in the legislative process; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 56, proposed by Mr. CASEY, to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

Ordered, That Mr. CORNYN be recognized to speak for 10 minutes; and that, upon conclusion of remarks by him, Mr. SANDERS be recognized to propose an amendment (numbered 57).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 56 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. SANDERS to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 60, after line 22, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 57).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BENNETT (for Mr. COBURN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), by striking sections 108 and 109, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 59).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BENNETT (for Mr. COLEMAN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 39).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 7, after line 6, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 70).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. BENNETT to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 39 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. FEINGOLD to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 50, striking all beginning with line 1 through line 12, page 51, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 63).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. FEINGOLD to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 64).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. OBAMA) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), by striking section 212, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 76).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. FEINGOLD,

Ordered, That amendments numbered 32 and 54 be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 76 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. FEINGOLD,

Ordered, That it be in order for him to propose an amendment to amendment No. 4, as modified, notwithstanding the amendment not presently being before the Senate.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

On motion by Mr. FEINGOLD to amend amendment No. 4, as modified, on page 2, after line 2, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 65).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 76 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BENNETT,

Ordered, That it be in order for him to propose two amendments to amendment No. 4, as modified, notwithstanding the amendment not presently being the pending question.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

On motion by Mr. BENNETT (for Mr. LOTT) to amend amendment No. 4, as modified, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 78).

On motion by Mr. BENNETT for (Mr. LOTT) to amend amendment No. 4, as modified, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 79).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 76 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BENNETT,

Ordered, That it be in order for him to propose an amendment to amendment No. 4, as modified, notwithstanding the amendment not presently being the pending question.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

On motion by Mr. BENNETT to amend amendment No. 4, as modified, on page 3, after "clause (1)" on line 8, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 81).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 76 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BENNETT,

Ordered, That amendment No. 81 be modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 76 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That amendment No. 56 be the pending question.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 56 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mr. FEINGOLD) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) by striking section 212, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 41).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 71).

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of Friday, January 12, 2007, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 44, as modified, proposed by

Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. DEMINT), to amendment No. 11, proposed by Mr. DEMINT (for himself and Mr. CORNYN), to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 98, nays...0

[Rollcall Vote No. 10 Leg.]

YEAS --- 98

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. WYDEN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 11, as amended, to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as amended.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 98, nays...0

[Rollcall Vote No. 11 Leg.]

YEAS --- 98

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill,

McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BILL NELSON,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of Friday, January 12, 2007,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SALAZAR in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Friday, January 12, 2007, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 4 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of Friday, January 12, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 95, nays...2

[Rollcall Vote No. 12 Leg.]

YEAS --- 95

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 2

Coburn, Nelson (NE).

So the motion was agreed to; two-thirds of the Senators, duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative.

Cloture having been invoked,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 81, as modified, to amendment No. 4, as modified, to

amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 85-874, as amended, had appointed the following Senator to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Mrs. FEINSTEIN.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 287) to prohibit the use of funds for an escalation of United States military forces in Iraq above the numbers existing as of January 9, 2007, introduced on Friday, January 12, 2007, by Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. BROWN), and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. SALAZAR objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

ATTENDANCE OF SENATORS ON TODAY

Mr. BROWNBACK and Mr. INOUE attended the session of the Senate on today.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the first 30 minutes therein be controlled by the minority, and the second 30 minutes therein be controlled by the

majority; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1.

Ordered further, That time until the Senate reconvenes be counted against the time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

At 7:11 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2007

Mr. JACK REED, from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. REED led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, January 17, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JACK REED, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. REED took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-358. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Quality: Revision to Definition of Volatile Organic Compounds - Exclusion of HFE-7300" (FRL No. 8270-6), received on January 16, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-359. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Wisconsin; Correction" (FRL No. 8269-2), received on January 16, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-360. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Environmental Protection Agency Implementation of OMB Guidance on Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension" ((RIN2030-AA94)(FRL No. 8270-6)), received on January 16, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-361. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a document recently issued by the Agency that is related to its regulatory programs; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-362. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-536, "Organ and Bone Marrow Donor Act of 2006" received on January 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-363. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of

Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-539, "Child Abuse and Neglect Investigation Record Access Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-364. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-540, "Department of Small and Local Business Development Subcontracting Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-365. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-541, "Office and Commission on African Affairs Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-366. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-542, "Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom Active Duty Pay Differential Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-367. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-543, "Commercial Exception Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-368. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-544, "Mayor and Chairman of the Council Transition Revised Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-369. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-545, "Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program Long-Term Ground Lease Temporary Act of 2006" received on January 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-370. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-546, "Good Samaritan

Use of Automated External Defibrillators Clarification Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-371. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-547, "Consumer Education on Video and Computer Games for Minors Act of 2006" received on January 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-372. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-548, "Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-373. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-549, "Physical Therapy Assistant Licensure Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-374. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-550, "Physical Therapy Practice Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-375. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-551, "Licensed Health Professional Criminal Background Check Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-376. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-552, "Metropolitan Police Department Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-377. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-553, "Personal Mobility Device Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-378. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-554, "District Department of Transportation DC Circular

Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-379. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-555, "Square 2910 Residential Development Stimulus Act of 2006" received on January 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-380. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-556, "Wisconsin Avenue Bridge Project and Noise Control Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-381. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-557, "Surgical Assistant Licensure Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-382. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-558, "Closing of Public Alleys in Square 776, S.O. 06-9227, Act of 2006" received on January 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-383. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-559, "Closing of Public Alleys in Square 701, S.O. 06-9889, Act of 2006" received on January 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-384. A communication from the Director, National Gallery of Art, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Gallery's competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-385. A communication from the Director, National Gallery of Art, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Gallery's Inventory of Commercial and Inherently Governmental Activities Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-386. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Corporation's category rating system; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. DORGAN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. STEVENS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. DODD):

S. 310. A bill to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. REED, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. BYRD):

S. 311. A bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. DEMINT):

S. 312. A bill to authorize the Marion Park Project and Committee of the Palmetto Conservation Foundation to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia and its environs to honor Brigadier General Francis Marion; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 313. A bill for the relief of Ibrahim Parlak; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 314. A bill for the relief of Josephina Valera Lopez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. WEBB, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 315. A bill to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 316. A bill to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. CARPER):

S. 317. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish a program to regulate the

emission of greenhouse gases from electric utilities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. DOLE:

S. 318. A bill to redesignate the Special Textile Negotiator of the United States Trade Representative as the Chief Textile Negotiator and confer the rank of Ambassador upon that position, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 319. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the incentive to purchase larger and luxury motor vehicles; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 320. A bill to provide for the protection of paleontological resources on Federal lands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 321. A bill to establish pilot projects under the Medicare program to provide incentives for home health agencies to utilize home monitoring and communications technologies; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 322. A bill to establish an Indian youth telemental health demonstration project; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 323. A bill to require persons seeking approval for a liquefied natural gas facility to identify employees and agents engaged in activities to persuade communities of the benefits of the approval; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 324. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the State of New Mexico; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 325. A bill to provide for innovation in health care through State initiatives that expand coverage and access and improve quality and efficiency in the health care system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 326. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special period of limitation when uniformed services

retirement pay is reduced as result of award of disability compensation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. McCAIN (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 327. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 328. A bill to ensure the implementation of the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. Res. 31. A resolution expressing support for democratic forces in Serbia and encouraging the people of Serbia to remain committed to a democratic path; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. Res. 32. A resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. LEVIN, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. Con. Res. 2. A concurrent resolution expressing the bipartisan resolution on Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. BROWNBACK, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. KOHL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. TESTER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. Con. Res. 3. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that it is the goal of the United States that, not later than January 1, 2025, the agricultural, forestry, and working land of the United States should provide from renewable resources not less than 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States and continue to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, feed, and fiber; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 2

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2, supra.

S. 5

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 5, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research.

S. 21

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 21, a bill to expand access to preventive health care services that help reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce abortions, and improve access to women's health care.

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 113

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] were added as cosponsors of S. 113, a bill to make appropriations for military construction and family housing projects for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2007.

S. 156

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. DEMINT], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] were added as cosponsors of S. 156, a bill to make the moratorium on Internet access taxes and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce permanent.

S. 206

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 206, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 267

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 267, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that territories and Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine.

S. 291

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 291, a bill to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes.

S. 308

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 308, a bill to prohibit an escalation in United States military forces in Iraq without prior authorization by Congress.

SENATE RESOLUTION 22

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 22, a resolution reaffirming the constitutional and statutory protections accorded sealed domestic mail, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 17, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in 328A, Senate Russell Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 17, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet in Executive Session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 17, 2007, at 9:45 a.m. in SD-406.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 17, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 17, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on Iraq.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, January 17, 2007, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building room 226.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON
INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 17, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND
MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

The Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 17, 2007, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:21 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 188. An act to provide a new effective date for the applicability of certain provisions of law to Public Law 105-331.

H.R. 391. An act to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to continue to insure, and to enter into commitments to insure, home equity conversion mortgages under section 255 of the National Housing Act.

At 5:55 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reduce interest rates for student borrowers.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 5. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reduce interest rates for student borrowers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 188. An act to provide a new effective date for the applicability of certain provisions of law to Public Law 105-331; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

LEGISLATIVE TRANSPARENCY
AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. MCCASKILL in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1) to provide greater transparency in the legislative process; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 81, as modified, proposed by Mr. BENNETT, to amendment No. 4, as modified, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, proposed by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), to the bill.

Pending debate,

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR
DEMOCRATIC FORCES IN SERBIA

On the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 31) expressing support for democratic forces in Serbia and encouraging the people of Serbia to remain committed to a democratic path, submitted today by Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. LIEBERMAN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

LEGISLATIVE TRANSPARENCY
AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 81, as modified, to amendment No. 4, as modified, to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:34 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. CLINTON in the chair) called the Senate to order.

LEGISLATIVE TRANSPARENCY
AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 81, as modified, to amendment No. 4, as modified, to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That amendments numbered 78 and 79 be withdrawn; that, at 9 p.m. today, all debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be deemed concluded on amendment No. 4, as modified; and that the Senate then vote in relation to the following amendments to amendment No. 4 in the following order:

Amendments numbered 65, 81, as modified, and 4, as modified and as may be amended.

Ordered further, That the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute); and that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between each vote.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 81, as modified, to amendment No. 4, as modified, to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the votes, previously ordered to occur at 9 p.m., instead occur immediately; and that the first vote in "stacked" sequence conclude at 9:20 p.m.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 65, proposed by Mr. FEINGOLD, to amendment No. 4, as modified, to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 89, nays...5

[Rollcall Vote No. 13 Leg.]

YEAS --- 89

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse.

NAYS --- 5

Coburn, Enzi, Inhofe, Thomas, Voinovich.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Ms. STABENOW to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. SALAZAR,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 81, as modified, to amendment No. 4, as modified and amended, to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 51, nays... 46

[Rollcall Vote No. 14 Leg.]

YEAS --- 51

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Carper, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Landrieu, Leahy, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Mikulski, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Sessions, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 46

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Clinton, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the next votes in "stacked" sequence each be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 4, as modified and amended, to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Ms. SNOWE,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified and amended.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 88, nays...9

[Rollcall Vote No. 15 Leg.]

YEAS --- 88

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 9

Burr, Coburn, Cochran, Ensign, Inhofe, Lott, Murkowski, Stevens, Thomas.

So the amendment, as modified and amended, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified and amended.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Friday, January 12, 2007, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute) to bill S. 1.

Pursuant to the order of Friday, January 12, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 51, nays... 46

[Rollcall Vote No. 16 Leg.]

YEAS --- 51

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 46

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint,

Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Reid, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the motion was not agreed to; two-thirds of Senators present and voting not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. REID entered a motion to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1 only if the vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, upon reconsideration, is agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 71, proposed by Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR), to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 391) to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to continue to insure, and to enter into commitments to insure, home equity conversion mortgages under section 255 of the National Housing Act, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then

proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business; that the first hour therein be controlled by the majority leader, or his designee, and the second hour therein be controlled by the minority leader, or his designee.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 10:52 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2007

Ms. AMY KLOBUCHAR, from the State of Minnesota, called the Senate to order at 9 a.m., the Reverend Rear Admiral Harold L. Robinson, Deputy Chief of Navy Chaplains for Reserve Matters, offered a prayer, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, January 18, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable AMY KLOBUCHAR, a Senator from the State of Minnesota, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Ms. KLOBUCHAR took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 391) to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to continue to insure, and to enter into commitments to insure, home equity conversion mortgages under section 255 of the National Housing Act, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries:

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO FOREIGN TERRORISTS WHO THREATEN TO DISRUPT THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS -- PM 1

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice, stating that the emergency declared with respect to foreign terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process is to continue in effect beyond January 23, 2007. The most recent notice continuing this emergency was published in the *Federal Register* on January 20, 2006 (71 FR 3407).

The crisis with respect to the grave acts of violence committed by foreign terrorists that disrupt the Middle East peace process and that led to the declaration of a national emergency on January 23, 1995, as expanded on August 20, 1998, has not been resolved. Terrorist groups continue to engage in activities that have the purpose or effect of threatening the Middle East peace process and that are hostile to United States interests in the region. Such actions constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to foreign terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process and to maintain in force the economic sanctions against them to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *January 18, 2007.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-387. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pine Shoot Beetle; Additions to Quarantined Areas" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0117), received on January 17, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-388. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a periodic report relative to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12947 of January 23, 1995; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-389. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Management Official Interlocks" (RIN1557-AD01), received on January 17, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-390. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Look-Thru Rule for Related Controlled Foreign Corporations" (Notice 2007-9), received on January 17, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-391. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the

Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Investor Control and General Public" (Rev. Rul. 2007-7), received on January 17, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-392. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance on Multiple Distribution Issues Under the Pension Protection Act of 2006" (Notice 2007-7), received on January 17, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-393. A communication from the Center for Employee and Family Support Policy, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees Health Benefits Program: Discontinuance of Health Plan in an Emergency" (RIN3206-AK95), received on January 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of a committee was submitted:

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, without amendment:

S. Res. 32. A resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 329. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ISAKSON:

S. 330. A bill to authorize secure borders and comprehensive immigration reform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 331. A bill to provide grants from moneys collected from violations of the corporate average fuel economy program to be used to expand infrastructure necessary to increase the availability of alternative fuels; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 332. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to clarify the investigative authorities of the privacy officer of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. DOLE (for herself, Mr. BURR, Mr. INOUE, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 333. A bill to provide for the acknowledgment of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 334. A bill to provide affordable, guaranteed private health coverage that will make Americans healthier and can never be taken away; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. INOUE, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 335. A bill to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from using private debt collection companies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. BAYH, Mr. KOHL, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 336. A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to operate and maintain as a system the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal dispersal barriers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SUNUNU:

S. 337. A bill to require the FCC to issue a final order regarding white spaces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. DORGAN, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 338. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure and foster continued patient quality of care by establishing facility and patient criteria for long-term care hospitals and related improvements under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. OBAMA, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. AKAKA, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs.

LINCOLN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 339. A bill to promote the national security and stability of the United States economy by reducing the dependence of the United States on oil through the use of alternative fuels and new technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SPECTER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. KOHL, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 340. A bill to improve agricultural job opportunities, benefits, and security for aliens in the United States and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. Res. 33. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should expand its relationship with the Republic of Georgia by commencing negotiations to enter into a free trade agreement; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. Res. 34. A resolution calling for the strengthening of the efforts of the United States to defeat the Taliban and terrorist networks in Afghanistan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 41

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 41, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to improve America's research competitiveness, and for other purposes.

S. 43

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] were added as cosponsors of S. 43, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to preserve and protect Social Security benefits of American workers and to help ensure greater congressional oversight of the Social Security system by requiring that both Houses of Congress approve a totalization agreement before the agreement, giving foreign workers Social Security benefits, can go into effect.

S. 46

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 46, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the permissible use of health savings accounts to include premiums for non-group high deductible health plan coverage.

S. 122

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 122, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to extend benefits to service sector workers and firms, enhance certain trade adjustment assistance authorities, and for other purposes.

S. 170

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communications services.

S. 214

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 214, a bill to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys.

S. 237

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] were added as cosponsors of S. 237, a bill to improve agricultural job opportunities, benefits, and security for aliens in the United States and for other purposes.

S. 238

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 238, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to limit the misuse of Social Security numbers, to establish criminal penalties for such misuse, and for other purposes.

S. 267

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 267, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that territories and Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine.

S. 269

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 269, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase and permanently extend the expensing of certain depreciable business assets for small businesses.

S. 284

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of

S. 284, a bill to provide emergency agricultural disaster assistance.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 2, a concurrent resolution expressing the bipartisan resolution on Iraq.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 3

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 3, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that it is the goal of the United States that, not later than January 1, 2025, the agricultural, forestry, and working land of the United States should provide from renewable resources not less than 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States and continue to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, feed, and fiber.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 18, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in closed session to receive a briefing on intelligence assessments on the situation in Iraq.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 18, 2007, at 10 a.m., to vote on committee organizational matters for the 110th Congress; immediately following the executive session the committee will meet to conduct a hearing on "Examining the State of Transit Security."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 18, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to conduct oversight on Federal efforts to improve rail and surface transportation security.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 18, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-G50 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 18, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on Iraq.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, January 18, 2007, at 10 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a business meeting to organize for the 110th Congress by electing the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee and to adopt the rules of the Committee and any other organizational business the Committee needs to consider.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Department of Justice Oversight" on Thursday, January 18, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 106.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate for an organizational hearing, on Thursday, January 18, 2007, beginning at 9 a.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 18, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 57. An act to repeal certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands.

H.R. 434. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through December 31, 2007, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 31. A concurrent resolution honoring the Mare Island Original 21ers for their efforts to remedy racial discrimination in employment at Mare Island Naval Shipyard.

At 6:23 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 6. An act to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

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

H.R. 57. An act to repeal certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 434. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through December 31, 2007, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 31. Concurrent resolution honoring the Mare Island Original 21ers for their efforts to remedy racial discrimination in employment at Mare Island Naval Shipyard; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

DESIGNATING MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) announced that the Committee on Finance had designated the following Senators as members of the Joint Committee on Taxation: Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. HATCH.

Pending debate,

APPOINTMENT BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DIRECTOR OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARDIN in the chair) announced that the Speaker of the House of Representatives appointed Dr. Peter R. Orszag, to be Director of the Congressional Budget Office.

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED; RESOLUTION S. RES. 32 REFERRED

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CONRAD,

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Administration be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 32) authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and that it be referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

Pending debate,

ORDER RELATIVE TO BILL S. 1

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That all pending amendments to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute) be withdrawn, except the following: amendment No. 20; amendment No. 30; amendment No. 9; amendment No. 51; amendment No. 31; amendment No. 33; amendment No. 41; amendment No. 57; amendment No. 39, as modified; that amendments numbered 98 and 77, and a managers amendment, be the only amendments remaining in order to be proposed.

Ordered further, That, at 8:10 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to said amendments; and that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate following each vote.

Ordered further, That upon disposition of the aforementioned amendments, amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as thus amended, be agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, without intervening action or debate.

Ordered further, That each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 2

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That on Monday, January 22, 2007, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

Pending debate,

LEGISLATIVE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TESTER in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1) to provide greater transparency in the legislative process; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment No. 12, amendment No. 14, amendment No. 2 (and amendment No. 46 thereto), amendment No. 17, amendment No. 24, amendment No. 25, as modified, amendment No. 26, amendment No. 27, amendment No. 28, amendment No. 29, amendment No. 37, amendment No. 42, amendment No. 34, amendment No. 36, amendment No. 45, amendment No. 48, amendment No. 49, amendment No. 50, amendment No. 47, amendment No. 43, amendment No. 56, amendment No. 59, amendment No. 63, amendment No. 64, amendment No. 76, and amendment No. 71 having been withdrawn,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 20, proposed by Mr. BENNETT (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. KYL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. MARTINEZ), to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. DURBIN), to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. BENNETT,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 20 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

Ordered, That the question recur on the following amendments, en bloc; that said amendments be agreed to, en bloc; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table:

Amendment No. 9, as modified; amendment No. 51; amendment No. 31; amendment No. 33; amendment No. 41; amendment No. 57; amendment No. 39, as modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 20 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. DEMINT) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 3, by striking all beginning on line 9 through line 12 on page 4, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 98).

The amendment was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 20 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 77).

The amendment was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 20 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. BENNETT) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on various pages and lines, by striking certain words, and inserting other words (being amendment No. 99).

The amendment was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The question being taken on agreeing to amendment No. 20 to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 55, nays... 43

[Rollcall Vote No. 17 Leg.]

YEAS --- 55

Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Landrieu, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Salazar, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 43

Akaka, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Dodd, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders,

Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 30, proposed by Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. CARPER), to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 27, nays... 71

[Rollcall Vote No. 18 Leg.]

YEAS --- 27

Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Cantwell, Carper, Casey, Collins, Feingold, Graham, Grassley, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Levin, Lieberman, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Nelson (FL), Obama, Reed, Snowe, Stabenow, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 71

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bennett, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cardin, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feinstein, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kyl, Leahy, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The yeas and nays, previously ordered on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, were deemed vitiated, and the amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

No further amendment being in order to be proposed,

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question on passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall the bill, as amended, pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 96, nays... 2

[Rollcall Vote No. 19 Leg.]

YEAS --- 96

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 2

Coburn, Hatch.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

On motion by Mr. BENNETT to reconsider the vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. MCCASKILL in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 6) to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 1 P.M. ON MONDAY,
JANUARY 22, 2007, AND FOR
PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 1 p.m. on Monday, January 22, 2007; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 2 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, at 2 p.m., the Senate proceed to consider bill H.R. 2, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 9:35 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 1 p.m. on Monday, January 22, 2007.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 1 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, January 22, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 18, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 18, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 18, 2007,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business until 2 p.m.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-394. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sale and Issue of Marketable Book-Entry Treasury Bills, Notes, and Bonds - Securities Eligible for Purchase in Legacy Treasury Direct" (31 CFR 356), received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-395. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conversion of Insured Credit Unions to Mutual Savings Banks" (RIN3133-AD16), received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-396. A communication from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rule Concerning Disclosures Regarding Energy Consumption and Water Use of Certain Home Appliances and Other Products Required Under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act; Ceiling Fan Amendments" (RIN3084-AA74), received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-397. A communication from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rule Concerning Disclosures Regarding Energy Consumption and Water Use of Certain Home Appliances and Other Products Required Under the Energy Policy

and Conservation Act; Room Air Conditioner Ranges" (RIN3084-AA74), received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-398. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-594, "Consumer Security Freeze Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-399. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-595, "Disability Rights Protection Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-400. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-596, "Definition of Persons with Disabilities A.D.A. Conforming Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-401. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-598, "Expansion of Substance Abuse and Mental Illness Insurance Coverage Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-402. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-597, "Summary Enclosure of Nuisance Vacant Property Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-403. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-593, "Consumer Personal Information Security Breach Notification Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-404. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-591, "Mental Health Civil Commitment Extension Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-405. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-592, "Additional

Sanctions for Nuisance Abatement and Office of the Tenant Advocate Duties Clarification Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-406. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-599, "Office on Ex-Offender Affairs and Commission on Re-Entry and Ex-Offender Affairs Establishment Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-407. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-587, "District Government Injured Employee Protection Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-408. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-588, "Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking Omnibus Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-409. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-589, "Unemployment Compensation Contributions Federal Conformity Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-410. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-590, "Green Building Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-411. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-604, "Office of the People's Counsel Term Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-412. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-605, "Rent Administrator Hearing Authority Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-413. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-606, "Vacancy Conversion Fee Exemption Reinstatement Temporary Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-414. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-607, "Ballpark Parking Completion Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-415. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-608, "Department of Transportation and Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs Vending Consolidation of Public Space and Licensing Authorities Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-416. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-610, "Washington Convention Center Advisory Committee Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-417. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-609, "Tenant-Owner Voting in Conversion Election Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-418. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-611, "Old Engine Company 12 Deposit of Sale Proceeds Temporary Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-419. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-612, "Closing Agreement Temporary Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-420. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-613, "Real Property Tax Benefits Revision Temporary Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-421. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-614, "Lower Income Homeownership Cooperative Housing Association Re-Clarification Temporary Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-422. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-615, "Nuisance Properties Abatement Reform and Real Property Classification Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-423. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-616, "New Town at Capital City Market Revitalization Development and Public/Private Partnership Temporary Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-424. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-617, "Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-425. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-600, "PILOT Authorization Increase and Arthur Capper/Carrollburg Public Improvements Revenue Bonds Approval Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-426. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-637, "Comprehensive Plan Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-427. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-601, "NoMa Improvement Association Business Improvement District Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-428. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-602, "Mount Vernon Triangle BID Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-429. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-603, "Alcohol and Narcotics-Related Claims Liability Exclusion Repeal Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

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

S. 349. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional tax incentives to employers and employees of small businesses, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-1).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 341. A bill to restore fairness in the provision of incentives for oil and gas production, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 342. A bill to expand visa waiver program to countries on a probationary basis and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. AKAKA, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 343. A bill to extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 344. A bill to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. BIDEN):

S. 345. A bill to establish a Homeland Security and Neighborhood Safety Trust Fund and refocus Federal priorities toward securing the Homeland, and for other

purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 346. A bill to adjust the boundary of the Barataria Preserve Unit of the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve in the State of Louisiana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 347. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAPO:

S. 348. A bill to improve the amendments made by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 349. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional tax incentives to employers and employees of small businesses, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 350. A bill to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 351. A bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. ALLARD):

S. 352. A bill to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 353. A bill to authorize ecosystem restoration projects for the Indian River Lagoon-South and the Picayune Strand, Collier County, in the State of Florida; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 354. A bill to provide for disclosure of fire safety standards and measures with respect to campus buildings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 355. A bill to establish a National Commission on Entitlement Solvency; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DEMINT, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KYL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 356. A bill to ensure that women seeking an abortion are fully informed regarding the pain experienced by their unborn child; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 357. A bill to improve passenger automobile fuel economy and safety, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, reduce dependence on foreign oil, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ENZI, Mr. DODD, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. ALLARD, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. CARDIN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 358. A bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 359. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide additional support to students; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. Res. 35. A resolution expressing support for prayer at school board meetings; to the

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. Res. 36. A resolution honoring women's health advocate Cynthia Boles Dailard; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 2

At the request of Mr. CASEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2, supra.

S. 3

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 3, a bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fair prescription drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 10

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 10, a bill to reinstate the pay-as-you-go requirement and reduce budget deficits by strengthening budget enforcement and fiscal responsibility.

S. 101

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 101, a bill to update and reinvigorate universal service provided under the Communications Act of 1934.

S. 184

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER], the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 184, a bill to provide improved rail and surface transportation security.

S. 214

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 214, a bill to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys.

S. 242

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 242, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the importation of prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 291

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT]

were added as cosponsors of S. 291, a bill to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 326

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special period of limitation when uniformed services retirement pay is reduced as result of award of disability compensation.

S. 340

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] were added as cosponsors of S. 340, a bill to improve agricultural job opportunities, benefits, and security for aliens in the United States and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 2, a concurrent resolution expressing the bipartisan resolution on Iraq.

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 2, supra.

SENATE RESOLUTION 34

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 34, a resolution calling for the strengthening of the efforts of the United States to defeat the Taliban and terrorist networks in Afghanistan.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 1:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 475. An act to revise the composition of the House of Representatives Page Board to equalize the number of members representing the majority and minority parties and to include a member representing the parents of pages and a member representing former pages, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent

resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 38. A concurrent resolution providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President.

The message also announced that pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1024(a), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Joint Economic Committee: Mrs. MALONEY of New York.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 201(a)(2) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 601), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker and President Pro Tempore of the Senate jointly appoint Dr. Peter R. Orszag as Director of the Congressional Budget Office, effective January 18, 2007, for the term expiring January 3, 2011.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 6) to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, January 18, 2007, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

AMENDMENT NO. 51, PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO, MODIFIED

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, amendment No. 51, previously agreed to, to amendment No. 3 (in the nature of a substitute) to bill S. 1, be modified.

FAIR MINIMUM WAGE ACT

The hour of 2 p.m. having passed, Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 18, 2007, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PRYOR in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of

1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. BAUCUS) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 100, in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL for Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. KYL, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BURR, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. ENZI, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mr. THUNE) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 101).

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 101 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 101 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute):

HARRY REID, MITCH MCCONNELL, JUDD GREGG, CRAIG THOMAS, JOHN E. SUNUNU, JIM INHOFE, JON KYL, JOHNNY ISAKSON, TOM COBURN, MIKE CRAPO, WAYNE ALLARD, LAMAR ALEXANDER, JOHN CORNYN, JIM BUNNING, JOHN ENSIGN, DAVID VITTER, BOB CORKER.

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ENZI for Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. ENZI, and Ms. LANDRIEU) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 103).

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SESSIONS, by unanimous consent, to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate places, by inserting certain words (being amendments considered en bloc and designated numbers 106 through 108).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 108 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 2, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 2:

TED KENNEDY, B. MIKULSKI, D. INOUE, BYRON L. DORGAN, JEFF BINGAMAN, FRANK R. LAUTENBERG, JACK REED, BARBARA BOXER, DANIEL K. AKAKA, MAX BAUCUS, PATTY MURRAY, MARIA CANTWELL, TOM HARKIN, DEBBIE STABENOW, ROBERT MENENDEZ, TOM CARPER, HARRY REID, CHUCK SCHUMER, RICHARD DURBIN.

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED; BILL
S. 69 REFERRED

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of the bill (S. 69) to authorize appropriations for the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program, and for other purposes; and that said bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PROVIDING FOR A JOINT SESSION
OF CONGRESS TO RECEIVE A
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 38) providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the concurrent resolution on page 1, by striking "Wednesday" on line 3 and inserting in lieu thereof "Tuesday" (being amendment No. 109).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business; that the first 30 minutes of the time therein be controlled by the majority leader, or his designee, and the second 30 minutes of the time therein be controlled by the minority leader, or his designee; and that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 2.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ORDER RELATIVE TO BILL H.R. 2

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorums under the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, relative to the motions to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 101 and on bill H.R. 2, be waived.

AUTHORITY FOR "FILING" OF
FIRST-DEGREE AMENDMENTS TO
BILL H.R. 2

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, Senators be authorized to "file" first-degree amendments to bill H.R. 2 until 2:30 p.m. on tomorrow.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT
ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following the remarks of Mr. WARNER.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 6:59 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2007

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Reverend Dr. Lloyd Ogilvie, former Senate Chaplain, offered a prayer, and Mr. TESTER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, January 23, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. TESTER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

**CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH**

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

**TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS**

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries:

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE UNION
DELIVERED TO A JOINT SESSION OF
CONGRESS ON JANUARY 23, 2007—PM 2

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was ordered to lie on the table:

To the Congress of the United States:

Thank you very much. Tonight, I have a high privilege and distinct honor of my own—as the first President to begin the State of the Union message with these words: Madam Speaker.

In his day, the late Congressman Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., from Baltimore, Maryland, saw Presidents Roosevelt and Truman at this rostrum. But nothing could compare with the sight of his only daughter, Nancy, presiding tonight as Speaker of the House of Representatives. Congratulations.

Two members of the House and Senate are not with us tonight—and we pray for the recovery and speedy return of Senator Tim Johnson and Congressman Charlie Norwood.

Madam Speaker, Vice President Cheney, Members of Congress, distinguished guests, and fellow citizens:

This rite of custom brings us together at a defining hour—when decisions are hard and courage is tested. We enter the year 2007 with large endeavors underway, and others that are ours to begin. In all of this, much is asked of us. We must have the will to face difficult challenges and determined enemies—and the wisdom to face them together.

Some in this Chamber are new to the House and Senate—and I congratulate the Democratic majority. Congress has changed, but our responsibilities have not. Each of us is guided by our own convictions—and to these we must stay faithful. Yet we are all held to the same standards, and called to serve the same good purposes: To extend this Nation's prosperity ... to spend the people's money wisely ... to solve problems, not leave them to future generations ... to guard America against all evil, and to keep faith with those we have sent forth to defend us.

We are not the first to come here with government divided and uncertainty in the air. Like many before us, we can work through our differences and achieve big things for the American people. Our citizens don't much care which side of the aisle we sit on—as long as we are willing to cross that aisle when there is work to be done. Our job is to make life better for our fellow Americans, and help them to build a future of hope and opportunity—and this is the business before us tonight.

A future of hope and opportunity begins with a growing economy—and that is what we have. We are now in the 41st month of uninterrupted job growth—in a recovery that has created 7.2 million new jobs ... so far. Unemployment is low, inflation is low, and wages are rising. This economy is on the move—and our job is to keep it that way, not with more government but with more enterprise.

Next week, I will deliver a full report on the state of our economy. Tonight, I want to discuss three economic reforms that deserve to be priorities for this Congress.

First, we must balance the Federal budget. We can do so without raising taxes. What we need to do is impose spending discipline in Washington, D.C. We set a goal of cutting the deficit in half by 2009—and met that goal 3 years ahead of schedule. Now let us take the next step. In the coming weeks, I will submit a budget that eliminates the Federal deficit within the next 5 years. I ask you to make the same commitment. Together, we can restrain the spending appetite of the Federal Government, and balance the Federal budget.

Next, there is the matter of earmarks. These special interest items are often slipped into bills at the last hour—when not even C-SPAN is watching. In 2005 alone, the number of earmarks grew to over 13,000 and totaled nearly \$18 billion. Even worse, over 90 percent of earmarks never make it to the floor of the House and Senate—they are dropped into Committee reports that are not even part of the bill that arrives on my desk. You did not vote them into law. I did not sign them into law. Yet they are treated as if they have the force of law. The time has come to end this practice. So let us work together to reform the budget process ... expose every earmark to the light of day and to a vote in Congress, and cut the number and cost of earmarks at least in half by the end of this session.

Finally, to keep this economy strong we must take on the challenge of entitlements. Social Security and Medicare and Medicaid are commitments of conscience—and so it is our duty to keep them permanently sound. Yet we are failing in that duty—and this failure will one day leave our children with three bad options: huge tax increases, huge deficits, or huge and immediate cuts in benefits. Everyone in this Chamber knows this to be true—yet somehow we have not found it in ourselves to act. So let us work together and do it now. With enough good sense and good will, you and I can fix Medicare and Medicaid—and save Social Security.

Spreading opportunity and hope in America also requires public schools that give children the knowledge and character they need in life. Five years ago, we rose above partisan differences to pass the No Child Left Behind Act—preserving local control, raising standards in public schools, and holding those schools accountable for results. And because we acted, students are performing better in reading and math, and minority students are closing the achievement gap.

Now the task is to build on this success, without watering down standards ... without taking control from local communities ... and without backsliding and calling it reform. We can lift student achievement even higher by giving local leaders flexibility to turn around failing schools ... and by giving families with children stuck in failing schools the right to

choose something better. We must increase funds for students who struggle—and make sure these children get the special help they need. And we can make sure our children are prepared for the jobs of the future, and our country is more competitive, by strengthening math and science skills. The No Child Left Behind Act has worked for America's children—and I ask Congress to reauthorize this good law.

A future of hope and opportunity requires that all our citizens have affordable and available health care. When it comes to health care, government has an obligation to care for the elderly, the disabled, and poor children. We will meet those responsibilities. For all other Americans, private health insurance is the best way to meet their needs. But many Americans cannot afford a health insurance policy.

Tonight, I propose two new initiatives to help more Americans afford their own insurance. First, I propose a standard tax deduction for health insurance that will be like the standard tax deduction for dependents. Families with health insurance will pay no income or payroll taxes on \$15,000 of their income. Single Americans with health insurance will pay no income or payroll taxes on \$7,500 of their income. With this reform, more than 100 million men, women, and children who are now covered by employer-provided insurance will benefit from lower tax bills.

At the same time, this reform will level the playing field for those who do not get health insurance through their job. For Americans who now purchase health insurance on their own, my proposal would mean a substantial tax savings—\$4,500 for a family of four making \$60,000 a year. And for the millions of other Americans who have no health insurance at all, this deduction would help put a basic private health insurance plan within their reach. Changing the tax code is a vital and necessary step to making health care affordable for more Americans.

My second proposal is to help the States that are coming up with innovative ways to cover the uninsured. States that make basic private health insurance available to all their citizens should receive Federal funds to help them provide this coverage to the poor and the sick. I have asked the Secretary of Health and Human Services to work with Congress to take existing Federal funds and use them to create "Affordable Choices" grants. These grants would give our Nation's Governors more money and more flexibility to get private health insurance to those most in need.

There are many other ways that Congress can help. We need to expand Health Savings Accounts ... help small businesses through Association Health Plans ... reduce costs and medical errors with better information technology, encourage price transparency ...

and protect good doctors from junk lawsuits by passing medical liability reform. And in all we do, we must remember that the best health care decisions are made not by government and insurance companies, but by patients and their doctors.

Extending hope and opportunity in our country requires an immigration system worthy of America—with laws that are fair and borders that are secure. When laws and borders are routinely violated, this harms the interests of our country. To secure our border, we are doubling the size of the Border Patrol—and funding new infrastructure and technology.

Yet even with all these steps, we cannot fully secure the border unless we take pressure off the border—and that requires a temporary worker program. We should establish a legal and orderly path for foreign workers to enter our country to work on a temporary basis. As a result, they won't have to try to sneak in—and that will leave border agents free to chase down drug smugglers, and criminals, and terrorists. We will enforce our immigration laws at the worksite, and give employers the tools to verify the legal status of their workers—so there is no excuse left for violating the law. We need to uphold the great tradition of the melting pot that welcomes and assimilates new arrivals. And we need to resolve the status of the illegal immigrants who are already in our country—without animosity and without amnesty.

Convictions run deep in this Capitol when it comes to immigration. Let us have a serious, civil, and conclusive debate—so that you can pass, and I can sign, comprehensive immigration reform into law.

Extending hope and opportunity depends on a stable supply of energy that keeps America's economy running and America's environment clean. For too long, our Nation has been dependent on foreign oil. And this dependence leaves us more vulnerable to hostile regimes, and to terrorists—who could cause huge disruptions of oil shipments ... raise the price of oil ... and do great harm to our economy.

It is in our vital interest to diversify America's energy supply—and the way forward is through technology. We must continue changing the way America generates electric power—by even greater use of clean coal technology ... solar and wind energy ... and clean, safe nuclear power. We need to press on with battery research for plug-in and hybrid vehicles, and expand the use of clean diesel vehicles and biodiesel fuel. We must continue investing in new methods of producing ethanol—using everything from wood chips, to grasses, to agricultural wastes.

We have made a lot of progress, thanks to good policies in Washington and the strong response of the market. Now even more dramatic advances are within reach. Tonight,

I ask Congress to join me in pursuing a great goal. Let us build on the work we have done and reduce gasoline usage in the United States by 20 percent in the next 10 years—thereby cutting our total imports by the equivalent of 3/4 of all the oil we now import from the Middle East.

To reach this goal, we must increase the supply of alternative fuels, by setting a mandatory Fuels Standard to require 35 billion gallons of renewable and alternative fuels in 2017—this is nearly 5 times the current target. At the same time, we need to reform and modernize fuel economy standards for cars the way we did for light trucks—and conserve up to 8.5 billion more gallons of gasoline by 2017.

Achieving these ambitious goals will dramatically reduce our dependence on foreign oil, but will not eliminate it. So as we continue to diversify our fuel supply, we must also step up domestic oil production in environmentally sensitive ways. And to further protect America against severe disruptions to our oil supply, I ask Congress to double the current capacity of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

America is on the verge of technological breakthroughs that will enable us to live our lives less dependent on oil. These technologies will help us become better stewards of the environment—and they will help us to confront the serious challenge of global climate change.

A future of hope and opportunity requires a fair, impartial system of justice. The lives of citizens across our Nation are affected by the outcome of cases pending in our Federal courts. And we have a shared obligation to ensure that the Federal courts have enough judges to hear those cases and deliver timely rulings. As President, I have a duty to nominate qualified men and women to vacancies on the Federal bench. And the United States Senate has a duty as well—to give those nominees a fair hearing, and a prompt up-or-down vote on the Senate floor.

For all of us in this room, there is no higher responsibility than to protect the people of this country from danger. Five years have come and gone since we saw the scenes and felt the sorrow that terrorists can cause. We have had time to take stock of our situation. We have added many critical protections to guard the homeland. We know with certainty that the horrors of that September morning were just a glimpse of what the terrorists intend for us—unless we stop them.

With the distance of time, we find ourselves debating the causes of conflict and the course we have followed. Such debates are essential when a great democracy faces great questions. Yet one question has surely been settled—that to win the war on terror we must take the fight to the enemy.

From the start, America and our allies have protected our people by staying on the

offense. The enemy knows that the days of comfortable sanctuary, easy movement, steady financing, and free-flowing communications are long over. For the terrorists, life since 9/11 has never been the same.

Our success in this war is often measured by the things that did not happen. We cannot know the full extent of the attacks that we and our allies have prevented—but here is some of what we do know: We stopped an al Qaeda plot to fly a hijacked airplane into the tallest building on the West Coast. We broke up a Southeast Asian terrorist cell grooming operatives for attacks inside the United States. We uncovered an al Qaeda cell developing anthrax to be used in attacks against America. And just last August, British authorities uncovered a plot to blow up passenger planes bound for America over the Atlantic Ocean. For each life saved, we owe a debt of gratitude to the brave public servants who devote their lives to finding the terrorists and stopping them.

Every success against the terrorists is a reminder of the shoreless ambitions of this enemy. The evil that inspired and rejoiced in 9/11 is still at work in the world. And so long as that is the case, America is still a Nation at war.

In the minds of the terrorists, this war began well before September 11, and will not end until their radical vision is fulfilled. And these past 5 years have given us a much clearer view of the nature of this enemy. Al Qaeda and its followers are Sunni extremists, possessed by hatred and commanded by a harsh and narrow ideology. Take almost any principle of civilization, and their goal is the opposite. They preach with threats ... instruct with bullets and bombs ... and promise paradise for the murder of the innocent.

Our enemies are quite explicit about their intentions. They want to overthrow moderate governments and establish safe havens from which to plan and carry out new attacks on our country. By killing and terrorizing Americans, they want to force our country to retreat from the world and abandon the cause of liberty. They would then be free to impose their will and spread their totalitarian ideology. Listen to this warning from the late terrorist Zarqawi: "We will sacrifice our blood and bodies to put an end to your dreams, and what is coming is even worse." And Osama bin Laden declared: "Death is better than living on this Earth with the unbelievers among us."

These men are not given to idle words, and they are just one camp in the Islamist radical movement. In recent times, it has also become clear that we face an escalating danger from Shia extremists who are just as hostile to America, and are also determined to dominate the Middle East. Many are known to take direction from the regime in Iran, which is funding and arming terrorists

like Hezbollah—a group second only to al Qaeda in the American lives it has taken.

The Shia and Sunni extremists are different faces of the same totalitarian threat. But whatever slogans they chant, when they slaughter the innocent, they have the same wicked purposes. They want to kill Americans ... kill democracy in the Middle East ... and gain the weapons to kill on an even more horrific scale.

In the 6th year since our Nation was attacked, I wish I could report to you that the dangers have ended. They have not. And so it remains the policy of this Government to use every lawful and proper tool of intelligence, diplomacy, law enforcement, and military action to do our duty, to find these enemies, and to protect the American people.

This war is more than a clash of arms—it is a decisive ideological struggle, and the security of our Nation is in the balance. To prevail, we must remove the conditions that inspire blind hatred, and drove 19 men to get onto airplanes and come to kill us. What every terrorist fears most is human freedom—societies where men and women make their own choices, answer to their own conscience, and live by their hopes instead of their resentments. Free people are not drawn to violent and malignant ideologies—and most will choose a better way when they are given a chance. So we advance our own security interests by helping moderates, reformers, and brave voices for democracy. The great question of our day is whether America will help men and women in the Middle East to build free societies and share in the rights of all humanity. And I say, for the sake of our own security ... we must.

In the last 2 years, we have seen the desire for liberty in the broader Middle East—and we have been sobered by the enemy's fierce reaction. In 2005, the world watched as the citizens of Lebanon raised the banner of the Cedar Revolution ... drove out the Syrian occupiers ... and chose new leaders in free elections. In 2005, the people of Afghanistan defied the terrorists and elected a democratic legislature. And in 2005, the Iraqi people held three national elections—choosing a transitional government ... adopting the most progressive, democratic constitution in the Arab world ... and then electing a government under that constitution. Despite endless threats from the killers in their midst, nearly 12 million Iraqi citizens came out to vote in a show of hope and solidarity we should never forget.

A thinking enemy watched all of these scenes, adjusted their tactics, and in 2006 they struck back. In Lebanon, assassins took the life of Pierre Gemayel, a prominent participant in the Cedar Revolution. And Hezbollah terrorists, with support from Syria and Iran, sowed conflict in the region and are seeking to undermine Lebanon's legitimately elected government. In Afghanistan, Taliban

and al Qaeda fighters tried to regain power by regrouping and engaging Afghan and NATO forces. In Iraq, al Qaeda and other Sunni extremists blew up one of the most sacred places in Shia Islam—the Golden Mosque of Samarra. This atrocity, directed at a Muslim house of prayer, was designed to provoke retaliation from Iraqi Shia—and it succeeded. Radical Shia elements, some of whom receive support from Iran, formed death squads. The result was a tragic escalation of sectarian rage and reprisal that continues to this day.

This is not the fight we entered in Iraq, but it is the fight we are in. Every one of us wishes that this war were over and won. Yet it would not be like us to leave our promises unkept, our friends abandoned, and our own security at risk. Ladies and gentlemen: On this day, at this hour, it is still within our power to shape the outcome of this battle. So let us find our resolve, and turn events toward victory.

We are carrying out a new strategy in Iraq—a plan that demands more from Iraq's elected government, and gives our forces in Iraq the reinforcements they need to complete their mission. Our goal is a democratic Iraq that upholds the rule of law, respects the rights of its people, provides them security, and is an ally in the war on terror.

In order to make progress toward this goal, the Iraqi government must stop the sectarian violence in its capital. But the Iraqis are not yet ready to do this on their own. So we are deploying reinforcements of more than 20,000 additional soldiers and Marines to Iraq. The vast majority will go to Baghdad, where they will help Iraqi forces to clear and secure neighborhoods and serve as advisers embedded in Iraqi Army units. With Iraqis in the lead, our forces will help secure the city by chasing down terrorists, insurgents, and roaming death squads. And in Anbar province—where al Qaeda terrorists have gathered and local forces have begun showing a willingness to fight them—we are sending an additional 4,000 United States Marines, with orders to find the terrorists and clear them out. We did not drive al Qaeda out of their safe haven in Afghanistan only to let them set up a new safe haven in a free Iraq.

The people of Iraq want to live in peace, and now is the time for their government to act. Iraq's leaders know that our commitment is not open ended. They have promised to deploy more of their own troops to secure Baghdad—and they must do so. They have pledged that they will confront violent radicals of any faction or political party. They need to follow through, and lift needless restrictions on Iraqi and Coalition forces, so these troops can achieve their mission of bringing security to all of the people of Baghdad. Iraq's leaders have committed themselves to a series of benchmarks to achieve reconciliation—to share oil revenues

among all of Iraq's citizens ... to put the wealth of Iraq into the rebuilding of Iraq ... to allow more Iraqis to re-enter their nation's civic life ... to hold local elections ... and to take responsibility for security in every Iraqi province. But for all of this to happen, Baghdad must be secured. And our plan will help the Iraqi government take back its capital and make good on its commitments.

My fellow citizens, our military commanders and I have carefully weighed the options. We discussed every possible approach. In the end, I chose this course of action because it provides the best chance of success. Many in this Chamber understand that America must not fail in Iraq—because you understand that the consequences of failure would be grievous and far reaching.

If American forces step back before Baghdad is secure, the Iraqi government would be overrun by extremists on all sides. We could expect an epic battle between Shia extremists backed by Iran, and Sunni extremists aided by al Qaeda and supporters of the old regime. A contagion of violence could spill out across the country—and in time the entire region could be drawn into the conflict.

For America, this is a nightmare scenario. For the enemy, this is the objective. Chaos is their greatest ally in this struggle. And out of chaos in Iraq would emerge an emboldened enemy with new safe havens ... new recruits ... new resources ... and an even greater determination to harm America. To allow this to happen would be to ignore the lessons of September 11 and invite tragedy. And ladies and gentlemen, nothing is more important at this moment in our history than for America to succeed in the Middle East ... to succeed in Iraq ... and to spare the American people from this danger.

This is where matters stand tonight, in the here and now. I have spoken with many of you in person. I respect you and the arguments you have made. We went into this largely united—in our assumptions, and in our convictions. And whatever you voted for, you did not vote for failure. Our country is pursuing a new strategy in Iraq—and I ask you to give it a chance to work. And I ask you to support our troops in the field—and those on their way.

The war on terror we fight today is a generational struggle that will continue long after you and I have turned our duties over to others. That is why it is important to work together so our Nation can see this great effort through. Both parties and both branches should work in close consultation. And this is why I propose to establish a special advisory council on the war on terror, made up of leaders in Congress from both political parties. We will share ideas for how to position America to meet every challenge that confronts us. And we will show our

enemies abroad that we are united in the goal of victory.

One of the first steps we can take together is to add to the ranks of our military—so that the American Armed Forces are ready for all the challenges ahead. Tonight I ask the Congress to authorize an increase in the size of our active Army and Marine Corps by 92,000 in the next 5 years. A second task we can take on together is to design and establish a volunteer Civilian Reserve Corps. Such a corps would function much like our military reserve. It would ease the burden on the Armed Forces by allowing us to hire civilians with critical skills to serve on missions abroad when America needs them. And it would give people across America who do not wear the uniform a chance to serve in the defining struggle of our time.

Americans can have confidence in the outcome of this struggle—because we are not in this struggle alone. We have a diplomatic strategy that is rallying the world to join in the fight against extremism. In Iraq, multinational forces are operating under a mandate from the United Nations—and we are working with Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and the Gulf States to increase support for Iraq's government. The United Nations has imposed sanctions on Iran, and made it clear that the world will not allow the regime in Tehran to acquire nuclear weapons. With the other members of the Quartet—the U.N., the European Union, and Russia—we are pursuing diplomacy to help bring peace to the Holy Land, and pursuing the establishment of a democratic Palestinian state living side-by-side with Israel in peace and security. In Afghanistan, NATO has taken the lead in turning back the Taliban and al Qaeda offensive—the first time the Alliance has deployed forces outside the North Atlantic area. Together with our partners in China, Japan, Russia, and South Korea, we are pursuing intensive diplomacy to achieve a Korean peninsula free of nuclear weapons. And we will continue to speak out for the cause of freedom in places like Cuba, Belarus, and Burma—and continue to awaken the conscience of the world to save the people of Darfur.

American foreign policy is more than a matter of war and diplomacy. Our work in the world is also based on a timeless truth: To whom much is given, much is required. We hear the call to take on the challenges of hunger, poverty, and disease—and that is precisely what America is doing. We must continue to fight HIV/AIDS, especially on the continent of Africa—and because you funded our Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, the number of people receiving life-saving drugs has grown from 50,000 to more than 800,000 in 3 short years. I ask you to continue funding our efforts to fight HIV/AIDS. I ask you to provide \$1.2 billion over 5 years so we can combat malaria in 15

African countries. I ask that you fund the Millennium Challenge Account, so that American aid reaches the people who need it, in nations where democracy is on the rise and corruption is in retreat. And let us continue to support the expanded trade and debt relief that are the best hope for lifting lives and eliminating poverty.

When America serves others in this way, we show the strength and generosity of our country. These deeds reflect the character of our people. The greatest strength we have is the heroic kindness, courage, and self-sacrifice of the American people. You see this spirit often if you know where to look—and tonight we need only look above to the gallery.

Dikembe Mutombo grew up in Africa, amid great poverty and disease. He came to Georgetown University on a scholarship to study medicine—but Coach John Thompson got a look at Dikembe and had a different idea. Dikembe became a star in the NBA, and a citizen of the United States. But he never forgot the land of his birth—or the duty to share his blessings with others. He has built a brand new hospital in his hometown. A friend has said of this good-hearted man: “Mutombo believes that God has given him this opportunity to do great things.” And we are proud to call this son of the Congo our fellow American.

After her daughter was born, Julie Aigner-Clark searched for ways to share her love of music and art with her child. So she borrowed some equipment, and began filming children's videos in her basement. The Baby Einstein Company was born—and in just 5 years her business grew to more than \$20 million in sales. In November 2001, Julie sold Baby Einstein to the Walt Disney Company, and with her help Baby Einstein has grown into a \$200 million business. Julie represents the great enterprising spirit of America. And she is using her success to help others—producing child safety videos with John Walsh of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Julie says of her new project: “I believe it is the most important thing that live ever done. I believe that children have the right to live in a world that is safe.” We are pleased to welcome this talented business entrepreneur and generous social entrepreneur—Julie Aigner-Clark.

Three weeks ago, Wesley Autrey was waiting at a Harlem subway station with his two little girls, when he saw a man fall into the path of a train. With seconds to act, Wesley jumped onto the tracks ... pulled the man into a space between the rails ... and held him as the train passed right above their heads. He insists he's not a hero. Wesley says: “We got guys and girls overseas dying for us to have our freedoms. We got to show each other some love.” There is something wonderful about a country that produces a brave and humble man like Wesley Autrey.

Tommy Rieman was a teenager pumping gas in Independence, Kentucky, when he enlisted in the United States Army. In December 2003, he was on a reconnaissance mission in Iraq when his team came under heavy enemy fire. From his Humvee, Sergeant Rieman returned fire—and used his body as a shield to protect his gunner. He was shot in the chest and arm, and received shrapnel wounds to his legs—yet he refused medical attention, and stayed in the fight. He helped to repel a second attack, firing grenades at the enemy's position. For his exceptional courage, Sergeant Rieman was awarded the Silver Star. And like so many other Americans who have volunteered to defend us, he has earned the respect and gratitude of our whole country.

In such courage and compassion, ladies and gentlemen, we see the spirit and character of America—and these qualities are not in short supply. This is a decent and honorable country—and resilient, too. We have been through a lot together. We have met challenges and faced dangers, and we know that more lie ahead. Yet we can go forward with confidence—because the State of our Union is strong ... our cause in the world is right ... and tonight that cause goes on.

Thank you.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *January 23, 2007.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-430. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Spiromesifen; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8110-3) received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-431. A communication from the Legal Information Assistant, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subordinated Debt Securities and Mandatorily Preferred Stock" (RIN1550-AC06) received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-432. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-433. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator,

Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Arizona; Miami Sulfur Dioxide State Implementation Plan and Request for Redesignation to Attainment; Correction of Boundary of Miami Sulfur Dioxide Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 8270-3) received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-434. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; El Paso County Carbon Monoxide Redesignation to Attainment, and Approval of Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 8272-5) received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-435. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources and Emission Guidelines for Existing Sources: Other Solid Waste Incineration Units: Reconsideration" (FRL No. 8272-2) received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-436. A communication from the Director of the Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Corps' competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-437. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2007-001 - 2007-011); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-438. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the operations of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs for fiscal year 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-439. A communication from the Administrator, Office of Workforce Security, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Unemployment Compensation - Eligibility" (RIN1205-AB41) received on January 22, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-440. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a discontinuation of service in the acting role for the position of Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, received on January 22, 2007; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-441. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Administrator (Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs), received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. SMITH):

S. 360. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand expenses which qualify for the Hope Scholarship Credit and to make the Hope Scholarship Credit and the Lifetime Learning Credit refundable; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 361. A bill to designate the United States courthouse at South Federal Place in Santa Fe, New Mexico, as the "Santiago E. Campos United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. 362. A bill to expand the number of embryonic stem cell lines available for Federally funded research; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. 363. A bill to provide increased Federal funding for stem cell research, to expand the number of embryonic stem cell lines available for Federally funded research, to provide ethical guidelines for stem cell research, to derive human pluripotent stem cell lines using techniques that do not create an embryo or embryos for research or knowingly harm human embryo or embryos, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 364. A bill to strengthen United States trade laws and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 365. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Energy to establish monetary prizes for achievements in overcoming scientific and technical barriers associated with hydrogen

energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. 366. A bill to authorize the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of New Mexico; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BYRD, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 367. A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to prohibit the import, export, and sale of goods made with sweatshop labor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DODD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. REED, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. REID):

S. 368. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 369. A bill to provide for a medal of appropriate design to be awarded by the President to the next of kin or other representative of those individuals killed as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 370. A bill to designate the headquarters building of the Department of Education in Washington, DC, as the Lyndon Baines Johnson Federal Building; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. Res. 37. A resolution designating March 26, 2007 as "National Support the Troops

Day" and encouraging the people of the United States to participate in a moment of silence to reflect upon the service and sacrifice of members of the Armed Forces both at home and abroad; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 2

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 2, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

S. 21

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 21, a bill to expand access to preventive health care services that help reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce abortions, and improve access to women's health care.

S. 43

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 43, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to preserve and protect Social Security benefits of American workers and to help ensure greater congressional oversight of the Social Security system by requiring that both Houses of Congress approve a totalization agreement before the agreement, giving foreign workers Social Security benefits, can go into effect.

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 138

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 138, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to apply the joint return limitation for capital gains exclusion to certain post-marriage sales of principal residences by surviving spouses.

S. 223

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 223, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 261

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] were added as cosponsors of S. 261, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 320

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 320, a bill to provide for the protection of paleontological resources on Federal lands, and for other purposes.

S. 343

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 343, a bill to extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999.

S. 347

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 347, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage, and for other purposes.

S. 356

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 356, a bill to ensure that women seeking an abortion are fully informed regarding the pain experienced by their unborn child.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 23, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to consider the nomination of LTG David H. Petraeus, USA, to be General and Commander, Multi-National Forces-Iraq.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 23, 2007 at 9:15 a.m. to hold a hearing on Iraq.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 23, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on Iraq.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 23, 2007, to hold an oversight hearing on DOD/VA Collaboration and Cooperation to Meet the Needs of Returning Service members. The hearing will take place in room 418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the

Senate on January 23, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 41. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 38) providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President.

FAIR MINIMUM WAGE ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 2) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 108, proposed by Mr. SESSIONS, to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), proposed by Mr. BAUCUS, to the bill.

Mr. KENNEDY, by unanimous consent, modified amendment No. 103.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 108 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SUNUNU to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 112).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. KYL to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 115).

Pending debate,

A MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:09 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks:

Mr. President, I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 390. An act to require the establishment of a national database in the National Archives to preserve records of servitude, emancipation, and post-Civil War reconstruction and to provide grants to State and local entities to establish similar local databases.

The message also announced that pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1024(a), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Joint Economic Committee: Mr. SAXTON of New Jersey.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 390. An act to require the establishment of a national database in the National Archives to preserve records of servitude, emancipation, and post-Civil War reconstruction and to provide grants to State and local entities to establish similar local databases; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

FAIR MINIMUM WAGE ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 115 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That, at 2:45 p.m. on today, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 103, as modified; that the time from 2:15 p.m. until 2:45 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form; and that no second-degree amendments be in order thereto prior to the vote.

AUTHORITY FOR APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE OF ESCORT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That the Presiding Officer be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the President of the United States into the chamber of the House of Representatives

for the joint session to be held at 9 p.m. tonight.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:25 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

FAIR MINIMUM WAGE ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 103, as modified, proposed by Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. ENZI, and Ms. LANDRIEU), to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. SNOWE,

Ordered, That Mr. KERRY, Mr. BOND, Mr. SUNUNU, and Mr. ROBERTS be added as cosponsors of the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 103, as modified, to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The hour of 2:45 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 99, nays...0

[Rollcall Vote No. 20 Leg.]

YEAS --- 99

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchinson, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens,

Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. LINCOLN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mrs. LINCOLN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 115 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. DODD, and Mr. KENNEDY) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 102).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 115 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. SESSIONS called for the regular order with respect to his amendment No. 106.

Whereupon,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 106, proposed by Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. INHOFE), to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. SESSIONS, by unanimous consent, modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 106, as modified, to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BUNNING to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 119).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ENZI for Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. INHOFE) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a

substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 152).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ENZI for Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. COLEMAN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 153).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ENZI for Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. COBURN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 154).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That, at 4:45 p.m. on today, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 106, as modified; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Mr. KENNEDY and Mr. SESSIONS, prior to the vote; and that no second-degree amendments be in order to said amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 154 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That amendment No. 108 be the pending question; that the amendment be modified; and that the amendment, as modified, be agreed to.

On motion by Mr. ENZI to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 154 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That amendment No. 107 be the pending question; and that it be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 154 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 106, as modified, to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ENZI,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 98, nays...0

[Rollcall Vote No. 21 Leg.]

YEAS --- 98

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 154 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL
ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SALAZAR in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 41) providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE PAGE BOARD REVISION
ACT

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 475) to revise the composition of the House of Representatives Page Board to equalize the number of members representing the majority and minority parties and to include a member representing the parents of pages and a member representing former pages, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR RECESS ON TODAY,
FOR ADJOURNMENT FOLLOWING
THE JOINT SESSION ON TODAY
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it recess until 8:30 p.m. on today; that, at 8:40 p.m., the Senate proceed as a body to the House of Representatives for the State of the Union Address; that upon dissolution of the joint session, the Senate adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 10:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled between the majority and minority leaders, or their designees; that the majority control the first half of the time therein, and the minority control the second half of the time therein; that, at 10:30 a.m. the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 2; that there be a period of one hour for debate, equally divided and controlled between the two leaders, or their designees; that, at 11:30 a.m., the Senate vote on the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 101; and that Senators be authorized to "file" second-degree amendments until 10:30 a.m.

RECESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

At 5:29 p.m.,

The Senate recessed until 8:30 p.m. today.

AT 8:30 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF
THE UNITED STATES ON THE
STATE OF THE UNION

Pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 41,

At 8:39 p.m.,

The Senate proceeded in a body to the Hall of the House of Representatives to hear an address by the President of the United States, the Honorable George W. Bush.

The VICE PRESIDENT appointed the following committee of Senators to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the President of the United States into the Chamber of the House of Representatives: Mr. REID, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DORGAN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. KYL, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mr. STEVENS.

The two Houses being assembled,

The President of the United States addressed them, as follows:

"Thank you very much. Tonight, I have a high privilege and distinct honor of my own—as the first President to begin the State of the Union message with these words: Madam Speaker.

In his day, the late Congressman Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., from Baltimore, Maryland, saw Presidents Roosevelt and Truman at this rostrum. But nothing could compare with the sight of his only daughter, Nancy, presiding tonight as Speaker of the House of Representatives. Congratulations, Madam Speaker.

Two Members of the House and Senate are not with us tonight, and we pray for the recovery and speedy return of Senator Tim Johnson and Congressman Charlie Norwood.

Madam Speaker, Vice President Cheney, Members of Congress, distinguished guests, and fellow citizens:

This rite of custom brings us together at a defining hour, when decisions are hard and courage is tested. We enter the year 2007 with large endeavors under way, and others that are ours to begin. In all of this, much is asked of us. We must have the will to face difficult challenges and determined enemies, and the wisdom to face them together.

Some in this Chamber are new to the House and Senate, and I congratulate the Democratic majority. Congress has changed, but our responsibilities have not. Each of us

is guided by our own convictions, and to these we must stay faithful. Yet we are all held to the same standards and called to serve the same good purposes: to extend the Nation's prosperity, to spend the people's money wisely, to solve problems, not leave them to future generations, to guard America against all evil, and to keep faith with those we have sent forth to defend us.

We are not the first to come here with government divided and uncertainty in the air. Like many before us, we can work through our differences and achieve big things for the American people. Our citizens don't much care which side of the aisle we sit on, as long as we are willing to cross that aisle when there is work to be done. Our job is to make life better for our fellow Americans and help them to build a future of hope and opportunity, and this is the business before us tonight.

A future of hope and opportunity begins with a growing economy, and that is what we have. We are now in the 41st month of uninterrupted job growth, in a recovery that has created 7.2 million new jobs, so far. Unemployment is low, inflation is low, and wages are rising. The economy is on the move, and our job is to keep it that way, not with more government but with more enterprise.

Next week, I will deliver a full report on the state of our economy. Tonight, I want to discuss three economic reforms that deserve to be priorities for this Congress.

First, we must balance the Federal budget. We can do so without raising taxes. What we need to do is impose spending discipline in Washington, D.C. We set a goal of cutting the deficit in half by 2009, and met that goal 3 years ahead of schedule. Now let us take the next step. In the coming weeks, I will submit a budget that eliminates the Federal deficit within the next 5 years. I ask you to make the same commitment. Together, we can restrain the spending appetite of the Federal Government and balance the Federal budget.

Next, there is the matter of earmarks. These special interest items are often slipped into bills at the last hour, when not even C-SPAN is watching. In 2005 alone, the number of earmarks grew to over 13,000 and totaled nearly \$18 billion. Even worse, over 90 percent of earmarks never make it to the floor of the House and Senate. They are dropped into committee reports that are not even part of the bill that arrives on my desk. You did not vote them into law. I did not sign them into law. Yet they are treated as if they have the force of law. The time has come to end this practice. So let us work together to reform the budget process, expose every earmark to the light of day and to a vote in Congress, and cut the number and cost of earmarks at least in half by the end of this session.

Finally, to keep this economy strong we must take on the challenge of entitlements. Social Security and Medicare and Medicaid are commitments of conscience, and so it is our duty to keep them permanently sound. Yet we are failing in that duty, and this failure will one day leave our children with three bad options: huge tax increases, huge deficits, or huge and immediate cuts in benefits. Everyone in this Chamber knows this to be true, yet somehow we have not found it in ourselves to act. So let us work together and do it now. With enough good sense and good will, you and I can fix Medicare and Medicaid, and save Social Security.

Spreading opportunity and hope in America also requires public schools that give children the knowledge and character they need in life. Five years ago, we rose above partisan differences to pass the No Child Left Behind Act, preserving local control, raising standards, and holding those schools accountable for results. And because we acted, students are performing better in reading and math, and minority students are closing the achievement gap.

Now the task is to build on this success, without watering down standards, without taking control from local communities, and without back sliding and calling it reform. We can lift student achievement even higher by giving local leaders flexibility to turn around failing schools, and by giving families with children stuck in failing schools the right to choose someplace better. We must increase funds for students who struggle, and make sure these children get the special help they need. And we can make sure our children are prepared for the jobs of the future, and our country is more competitive, by strengthening math and science skills. The No Child Left Behind Act has worked for America's children, and I ask Congress to reauthorize this good law.

A future of hope and opportunity requires that all our citizens have affordable and available health care. When it comes to health care, government has an obligation to care for the elderly, the disabled, and poor children, and we will meet those responsibilities. For all other Americans, private health care insurance is the best way to meet their needs. But many Americans cannot afford a health insurance policy.

So tonight, I propose two new initiatives to help more Americans afford their own insurance. First, I propose a standard tax deduction for health insurance that will be like the standard tax deduction for dependents. Families with health insurance will pay no income or payroll taxes on \$15,000 of their income. Single Americans with health insurance will pay no income or payroll taxes on \$7,500 of their income. With this reform, more than 100 million men, women, and children who are now covered

by employer-provided insurance will benefit from lower tax bills.

At the same time, this reform will level the playing field for those who do not get health insurance through their job. For Americans who now purchase health insurance on their own, this proposal would mean a substantial tax savings, \$4,500 for a family of four making \$60,000 a year. And for the millions of other Americans who have no health insurance at all, this deduction would help put a basic private health insurance plan within their reach. Changing the Tax Code is a vital and necessary step to making health care affordable for more Americans.

My second proposal is to help the States that are coming up with innovative ways to cover the uninsured. States that make basic private health insurance available to all their citizens should receive Federal funds to help them provide this coverage to the poor and the sick. I have asked the Secretary of Health and Human Services to work with Congress to take existing Federal funds and use them to create "Affordable Choices" grants. These grants would give our Nation's Governors more money and more flexibility to get private health insurance to those most in need.

There are many other ways that Congress can help. We need to expand health savings accounts. We need to help small businesses through association health plans, we need to reduce costs and medical errors with better information technology. We will encourage price transparency, and to protect good doctors from junk lawsuits we need to pass medical liability reform. And in all we do, we must remember that the best health care decisions are made not by government and insurance companies, but by patients and their doctors.

Extending hope and opportunity in our country requires an immigration system worthy of America, with laws that are fair and borders that are secure. When laws and borders are routinely violated, this harms the interests of our country. To secure our border, we are doubling the size of the Border Patrol, and funding new infrastructure and technology.

Yet even with all these steps, we cannot fully secure the border unless we take pressure off the border, and that requires a temporary worker program. We should establish a legal and orderly path for foreign workers to enter our country to work on a temporary basis. As a result, they won't have to try to sneak in, and that will leave border agents free to chase down drug smugglers and criminals and terrorists. We will enforce our immigration laws at the work site, and give employers the tools to verify the legal status of their workers, so there is no excuse left for violating the law. We need to uphold the great tradition of the melting pot that welcomes and assimilates new arrivals. We

need to resolve the status of illegal immigrants who are already in our country, without animosity and without amnesty.

Convictions run deep in this Capitol when it comes to immigration. Let us have a serious, civil, and conclusive debate, so that you can pass, and I can sign, comprehensive immigration reform into law.

Extending hope and opportunity depends on a stable supply of energy that keeps America's economy running and America's environment clean. For too long our Nation has been dependent on foreign oil, and this dependence leaves us more vulnerable to hostile regimes, and to terrorists, who could cause huge disruptions of oil shipments, and raise the price of oil, and do great harm to our economy.

It is in our vital interest to diversify America's energy supply, and the way forward is through technology. We must continue changing the way America generates electric power, by even greater use of clean coal technology, solar and wind energy, and clean, safe nuclear power. We need to press on with battery research for plug-in and hybrid vehicles and expand the use of clean diesel vehicles and biodiesel fuel. We must continue investing in new methods of producing ethanol, using everything from wood chips, to grasses, to agricultural wastes.

We have made a lot of progress, thanks to good policies here in Washington and the strong response of the market. And now even more dramatic advances are within reach. Tonight, I ask Congress to join me in pursuing a great goal. Let us build on the work we have done and reduce gasoline usage in the United States by 20 percent in the next 10 years. When we do that, we will be cutting our total imports by the equivalent of three-quarters of all the oil we now import from the Middle East.

To reach this goal, we must increase the supply of alternative fuels, by setting a mandatory fuels standard to require 35 billion gallons of renewable and alternative fuels in 2017. And that is nearly five times the current target. At the same time, we need to reform and modernize fuel economy standards for cars the way we did for light trucks, and conserve up to 8\1/2\ billion more gallons of gasoline by 2017.

Achieving these ambitious goals will dramatically reduce our dependence on foreign oil, but it is not going to eliminate it. So as we continue to diversify our fuel supply, we must also step up domestic oil production in environmentally sensitive ways. And to further protect America against severe disruptions to our oil supply, I ask Congress to double the current capacity of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

America is on the verge of technological breakthroughs that will enable us to live our lives less dependent on oil. These

technologies will help us become better stewards of the environment, and they will help us to confront the serious challenge of global climate change.

A future of hope and opportunity requires a fair, impartial system of justice. The lives of our citizens across our Nation are affected by the outcome of cases pending in our Federal courts. We have a shared obligation to ensure that the Federal courts have enough judges to hear those cases and deliver timely rulings. As president, I have a duty to nominate qualified men and women to vacancies on the Federal bench. And the United States Senate has a duty as well, to give those nominees a fair hearing and a prompt up-or-down vote on the Senate floor.

For all of us in this room, there is no higher responsibility than to protect the people of this country from danger. Five years have come and gone since we saw the scenes and felt the sorrow that the terrorists can cause. We have had time to take stock of our situation. We have added many critical protections to guard the homeland. We know with certainty that the horrors of that September morning were just a glimpse of what the terrorists intend for us, unless we stop them.

With the distance of time, we find ourselves debating the causes of conflict and the course we have followed. Such debates are essential when a great democracy faces great questions. Yet one question has surely been settled, that to win the war on terror we must take the fight to the enemy.

From the start, America and our allies have protected our people by staying on the offense. The enemy knows that the days of comfortable sanctuary, easy movement, steady financing, and free-flowing communications are long over. For the terrorists, life since 9/11 has never been the same.

Our success in this war is often measured by the things that did not happen. We cannot know the full extent of the attacks that we and our allies have prevented, but here is some of what we do know: we stopped an al Qaeda plot to fly a hijacked airplane into the tallest building on the west coast. We broke up a Southeast Asian terrorist cell grooming operatives for attacks inside the United States. We uncovered an al Qaeda cell developing anthrax to be used in attacks against America. And just last August, British authorities uncovered a plot to blow up passenger planes bound for America over the Atlantic Ocean. For each life saved, we owe a debt of gratitude to the brave public servants who devote their lives to finding the terrorists and stopping them.

Every success against the terrorists is a reminder of the shoreless ambitions of this enemy. The evil that inspired and rejoiced in 9/11 is still at work in the world. And so long

as that is the case, America is still a Nation at war.

In the minds of the terrorists, this war began well before September 11 and will not end until their radical vision is fulfilled. And these past 5 years have given us a much clearer view of the nature of this enemy. Al Qaeda and its followers are Sunni extremists, possessed by hatred and commanded by a harsh and narrow ideology. Take almost any principle of civilization, and their goal is the opposite. They preach with threats, instruct with bullets and bombs, and promise paradise for the murder of the innocent.

Our enemies are quite explicit about their intentions. They want to overthrow moderate governments and establish safe havens from which to plan and carry out new attacks on our country. By killing and terrorizing Americans, they want to force our country to retreat from the world and abandon the cause of liberty. They would then be free to impose their will and spread their totalitarian ideology. Listen to this warning from the late terrorist Zarqawi: "We will sacrifice our blood and bodies to put an end to your dreams, and what is coming is even worse." And Osama bin Laden declared: "Death is better than living on this Earth with the unbelievers among us."

These men are not given to idle words, and they are just one camp in the Islamist radical movement. In recent times, it has also become clear that we face an escalating danger from Shia extremists who are just as hostile to America and are also determined to dominate the Middle East. Many are known to take direction from the regime in Iran, which is funding and arming terrorists like Hezbollah, a group second only to al Qaeda in the American lives it has taken.

The Shia and Sunni extremists are different faces of the same totalitarian threat. Whatever slogans they chant, when they slaughter the innocent, they have the same wicked purposes. They want to kill Americans, kill democracy in the Middle East, and gain the weapons to kill on an even more horrific scale.

In the sixth year since our Nation was attacked, I wish I could report to you that the dangers had ended. They have not. And so it remains the policy of this government to use every lawful and proper tool of intelligence, diplomacy, law enforcement, and military action to do our duty, to find these enemies, and to protect the American people.

This war is more than a clash of arms. It is a decisive ideological struggle, and the security of our Nation is in the balance. To prevail, we must remove the conditions that inspire blind hatred, and drove 19 men to get onto airplanes and to come and kill us. What every terrorist fears most is human freedom, societies where men and women make their own choices, answer to their own conscience, and live by their hopes instead of their

resentments. Free people are not drawn to violent and malignant ideologies, and most will choose a better way when they are given a chance. So we advance our own security interests by helping moderates, reformers, and brave voices for democracy. The great question of our day is whether America will help men and women in the Middle East to build free societies and share in the rights of all humanity. And I say, for the sake of our own security, we must.

In the last 2 years, we have seen the desire for liberty in the broader Middle East, and we have been sobered by the enemy's fierce reaction. In 2005, the world watched as the citizens of Lebanon raised the banner of the Cedar Revolution. They drove out the Syrian occupiers, and chose new leaders in free elections. In 2005, the people of Afghanistan defied the terrorists and elected a democratic legislature. And in 2005, the Iraqi people held three national elections, choosing a transitional government, adopting the most progressive, democratic constitution in the Arab world, and then electing a government under that constitution. Despite endless threats from the killers in their midst, nearly 12 million Iraqi citizens came out to vote in a show of hope and solidarity we should never forget.

A thinking enemy watched all of these scenes, adjusted their tactics, and in 2006 they struck back. In Lebanon, assassins took the life of Pierre Gemayel, a prominent participant in the Cedar Revolution. Hezbollah terrorists, with support from Syria and Iran, sowed conflict in the region and are seeking to undermine Lebanon's legitimately elected government. In Afghanistan, Taliban and al Qaeda fighters tried to regain power by regrouping and engaging Afghan and NATO forces. In Iraq, al Qaeda and other Sunni extremists blew up one of the most sacred places in Shia Islam, the Golden Mosque of Samarra. This atrocity, directed at a Muslim house of prayer, was designed to provoke retaliation from Iraqi Shia, and it succeeded. Radical Shia elements, some of whom receive support from Iran, formed death squads. The result was a tragic escalation of sectarian rage and reprisal that continues to this day.

This is not the fight we entered in Iraq, but it is the fight we are in. Every one of us wishes that this war were over and won. Yet it would not be like us to leave our promises unkept, our friends abandoned, and our own security at risk. Ladies and gentlemen, on this day, at this hour, it is still within our power to shape the outcome of this battle. Let us find our resolve and turn events toward victory.

We are carrying out a new strategy in Iraq, a plan that demands more from Iraq's elected government and gives our forces in Iraq the reinforcements they need to complete their mission. Our goal is a democratic Iraq that upholds the rule of law, respects the rights of

its people, provides them security, and is an ally in the war on terror.

In order to make progress toward this goal, the Iraqi Government must stop the sectarian violence in its capital. But the Iraqis are not yet ready to do this on their own. So we are deploying reinforcements of more than 20,000 additional soldiers and marines to Iraq. The vast majority will go to Baghdad, where they will help Iraqi forces to clear and secure neighborhoods, and serve as advisers embedded in Iraqi Army units. With Iraqis in the lead, our forces will help secure the city by chasing down the terrorists, insurgents, and the roaming death squads. And in Anbar province, where al Qaeda terrorists have gathered and local forces have begun showing a willingness to fight them, we are sending an additional 4,000 United States marines, with orders to find the terrorists and clear them out. We did not drive al Qaeda out of their safe haven in Afghanistan only to let them set up a new safe haven in a free Iraq.

The people of Iraq want to live in peace, and now is the time for their government to act. Iraq's leaders know that our commitment is not open ended. They have promised to deploy more of their own troops to secure Baghdad, and they must do so. They have pledged that they will confront violent radicals of any faction or political party. And they need to follow through and lift needless restrictions on Iraqi and Coalition forces so these troops can achieve their mission of bringing security to all of the people of Baghdad. Iraq's leaders have committed themselves to a series of benchmarks to achieve reconciliation, to share oil revenues among all of Iraq's citizens, to put the wealth of Iraq into the rebuilding of Iraq, to allow more Iraqis to reenter their nation's civic life, to hold local elections, and to take responsibility for security in every Iraqi province. But for all of this to happen, Baghdad must be secured. And our plan will help the Iraqi Government take back its capital and make good on its commitments.

My fellow citizens, our military commanders and I have carefully weighed the options. We discussed every possible approach. In the end, I chose this course of action because it provides the best chance for success. Many in this Chamber understand that America must not fail in Iraq, because you understand that the consequences of failure would be grievous and far reaching.

If American forces step back before Baghdad is secure, the Iraqi Government would be overrun by extremists on all sides. We could expect an epic battle between Shia extremists backed by Iran, and Sunni extremists aided by al Qaeda and supporters of the old regime. A contagion of violence could spill out across the country, and in time the entire region could be drawn into the conflict.

For America, this is a nightmare scenario. For the enemy, this is the objective. Chaos is their greatest ally in this struggle. And out of chaos in Iraq would emerge an emboldened enemy with new safe havens, new recruits, new resources, and an even greater determination to harm America. To allow this to happen would be to ignore the lessons of September 11 and invite tragedy. And ladies and gentlemen, nothing is more important at this moment in our history than for America to succeed in the Middle East, to succeed in Iraq, and to spare the American people from this danger.

This is where matters stand tonight, in the here and now. I have spoken with many of you in person. I respect you and the arguments you have made. We went into this largely united, in our assumptions and in our convictions. And whatever you voted for, you did not vote for failure. Our country is pursuing a new strategy in Iraq, and I ask you to give it a chance to work. And I ask you to support our troops in the field, and those on their way.

The war on terror we fight today is a generational struggle that will continue long after you and I have turned our duties over to others. That is why it is important to work together so our Nation can see this great effort through. Both parties and both branches should work in close consultation. And this is why I propose to establish a special advisory council on the war on terror, made up of leaders in Congress from both political parties. We will share ideas for how to position America to meet every challenge that confronts us. And we will show our enemies abroad that we are united in the goal of victory.

One of the first steps we can take together is to add to the ranks of our military, so that the American Armed Forces are ready for all the challenges ahead. Tonight I ask the Congress to authorize an increase in the size of our active Army and Marine Corps by 92,000 in the next 5 years. A second task we can take on together is to design and establish a volunteer civilian reserve corps. Such a corps would function much like our military reserve. It would ease the burden on the Armed Forces by allowing us to hire civilians with critical skills to serve on missions abroad when America needs them. And it would give people across America who do not wear the uniform a chance to serve in the defining struggle of our time.

Americans can have confidence in the outcome of this struggle, because we are not in this struggle alone. We have a diplomatic strategy that is rallying the world to join in the fight against extremism. In Iraq, multinational forces are operating under a mandate from the United Nations, and we are working with Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and the gulf states to increase support for Iraq's government. The United Nations has

imposed sanctions on Iran and made it clear that the world will not allow the regime in Tehran to acquire nuclear weapons. With the other members of the Quartet, the U.N., the European Union and Russia, we are pursuing diplomacy to help bring peace to the Holy Land, and pursuing the establishment of a democratic Palestinian state living side by side with Israel in peace and security. In Afghanistan, NATO has taken the lead in turning back the Taliban and al Qaeda offensive, the first time the alliance has deployed forces outside the North Atlantic area. Together with our partners in China, Japan, Russia, and South Korea, we are pursuing intensive diplomacy to achieve a Korean Peninsula free of nuclear weapons. And we will continue to speak out for the cause of freedom in places like Cuba, Belarus, and Burma, and continue to awaken the conscience of the world to save the people of Darfur.

American foreign policy is more than a matter of war and diplomacy. Our work in the world is also based on a timeless truth: to whom much is given, much is required. We hear the call to take on the challenges of hunger and poverty and disease, and that is precisely what America is doing. We must continue to fight HIV/AIDS, especially on the continent of Africa. Because you funded our Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, the number of people receiving life-saving drugs has grown from 50,000 to more than 800,000 in 3 short years. I ask you to continue funding our efforts to fight HIV/AIDS, and I ask you to provide \$1.2 billion over 5 years so we can combat malaria in 15 African countries. I ask that you fund the Millennium Challenge Account so that American aid reaches the people who need it, in nations where democracy is on the rise and corruption is in retreat. And let us continue to support the expanded trade and debt relief that are the best hope for lifting lives and eliminating poverty.

When America serves others in this way, we show the strength and generosity of our country. These deeds reflect the character of our people. The greatest strength we have is the heroic kindness, courage, and self-sacrifice of the American people. You see this spirit often if you know where to look, and tonight we need only look above to the gallery.

Dikembe Mutombo grew up in Africa amid great poverty and disease. He came to Georgetown University on a scholarship to study medicine, but Coach John Thompson got a look at Dikembe and had a different idea. Dikembe became a star in the NBA and a citizen of the United States. But he never forgot the land of his birth, or the duty to share his blessings with others. He built a brand-new hospital in his old hometown. A friend has said of this good hearted man: "Mutombo believes that God has given him

this opportunity to do great things." And we are proud to call this son of the Congo a citizen of the United States of America.

After her daughter was born, Julie Aigner-Clark searched for ways to share her love of music and art with her child. So she borrowed some equipment and began filming children's videos in her basement. The Baby Einstein Company was born, and in just 5 years her business grew to more than \$20 million in sales. In November 2001, Julie sold Baby Einstein to Walt Disney Company; and with her help, Baby Einstein has grown into a \$200 million business. Julie represents the great enterprising spirit of America. And she is using her success to help others, producing child safety videos with John Walsh of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Julie says of her new project: "I believe it is the most important thing that I have ever done. I believe that children have the right to live in a world that is safe." And so tonight we are pleased to welcome this talented business entrepreneur and generous social entrepreneur, Julie Aigner-Clark.

Three weeks ago, Wesley Autry was waiting at a Harlem subway station with his two little girls, when he saw a man fall into the path of a train. With seconds to act, Wesley jumped onto the tracks, pulled the man into the space between the rails, and held him as the train passed right above their heads. He insists he is not a hero. He says: "We got guys and girls overseas dying for us to have our freedoms. We have got to show each other some love." There is something wonderful about a country that produces a brave and humble man like Wesley Autry.

Tommy Rieman was a teenager pumping gas in Independence, Kentucky, when he enlisted in the United States Army. In December 2003, he was on a reconnaissance mission in Iraq when his team came under heavy enemy fire. From his Humvee, Sergeant Rieman returned fire. He used his body as a shield to protect his gunner. He was shot in the chest and arm, and received shrapnel wounds to his legs, yet he refused medical attention and stayed in the fight. He helped to repel a second attack, firing grenades at the enemy's position. For his exceptional courage, Sergeant Rieman was awarded the Silver Star. And like so many other Americans who have volunteered to defend us, he has earned the respect and the gratitude of our whole country.

In such courage and compassion, ladies and gentlemen, we see the spirit and character of America, and these qualities are not in short supply. This is a decent and honorable country, and resilient, too. We have been through a lot together. We have met challenges and faced dangers, and we know that more lie ahead. Yet we can go forward with confidence, because the state of our Union is strong, our cause in the world is

right, and tonight that cause goes on. God bless. Thank you for your prayers. Thank you."

Upon conclusion of the address,
At 10:09 p.m.,
The Joint Session was dissolved; and

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:09 p.m.,
Pursuant to the order of today,
The Senate stood in adjournment, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2007

Mr. SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 24, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. WHITEHOUSE took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The morning hour being deemed expired,
and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-442. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's task and delivery order contracts during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-443. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Internet Availability of Proxy Materials" (RIN3235-AJ47) received on January 23, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-444. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Grants for Correctional Facilities" (RIN1121-AA41) received on January 23, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Select Committee on Intelligence, without amendment:

S. 372. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-2).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. Res. 38. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment and with a preamble:

S. Con. Res. 2. A concurrent resolution expressing the bipartisan resolution on Iraq.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second

times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 371. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to clarify the house parent exemption to certain wage and hour requirements; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 372. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; from the Select Committee on Intelligence; placed on the calendar; sequentially referred to the Committee on Armed Services, pursuant to section 3(b) of S. Res. 400 (94th Congress) as amended by S. Res. 445 (108th Congress) for a period not to exceed 10 days of session.

By Mr. BUNNING (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 373. A bill to facilitate and expedite direct refunds to coal producers and exporters of the excise tax unconstitutionally imposed on coal exported from the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. ALLARD):

S. 374. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide the same capital gains treatment for art and collectibles as for other investment property and to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 375. A bill to waive application of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to a specific parcel of real property transferred by the United States to 2 Indian tribes in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. KYL, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 376. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 377. A bill to establish a United States-Poland parliamentary youth exchange program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. REID, Mr. DURBIN, Mr.

CORNYN, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 378. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 379. A bill to support the establishment or expansion and operation of programs using a network of public and private community entities to provide mentoring for children in foster care; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 380. A bill to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 381. A bill to establish a fact-finding Commission to extend the study of a prior Commission to investigate and determine facts and circumstances surrounding the relocation, internment, and deportation to Axis countries of Latin Americans of Japanese descent from December 1941 through February 1948, and the impact of those actions by the United States, and to recommend appropriate remedies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 382. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a State family support grant program to end the practice of parents giving legal custody of their seriously emotionally disturbed children to State agencies for the purpose of obtaining mental health services for those children; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 383. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the period of eligibility for health care for combat service in the Persian Gulf War or future hostilities from two years to five years after discharge or release; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 384. A bill to provide pay protection for members of the Reserve and the National Guard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SMITH, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 385. A bill to improve the interoperability of emergency communications equipment; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS:

S. 386. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to require a higher volume of renewable fuel derived from cellulosic biomass, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. Res. 38. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BYRD:

S. Res. 39. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the need for approval by the Congress before any offensive military action by the United States against another nation; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. BAYH, Mr. SMITH, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. Con. Res. 4. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress on Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 2

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

S. 4

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 4, a bill to make the United States more secure by implementing unfinished recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to fight the war on terror more effectively, to improve homeland security, and for other purposes.

S. 10

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 10, a bill to reinstate the pay-as-you-go requirement and reduce budget deficits by strengthening budget enforcement and fiscal responsibility.

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] and the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 85

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 85, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that territories and Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine.

S. 121

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 121, a bill to provide for the redeployment of United States forces from Iraq.

S. 166

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 166, a bill to restrict any State from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services.

S. 206

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 206, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 206, *supra*.

S. 236

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 236, a bill to require reports to Congress on Federal agency use of data mining.

S. 261

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 261, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 267

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 267, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that territories and Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine.

S. 287

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 287, a bill to prohibit the use of funds for an escalation of United States military forces in Iraq above the numbers existing as of January 9, 2007.

S. 311

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] and the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 311, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

S. 315

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 315, a bill to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes.

S. 357

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 357, a bill to improve passenger automobile fuel economy and safety, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, reduce dependence on foreign oil, and for other purposes.

S. 358

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 358, a bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 2, a concurrent resolution expressing the bipartisan resolution on Iraq.

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 2, *supra*.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 24, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 24, 2007, at 9:45 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Wednesday, January 24, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 24, 2007, at 9 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 24, 2007 at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, January 24, 2007, at 10 a.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 1:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 323. An act to amend section 5313 of title 31, United States Code, to reform certain requirements for reporting cash transactions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 392. An act to provide for a circulating quarter dollar coin program to honor the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes.

H.R. 476. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to make noncreditable for Federal retirement purposes any Member service performed by an individual who is convicted of any of certain offenses committed by that individual while serving as a Member of Congress, and for other purposes.

H.R. 599. An act to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to streamline the SAFETY Act and anti-terrorism technology procurement processes.

The message also announced that pursuant to sections 5580 and 5581 of the revised statutes (20 U.S.C. 42-43), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Regents of

the Smithsonian Institution: Mr. BECERRA of California and Ms. MATSUI of California.

The message further announced that pursuant to sections 5580 and 5581 of the revised statutes (20 U.S.C. 42-43), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas.

At 4:54 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 475. An act to revise the composition of the House of Representatives Page Board to equalize the number of members representing the majority and minority parties and to include a member representing the parents of pages and a member representing former pages, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 323. An act to amend section 5313 of title 31, United States Code, to reform certain requirements for reporting cash transactions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 392. An act to provide for a circulating quarter dollar coin program to honor the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 476. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to make noncreditable for Federal retirement purposes any Member service performed by an individual who is convicted of any of certain offenses committed by that individual while serving as a Member of Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 599. An act to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to streamline the SAFETY Act and anti-terrorism technology procurement processes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

FAIR MINIMUM WAGE ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TESTER in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 2) to amend the

Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 154, proposed by Mr. ENZI for Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. SESSIONS), to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Monday, January 22, 2007, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 101 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The hour of 11:30 a.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. KLOBUCHAR in the chair) stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 49, nays... 48

[Rollcall Vote No. 22 Leg.]

YEAS --- 49

Alexander, Allard, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lieberman, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 48

Akaka, Baucus, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 154 to amendment No. 100

(in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Monday, January 22, 2007, to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 2.

Pursuant to the order of Monday, January 22, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 54, nays... 43

[Rollcall Vote No. 23 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 43

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 154 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SMITH to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 113).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ALLARD to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in section 2, at the end thereof, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 116).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mrs. BOXER) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 104).

After debate,

Mr. WYDEN, by unanimous consent, withdrew his pending amendment.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 116 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

RECESS SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That the Senate stand in recess subject to the call of the chair.

At 1:28 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) declared the Senate recessed, subject to the call of the chair.

AT 1:36 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MENENDEZ in the chair) called the Senate to order.

FAIR MINIMUM WAGE ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 116 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH) to further amend the pending amendment, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 110).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 155).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 156).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in section 2, striking subsection (a), and inserting certain words (being amendment No. 157).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in section 101, striking subsection (a), and inserting certain words (being amendment No. 158).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 159).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 160).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 161).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 162).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 116; that the time until 5:10 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate; that, at 5:10 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to said amendment; and that no second-degree amendments be in order thereto.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of amendment No. 116, the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 112; that an amendment (numbered 187) be deemed proposed by Mr. KERRY to amendment No. 112, and agreed to; that amendment No. 112, as thus amended, be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of amendment No. 112, an amendment (numbered 127) be deemed proposed by Mr. FEINGOLD, modified, and agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 116 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That it be in order for him to propose amendment No. 128; and that said amendment be laid aside.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY for Mr. KERRY (for himself and Ms. SNOWE) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 128).

The pending amendment was laid aside.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 116 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. ALLARD,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

After debate,

The hour of 5:10 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 28, nays... 69

[Rollcall Vote No. 24 Leg.]

YEAS --- 28

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, McCain, McConnell, Sununu, Thomas.

NAYS --- 69

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Hutchison, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 112 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY for Mr. KERRY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SUNUNU, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. LIEBERMAN) to insert, in lieu of the language proposed to be inserted by the pending amendment, other words (being amendment No. 187).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 112, as amended, to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY (for Mr. FEINGOLD) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 127).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The pending amendment was modified.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 127, as modified, to amendment 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 128 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, on tomorrow, upon conclusion of the prayer and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 2; that the question then be on agreeing to amendment No. 158; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Mr. KENNEDY and Mr. DEMINT thereon; that no amendment to said amendment be in order; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to said amendment.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of bill H.R. 2, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:44 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2007

Mr. ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CASEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, January 25, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., a Senator from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CASEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

FAIR MINIMUM WAGE ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 158, proposed by Mr. DEMINT, to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. BAUCUS), to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. KENNEDY raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 425(a) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT, under section 904(b) of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 18, nays... 76

[Rollcall Vote No. 25 Leg.]

YEAS --- 18

Allard, Bennett, Coburn, Cochran, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Hatch, Inhofe, Lott, McConnell, Roberts, Sessions.

NAYS --- 76

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Dodd, Dole, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. KENNEDY.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. KLOBUCHAR in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 128, proposed by Mr. KENNEDY for Mr. KERRY (for himself and Ms. SNOWE), to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MARTINEZ to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 105).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

Ordered, That Mr. DORGAN be recognized to speak for 15 minutes; and that the following remarks by him, Mr. MARTINEZ be recognized to speak for 5 minutes.

Ordered further, That, following remarks by Mr. MARTINEZ, the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 154; that the time until 12:20 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between Mr. ENSIGN and Ms. STABENOW; that, at 12:20 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; and that no second-degree amendments be in order thereto.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 105 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 154, proposed by Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. SESSIONS),

to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Ms. STABENOW raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 505(a) of H. Con. Res. 95 (108th Congress), and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. ENSIGN to waive all points of order for consideration of his pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. ENSIGN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

The question being taken on agreeing to the motion.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 47, nays... 48

[Rollcall Vote No. 26 Leg.]

YEAS --- 47

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 48

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Ms. STABENOW.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. OBAMA in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 105 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. KYL to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and sums, and inserting other words and sums (being amendment No. 205).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 201).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. ALEXANDER) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 203).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 206).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 207).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BAUCUS,

Ordered, That there be a period for concurrent debate on amendment No. 207 and amendment No. 119 until 2:05 p.m.; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between Mr. BAUCUS and Mr. BUNNING; that, at 2:05 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 207; that there then be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to a vote in relation to amendment No. 119; and that no second-degree amendments to either amendment be in order prior to the votes.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 207 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BUNNING,

Ordered, That it be in order to request the yeas and nays on the question of agreeing to his amendment No. 119, notwithstanding the amendment not presently being before the Senate.

Under authority of the foregoing order,

On motion by Mr. BUNNING,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the amendment No. 119.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 207 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CARDIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 93, nays...0

[Rollcall Vote No. 27 Leg.]

YEAS --- 93

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 119, proposed by Mr. BUNNING (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM), to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. BAUCUS raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 505(a) of H. Con. Res. 95 (108th Congress), and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. BUNNING to waive the applicable provisions of the Congressional Budget Act for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. BUNNING,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 42, nays... 51

[Rollcall Vote No. 28 Leg.]

YEAS --- 42

Allard, Bennett, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Specter, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

NAYS --- 51

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Corker, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Stabenow, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. BAUCUS.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 106 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Ms. COLLINS called for the regular order with respect to amendment No. 113.

Whereupon,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 113, proposed by Mr. SMITH, to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. WARNER) to amend the pending amendment, on page 2, striking all beginning on line 1 through line 7, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 204).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 113, as amended, to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BAUCUS,

Ordered, That the there be a period of 40 minutes for concurrent debate on amendment No. 206 and amendment No. 113, as amended; that the time therein be divided and controlled, as follows: Mr. BAUCUS, or his designee, 30 minutes; Mr. SMITH, 10 minutes; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 206; that there then be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to a vote in relation to amendment No. 113, as amended; and that no

second-degree amendments be in order to either amendment prior to the votes.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 113, as amended, to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. SMITH,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 206 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 90, nays...0

[Rollcall Vote No. 29 Leg.]

YEAS --- 90

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 113, as amended, to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

Mr. BAUCUS raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment, as amended, violates section 505(a) of H. Con. Res. 95 (108th Congress), and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. SMITH, under section 904(c) of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act for consideration of his pending amendment, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---

yeas... 43, nays... 50

[Rollcall Vote No. 30 Leg.]

YEAS --- 43

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

NAYS --- 50

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. BAUCUS.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TESTER in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment, as amended, not in order.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 203 to amendment No. 100 (in the substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. DEMINT, and Mr. COBURN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in section 102, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 195).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BURR, and Mrs. DOLE) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 118).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY for Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. CRAIG) to insert, in lieu of the language proposed to be inserted by the pending amendment, other words (being amendment No. 167).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That the time until 5:40 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate

between Mr. KENNEDY and Mr. SESSIONS on amendment No. 148, to be proposed by Mr. SESSIONS; that no second-degree amendments be in order prior to the vote; and that, at 5:40 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to the amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 167 to amendment No. 118 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. GRASSLEY) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 148).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That, upon conclusion of the vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 148, the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 205; that there be 10 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Mr. KYL and Mr. BAUCUS thereon, prior to a vote in relation to said amendment; and that no second-degree amendments be in order to said amendment prior to the vote.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 148 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the amendment.

The hour of 5:40 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 94, nays...0

[Rollcall Vote No. 31 Leg.]

YEAS --- 94

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 205 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 50, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 32 Leg.]

YEAS --- 50

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Snowe, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 42

Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Specter, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the motion to table was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. GRASSLEY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 167 to amendment No. 118 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ENZI for Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. COLEMAN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 169).

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-445. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Limitations on Withdrawals of Equity Capital" (RIN3038-AC27) received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-446. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Cote d'Ivoire that was declared in Executive Order 13396 of February 7, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-447. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Liberia that was declared in Executive Order 13348 of July 22, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-448. A communication from the Under Secretary and Director, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Facilitate Electronic Filing of Patent Correspondence" (RIN0651-AB92) received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-449. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of Section 357(c)(1) to Reorganizations" (Rev. Rul. 2007-8) received on January 23, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-450. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 1397E - Allocation of National Limitation for Qualified Zone Academy Bonds for Years 2006 and 2007" (Rev. Proc. 2007-18) received on January 23, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-451. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal

Rates - February 2007" (Rev. Rul. 2007-9) received on January 23, 2007; to the Committee on Finance

EC-452. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "CPI Adjustment for Section 1274A for 2007" (Rev. Rul. 2007-4) received on January 23, 2007; to the Committee on Finance

EC-453. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program" (RIN0906-AA70) received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-454. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-629, "Protection from Discriminatory Eviction for Victims of Domestic Violence Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-455. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-628, "Jury Trial Improvements Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-456. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-627, "Commercial Exception Clarification Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-457. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-630, "Mandatory Juvenile Public Safety Notification Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-458. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-631, "Criminal Record Sealing Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-459. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-632, "Inclusionary Zoning Implementation Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-460. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-634, "Closing of Public Alleys in Squares 798, 799, and 824 (S.O. 04-12081) and Dedication and Designation of 2nd Place, S.E., 3rd Place, S.E., L Street, S.E., (S.O. 04-12080), Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-461. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-626, "Property Interest Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-462. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-622, "Longtime Resident Business Definition Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-463. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-625, "Placement of Students with Disabilities in Nonpublic Schools Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-464. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-633, "Interest on Rental Security Deposits Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-465. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-624, "Public Charter School Assets and Facilities Preservation Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-466. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-623, "Rate of Pay for the Position of Inspector General for the Office of the Inspector General Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-467. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a

report on D.C. Act 16-620, "Developmental Disabilities Services Management Reform Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-468. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-618, "Homeland Security, Risk Reduction, and Preparedness Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-469. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-619, "Medical Malpractice Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-470. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-638, "Closing of Portions of a Public Alley System on the West Side of Square 701, S.O. 06-3392, Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-471. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-635, "Workforce Housing Production Program Approval Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-472. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-621, "Childhood Lead Screening Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-473. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-641, "Walter E. Washington Convention Center Designation Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-474. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-644, "Special Purpose Financial Captive Authorization Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-475. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a

report on D.C. Act 16-640, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 739, the Closure of Streets, the Opening and Widening of Streets, and the Dedication of Land for Street Purposes (S.O. 06-221), Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-476. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-639, "Closing of Portions of a Public Alley System in Square 700, S.O. 06-3582, Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-477. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-636, "Department of Motor Vehicles Service and Safety Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-478. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-649, "Film DC Economic Incentive Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-479. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-645, "Captive Insurance Company Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-480. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-652, "Anti-Deficiency Act Revision Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-481. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-651, "Domestic Partnerships Joint Filing Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-482. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-653, "Second Technical Amendments Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-483. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-655, "Shelter Monitoring and Emergency Assistance Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-484. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-654, "Mayor and Council Compensation Adjustment and Compensation Advisory Commission Establishment Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-485. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-646, "National Capital Revitalization Corporation Asset Transfer Clarification Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-486. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-643, "Rebuttable Presumption to Detain Robbery and Handgun Violation Suspects Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-487. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-642, "Use of Closed Circuit Television to Combat Crime Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-488. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-650, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 375, S.O. 06-656, Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-489. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-648, "Closing of a Portion of a Public Alley in Square 85, S.O. 06-8859, Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-490. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-647, "Community Access to Health Care Amendment Act of

2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 21. A resolution recognizing the uncommon valor of Wesley Autrey of New York, New York.

S. Res. 24. A resolution designating January 2007 as "National Stalking Awareness Month".

S. Res. 29. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and the many lessons still to be learned from Dr. King's example of nonviolence, courage, compassion, dignity, and public service.

By Mr. DORGAN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. Res. 40. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. Res. 42. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 387. A bill to prohibit the sale by the Department of Defense of parts for F-14 fighter aircraft; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BURR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. LOTT):

S. 388. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a national standard in accordance with which nonresidents of a State may carry concealed firearms in the State; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. KYL, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 389. A bill to increase the number of Federal judgeships, in accordance with recommendations by the Judicial Conference, in districts that have an extraordinarily high immigration caseload; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BENNETT (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 390. A bill to direct the exchange of certain land in Grand, San Juan, and Uintah Counties, Utah, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 391. A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf in the Mid-Atlantic and North Atlantic planning areas; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. 392. A bill to ensure payment of United States assessments for United Nations peacekeeping operations for the 2005 through 2008 time period; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 393. A bill to transfer unspent funds for grants by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, the Office of Justice Programs, and the Office on Violence Against Women to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 394. A bill to amend the Humane Methods of Livestock Slaughter Act of 1958 to ensure the humane slaughter of nonambulatory livestock, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 395. A bill to require States and Indian tribes to designate specific highway routes over which hazardous materials may be transported; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 396. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat controlled foreign corporations in tax havens as domestic corporations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 397. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a refundable credit against income tax for the purchase of private health insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 398. A bill to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to identify and remove barriers to reducing child abuse, to provide for

examinations of certain children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BUNNING (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 399. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include podiatrists as physicians for purposes of covering physicians services under the Medicaid program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SUNUNU (for himself, Mr. GREGG, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 400. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that dependent students who take a medically necessary leave of absence do not lose health insurance coverage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. REED, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. KOHL):

S. 401. A bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to eliminate funding shortfalls for the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. LOTT, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. PRYOR, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. DOLE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BURR, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. VITTER, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 402. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for qualified timber gains; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DORGAN:

S. Res. 40. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs; from the Committee on Indian Affairs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. Res. 41. A resolution honoring and the life and recognizing the accomplishments of Tom Mooney, president of the Ohio Federation of Teachers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. Res. 42. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary; from the Committee on the Judiciary; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. Res. 43. A resolution honoring the important contribution to the Nation of the Academy of Music in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on its 150th Anniversary; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. Res. 44. A resolution commending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln women's volleyball team for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Volleyball Championship; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 122

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 122, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to extend benefits to service sector workers and firms, enhance certain trade adjustment assistance authorities, and for other purposes.

S. 214

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 214, a bill to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys.

S. 259

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 259, a bill to authorize the establishment of the Henry Kuualoha Giugni Kupuna Memorial Archives at the University of Hawaii.

S. 343

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 343, a bill to extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999.

S. 358

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 358, a bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment.

S. 360

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of S. 360, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand expenses which qualify for the Hope Scholarship Credit and

to make the Hope Scholarship Credit and the Lifetime Learning Credit refundable.

S. 380

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 380, a bill to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 2, a concurrent resolution expressing the bipartisan resolution on Iraq.

SENATE RESOLUTION 29

At the request of Mr. KYL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 29, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and the many lessons still to be learned from Dr. King's example of nonviolence, courage, compassion, dignity, and public service.

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 29, supra.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 25, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 25, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 25, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 25, 2007, at 9:15 a.m. to hold a hearing on Iraq.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 25, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on Iraq.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, January 25, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, January 25, 2007, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen room 226.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 25, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet on Thursday, January 25, 2007, at 2:30 p.m.

HONORING THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC IN PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

On the request of Mr. BILL NELSON,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANDERS in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 43) honoring the important contribution to the Nation of the Academy of Music in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on its 150th Anniversary, submitted today by Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. CASEY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF LAW TO PUBLIC LAW 105-331

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BILL NELSON,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 188) to provide a new effective date for the applicability of certain provisions of law to Public Law 105-331.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND
FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BILL NELSON,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Lt. General David H. Petraeus, to be General, United States Army; that there be 45 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Mr. LEVIN and the minority leader, or his designee, thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; that, following the vote, a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session to resume consideration of bill H.R. 2.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BILL NELSON,

At 7:22 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2007

Mr. SHERROD BROWN, from the State of Ohio, called the Senate to order at 9 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. BROWN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, January 26, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a Senator from the State of Ohio, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. BROWN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Senate resumed its legislative session.

FAIR MINIMUM WAGE ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 2) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage; and
The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 169, proposed by Mr. ENZI (for Mr. ALLARD), to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ENZI (for Mr. CORNYN), by unanimous consent, to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendments considered en bloc and designated numbers 135 and 138).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 138 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SESSIONS (for Mr. KYL), by unanimous consent, to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendments considered en bloc and designated numbers 209 and 210).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 210 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to bill H.R. 2, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to bill H.R. 2:

TED KENNEDY, BARBARA A. MIKULSKI, DANIEL K. INOUE, BYRON L. DORGAN, JEFF BINGAMAN, FRANK R. LAUTENBERG, JACK REED, BARBARA BOXER, DANIEL K. AKAKA, MAX BAUCUS, PATTY MURRAY, MARIA CANTWELL, TOM HARKIN, ROBERT MENENDEZ, TOM CARPER, HARRY REID, CHARLES E. SCHUMER, RICHARD DURBIN.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the bill H.R. 2, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 2:

TED KENNEDY, BARBARA A. MIKULSKI, DANIEL K. INOUE, BYRON L. DORGAN, JEFF BINGAMAN, FRANK R. LAUTENBERG, JACK REED, BARBARA BOXER, DANIEL K. AKAKA, MAX BAUCUS, PATTY MURRAY, MARIA CANTWELL, TOM HARKIN, ROBERT MENENDEZ, TOM CARPER, HARRY REID, CHARLES E. SCHUMER, RICHARD DURBIN.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 210 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. MCCONNELL demanded a division of the pending amendment, as follows: page 1, line 1 through line 7, being designated as Division I; page 4, line 1 though line 10, being designated as Division II; page 2, line 11 through line 19, being designated as Division III; page 2, line 20 through line 23, being designated as Division IV; page 3, line 1 through line 5, being designated Division V.

The amendment was so divided; and

The question being on agreeing to Division I of the amendment.

Pending debate,

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER S. CON. RES. 2

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 2) expressing the bipartisan resolution on Iraq.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 2, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 2:

HARRY REID, PATTY MURRAY, HERB KOHL, JEFF BINGAMAN, BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, FRANK R. LAUTENBERG, CHARLES E. SCHUMER, DICK DURBIN, CHRISTOPHER DODD, BERNARD SANDERS, JACK REED, JOE BIDEN, CHUCK HAGEL, ROBERT MENENDEZ, OLYMPIA SNOWE, RON WYDEN, DEBBIE STABENOW.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 403. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that reimbursements for costs of using passenger automobiles for charitable and other organizations are excluded from gross income, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 404. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to require the implementation of country of origin labeling requirements by September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 405. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to specify the purposes for which funds provided under

part A of title I may be used; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. SPECTER, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BOND, Mr. BURR, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. PRYOR, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 406. A bill to ensure local governments have the flexibility needed to enhance decision-making regarding certain mass transit projects; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 407. A bill to amend the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 to designate a portion of Interstate Route 14 as a high priority corridor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. SUNUNU, and Mr. BUNNING):

S. 408. A bill to recognize the heritage of hunting and provide opportunities for continued hunting on Federal public land; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 409. A bill to provide environmental assistance to non-Federal interests in the State of North Dakota; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 410. A bill to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 to direct the Secretary of the Army to provide assistance to design and construct a project to provide a continued safe and reliable municipal water supply system for Devils Lake, North Dakota; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SMITH:

S. 411. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide credit rate parity for all renewable resources under the electricity production credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 412. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2633 11th Street in Rock Island, Illinois, as the "Lane Evans Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. BURR, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 413. A bill to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 and the Revised Statutes of the United States to prohibit financial holding companies and national banks from engaging, directly or indirectly, in real estate brokerage or real estate management activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. 414. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Federal Meat Inspection Act to require that food that contains product from a cloned animal be labeled accordingly, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 233

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 233, a bill to prohibit the use of funds for an escalation of United States military forces in Iraq above the numbers existing as of January 9, 2007.

S. 280

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 280, a bill to provide for a program to accelerate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States by establishing a market-driven system of greenhouse gas tradeable allowances, to support the deployment of new climate change-related technologies, and to ensure benefits to consumers from the trading in such allowances, and for other purposes.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 294, a bill to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 335

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 335, a bill to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from using private debt collection companies, and for other purposes.

S. 354

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 354, a bill to provide for disclosure of fire safety standards and measures with respect to campus buildings, and for other purposes.

S. 357

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 357, a bill to improve passenger automobile fuel economy and safety, reduce greenhouse gas emissions,

reduce dependence on foreign oil, and for other purposes.

S. 368

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 368, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 374

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 374, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide the same capital gains treatment for art and collectibles as for other investment property and to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor.

S. 387

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 387, a bill to prohibit the sale by the Department of Defense of parts for F-14 fighter aircraft.

S. 388

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 388, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a national standard in accordance with which nonresidents of a State may carry concealed firearms in the State.

SENATE RESOLUTION 24

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 24, a resolution designating January 2007 as "National Stalking Awareness Month".

SENATE RESOLUTION 29

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 29, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and the many lessons still to be learned from Dr. King's example of nonviolence, courage, compassion, dignity, and public service.

AUTHORITY FOR A COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Friday, January 26, 2007, at 9 a.m., in closed session to receive a briefing on recent Chinese anti-satellite testing.

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED; BILL REFERRED

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from further consideration of the bill (S. 172) to prohibit Federal funding for the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; and that the bill be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL STALKING AWARENESS MONTH"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 24) designating January 2007 as "National Stalking Awareness Month".

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE UNCOMMON VALOR OF WESLEY AUTREY OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 21) recognizing the uncommon valor of Wesley Autrey of New York, New York.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 29) expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and the many lessons still to be learned from Dr. King's example of nonviolence, courage, compassion, dignity, and public service.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2007, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, January 29, 2007; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate proceed to a period until 3:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for 10 minutes each; that Mr. DORGAN be recognized to speak therein for 45 minutes; and that Mr. SPECTER be recognized to speak for 30 minutes therein.

Ordered further, That, at 3:30 p.m., the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 2; that there be debate only on the bill until 5 p.m.; that, at 4 p.m., Mr. SESSIONS be recognized for 60 minutes; and that Senators be authorized to "file" first-degree amendments until 3 p.m. on Monday next.

Ordered further, That the quorums under rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate be waived with respect to the cloture motions presented.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. BURR and Mr. HARKIN.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today, At 2:30 p.m., The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, January 29, 2007.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2007

Mr. HARRY REID, from the State of Nevada, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. PRYOR led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, January 29, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK L. PRYOR, a Senator from the State of Arkansas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. PRYOR took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, January 26, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, January 26, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Friday, January 26, 2007,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business until 3:30 p.m.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-491. A communication from the Administrator, Dairy Programs, Department

of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Milk in the Northeast and Other Marketing Areas - Interim Final Order" (Docket No. DA-06-01), received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-492. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Office of Secondary Market Oversight, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Funding and Fiscal Affairs; Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Disclosure and Reporting Requirements; Risk-Based Capital Requirements" (RIN3052-AC17), received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-493. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two violations of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-494. A communication from the Assistant Director, Executive and Political Personnel, transmitting, pursuant to law, (14) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-495. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's purchases from foreign entities for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-496. A communication from the Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Department of Defense Policy on Organizations that Seek to Represent or Organize Members of the Armed Forces in Negotiation or Collective Bargaining" (RIN0790-AH99), received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-497. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Restriction on Carbon, Alloy, and Armor Steel Plate" (DFARS Case 2005-D002), received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-498. A communication from the Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Service by Members of the Armed Forces on State and Local Juries" (RIN0790-AH99), received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-499. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Material Inspection and Receiving Report" (DFARS Case 2003-D085), received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-500. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inflation Adjustment of Acquisition-Related Thresholds" (DFARS Case 2004-D022), received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-501. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a competition that was performed to reduce the cost of the Base Operating Support function at Homestead Air Reserve Base; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-502. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 269), received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-503. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 272), received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-504. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 287), received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-505. A communication from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's competitions in fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-506. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reports and Public Disclosure of Indebtedness of Executive Officers and Principal Shareholders to a State Nonmember Bank and its Correspondent Banks" (RIN3064-AD14), received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-507. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Community Reinvestment" (RIN3064-AD11), received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-508. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (71 FR 75885), received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-509. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (71 FR 76206), received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-510. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-511. A communication from the Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Office's competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-512. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the nuclear device detonated by North Korea on October 9, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-513. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary for Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's intent to impose new foreign policy-based export controls; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-514. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Closure (Closure of Quota Period 2 Fishery for Spiny Dogfish)" (RIN0648-AT59), received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-515. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Inseason Bluefish Quota Transfers from MA to RI" (I.D. No. 122806A), received on January 25, 2007; to

the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-516. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Closure (New Jersey Summer Flounder Commercial Fishery)" (I.D. No. 111406C), received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-517. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Inseason Bluefish Quota Transfer from Maryland to Rhode Island and Delaware to Rhode Island" (I.D. No. 121806B), received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-518. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Arrowtooth Flounder and Flathead Sole in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (I.D. No. 122006D), received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-519. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Inseason Summer Flounder Quota Transfers from Maryland to New York" (I.D. No. 121906A-X), received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-520. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure of Tilefish Permit Category C to Directed Tilefish Fishing - Temporary Rule" received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-521. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Closure " received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-522. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Commission's competitive sourcing activities for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-523. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's

competitive sourcing activities of fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-524. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Legislative Affairs, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-525. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-526. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the "Hydrogen Posture Plan"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-527. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Standards for Certain Ceiling Fan Light Kits" (RIN1904-AB54), received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-528. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on Implementation of Public Law 106-107"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-529. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Alabama Beach Mouse" (RIN1018-AU46), received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-530. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2007 - 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-531. A communication from the Acting Regulations Officer, Office of Disability and Income Security Programs, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Title II Cost-of-Living Adjustments in Primary Insurance Amounts" (RIN0960-AG42), received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-532. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Fees for Certain Services" (RIN1505-AB62), received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-533. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the President's intent to transfer \$1.8 million in funds to the International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement account; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-534. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2006-304 - 2006-313); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-535. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a semi-annual report relative to the continued compliance of certain nations with the freedom of emigration provisions; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-536. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the certification of the effectiveness of the Australia Group; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-537. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-538. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of the Under Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Under Secretary, received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-539. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of the Under Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of discontinuation of service in an acting role for the position of Under Secretary, received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-540. A communication from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Foundation's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-541. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report on Grants Streamlining; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-542. A communication from the Chief, Human Capital Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a change in previously submitted reported information and action on a nomination for the position of Inspector General, received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-543. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplements and Other Changes Approved New Animal Drug Applications" ((RIN0910-AF59)(Docket No. 1999N-1415)), received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-544. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Patient Examination and Surgeons' Gloves; Test Procedures and Acceptance Criteria" (Docket No. 2003N-0056), received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-545. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's competitive sourcing efforts of fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-546. A communication from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the organization's competitive sourcing activities of fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-547. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bureau's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-548. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2006 Report to Congress on the Costs and Benefits of Federal Regulations and Unfunded Mandates on State, Local, and Tribal Entities"; to the Committee on

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-549. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's six-month periodic report for the period that ended September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-550. A communication from the Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-551. A communication from the Corps of Engineers Secretary, Mississippi River Commission, Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Report for calendar year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-552. A communication from the Acting Chief of Staff, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Service's Annual Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-553. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the unvouchered expenditures report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-554. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Actions Taken on Office of Inspector General Recommendations"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-555. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the building project survey for Burlington, Vermont; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-556. A communication from the Deputy Director for Administration and Information Management, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the competitions performed by the Office in fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-557. A communication from the Inspector General, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Audit Report Register for the six-month periods ending March 31, 2006 and September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-558. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, the President's Pay Agent, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the extension of locality-based comparability payments; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-559. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel and Designated Reporting Official, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, (2) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Office, received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-560. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General for Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-561. A communication from the Chief of Regulations Management, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Accrued Benefits" (RIN2900-AM28), received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of a committee was submitted:

By Mr. KOHL, from the Special Committee on Aging, without amendment:

S. Res. 45. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BROWBACK (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BURR, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. KYL, and Mr. ALLARD):

S. 415. A bill to amend the Revised Statutes of the United States to prevent the use of the legal system in a manner that extorts money from State and local governments, and the Federal Government, and inhibits such governments' constitutional actions under the first, tenth, and fourteenth amendments; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 416. A bill for the relief of Denes Fulop and Gyorgyi Fulop; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 417. A bill for the relief of Claudia Marquez Rico; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 418. A bill for the relief of Shigeru Yamada; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 419. A bill for the relief of Esidronio Arreola-Saucedo, Maria Elna Cobian Arreola, Nayely Bibiana Arreola, and Cindy Jael Arreola; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 420. A bill for the relief of Jacqueline W. Coats; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 421. A bill for the relief of Robert Liang and Alice Liang; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 422. A bill to authorize any alien who has been issued a valid machine-readable biometric border crossing identification card to be temporarily admitted into the United States upon successfully completing a background check; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. WEBB, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 423. A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2007, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 424. A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to carry out the Penobscot River Restoration Project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 425. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the resources eligible for the renewable energy credit to kinetic hydropower, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 426. A bill to provide that all funds collected from the tariff on imports of ethanol be invested in the research, development, and deployment of biofuels, especially cellulosic ethanol produced from biomass feedstocks; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. KOHL:

S. Res. 45. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging; from the Special Committee on Aging; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 10

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 10, a bill to reinstate the pay-as-you-go requirement and reduce budget deficits by strengthening budget enforcement and fiscal responsibility.

S. 43

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 43, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to preserve and protect Social Security benefits of American workers and to help ensure greater congressional oversight of the Social Security system by requiring that both Houses of Congress approve a totalization agreement before the agreement, giving foreign workers Social Security benefits, can go into effect.

S. 85

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 85, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that territories and Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine.

S. 206

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 206, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 207

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] were added as cosponsors of S. 207, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate part or all of any income tax refund to support reservists and National Guard members.

S. 211

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services, volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 214

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs.

MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 214, a bill to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys.

S. 223

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 223, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 261

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 261, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 280

At the request of Mr. CARPER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 280, a bill to provide for a program to accelerate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States by establishing a market-driven system of greenhouse gas tradeable allowances, to support the deployment of new climate change-related technologies, and to ensure benefits to consumers from the trading in such allowances, and for other purposes.

S. 291

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] were added as cosponsors of S. 291, a bill to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes.

S. 315

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 315, a bill to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes.

S. 326

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special period of limitation when uniformed services retirement pay is reduced as result of award of disability compensation.

S. 340

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 340, a bill to improve agricultural job opportunities, benefits, and security for aliens in the United States and for other purposes.

S. 358

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 358, a bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic

information with respect to health insurance and employment.

S. 368

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 368, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 376

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] were added as cosponsors of S. 376, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to establish a fact-finding Commission to extend the study of a prior Commission to investigate and determine facts and circumstances surrounding the relocation, internment, and deportation to Axis countries of Latin Americans of Japanese descent from December 1941 through February 1948, and the impact of those actions by the United States, and to recommend appropriate remedies, and for other purposes.

S. 382

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a State family support grant program to end the practice of parents giving legal custody of their seriously emotionally disturbed children to State agencies for the purpose of obtaining mental health services for those children.

S. 388

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 388, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a national standard in accordance with which nonresidents of a State may carry concealed firearms in the State.

S. 413

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 413, a bill to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 and the Revised Statutes of the United States to prohibit financial holding companies and national banks from engaging, directly or indirectly, in real estate brokerage or real estate management activities, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 36

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 36, a resolution honoring women's health advocate Cynthia Boles Dailard.

FAIR MINIMUM WAGE ACT

The hour of 3:30 p.m. having passed, Pursuant to the order of Friday, January 26, 2007, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WEBB in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 2) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to Division I of amendment No. 210, proposed by Mr. SESSIONS (for Mr. KYL), to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. BAUCUS), to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. SESSIONS asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose amendment No. 147.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

The question being on agreeing to Division I of amendment No. 210 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. DURBIN called for the regular order with respect to amendment No. 157.

Whereupon,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 157, proposed by Mr. DEMINT, to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to amend the pending amendment, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 221).

Pending debate,

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE DELEGATION TO THE MEXICO-U.S. INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP DURING THE 110TH CONGRESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. KLOBUCHAR in the chair) announced that the VICE PRESIDENT, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h-276k, as amended, had appointed Mr. DODD as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group during the 110th Congress.

COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY
OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN WOMEN'S
VOLLEYBALL TEAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 44) commending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln women's volleyball team for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Volleyball Championship.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the first 30 minutes therein be controlled by the majority, and the second 30 minutes therein be controlled by the minority; that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 2; that the time until 12:15 p.m. be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders, or their designees; that the time from 11:55 a.m. until 12:05 p.m. be controlled by the minority leader, and the time from 12:05 p.m. until 12:15 p.m. be controlled by the majority leader; that, at 12:15 p.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute); that, following the vote, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, Senators be authorized to "file" second-degree amendments until 11 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,
At 5:35 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2007

Mr. SHERROD BROWN, from the State of Ohio, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Reverend Dr. Alan Keiran, Chief of Staff, Office of the Senate Chaplain, offered a prayer, and Mr. BROWN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 30, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a Senator from the State of Ohio, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. BROWN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.
Pending debate,

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Select Committee on Intelligence, without amendment:

S. Res. 50. An original resolution amending Senate Resolution 400 (94th Congress) to make amendments arising from the enactment of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 and to make other amendments (Rept. No. 110-3).

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

S. Res. 46. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LEVIN, from the Committee on Armed Services, without amendment:

S. Res. 48. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Select Committee on Intelligence, without amendment:

S. Res. 51. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Select Committee on Intelligence.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 427. A bill to provide for additional section 8 vouchers, to reauthorize the Public and Assisted Housing Drug Elimination Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 428. A bill to amend the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 429. A bill to amend the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 430. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 431. A bill to require convicted sex offenders to register online identifiers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 432. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for kidney disease education services under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. OBAMA:

S. 433. A bill to state United States policy for Iraq, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. REED, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 434. A bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to permit qualifying States to use a portion of their allotments under the State children's health insurance program for any fiscal year for certain medicaid expenditures; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ENZI, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 435. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to preserve the essential air service program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 436. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1086 to reform the system of public financing for Presidential elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 437. A bill to provide for the conveyance of an A-12 Blackbird aircraft to the Minnesota Air National Guard Historical Foundation; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 438. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit the marketing of authorized generic drugs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. Res. 46. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works; from the Committee on Environment and Public

Works; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. DODD:

S. Res. 47. A resolution honoring the life and achievements of George C. Springer, Sr., the Northeast regional director and a former vice president of the American Federation of Teachers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. Res. 48. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Armed Services; from the Committee on Armed Services; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. Res. 49. A resolution recognizing and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the entry of Alaska into the Union as the 49th State; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. Res. 50. An original resolution amending Senate Resolution 400 (94th Congress) to make amendments arising from the enactment of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 and to make other amendments; from the Select Committee on Intelligence; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. Res. 51. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Select Committee on Intelligence; from the Select Committee on Intelligence; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 43

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 43, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to preserve and protect Social Security benefits of American workers and to help ensure greater congressional oversight of the Social Security system by requiring that both Houses of Congress approve a totalization agreement before the agreement, giving foreign workers Social Security benefits, can go into effect.

S. 46

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 46, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the permissible use of health savings accounts to include premiums for non-group high deductible health plan coverage.

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 91

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS]

was added as a cosponsor of S. 91, a bill to require the Congressional Budget Office and the Joint Committee on Taxation to use dynamic economic modeling in addition to static economic modeling in the preparation of budgetary estimates of proposed changes in Federal revenue law.

S. 121

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 121, a bill to provide for the redeployment of United States forces from Iraq.

S. 156

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] were added as cosponsors of S. 156, a bill to make the moratorium on Internet access taxes and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce permanent.

S. 166

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 166, a bill to restrict any State from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services.

S. 184

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 184, a bill to provide improved rail and surface transportation security.

S. 231

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 231, a bill to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

S. 240

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 240, a bill to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992.

S. 254

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 254, a bill to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi.

S. 261

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 261, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 280

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 280, a bill to provide for a program to accelerate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States by establishing a market-driven system of greenhouse gas tradeable

allowances, to support the deployment of new climate change-related technologies, and to ensure benefits to consumers from the trading in such allowances, and for other purposes.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 309, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide, and for other purposes.

S. 340

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 340, a bill to improve agricultural job opportunities, benefits, and security for aliens in the United States and for other purposes.

S. 344

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 344, a bill to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings.

S. 357

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 357, a bill to improve passenger automobile fuel economy and safety, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, reduce dependence on foreign oil, and for other purposes.

S. 368

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 368, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 382

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a State family support grant program to end the practice of parents giving legal custody of their seriously emotionally disturbed children to State agencies for the purpose of obtaining mental health services for those children.

S. 415

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 415, a bill to amend the Revised Statutes of the United States to prevent the use of the legal system in a manner that extorts money from State and local governments, and the Federal Government, and inhibits such governments' constitutional actions under the first, tenth, and fourteenth amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of

S. Con. Res. 2, a concurrent resolution expressing the bipartisan resolution on Iraq.

SENATE RESOLUTION 34

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 34, a resolution calling for the strengthening of the efforts of the United States to defeat the Taliban and terrorist networks in Afghanistan.

SENATE RESOLUTION 39

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 39, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the need for approval by the Congress before any offensive military action by the United States against another nation.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 30, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 30, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 30, 2007, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet in Executive Session during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 30, 2007, at 9 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing entitled, "Senators' Perspectives on Global Warming."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 30, 2007, at 9:15 a.m. to hold a nomination hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 30, 2007, at 1 p.m. to hold a hearing on Iraq.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Exercising Congress's Constitutional Power to End a War" for Tuesday, January 30, 2007 at 10 a.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 30, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing and business meeting.

A MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:02 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks:

Mr. President, I am instructed to inform the Senate that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 188. An act to provide a new effective date for the applicability of certain provisions of law to Public Law 105-331.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

FAIR MINIMUM WAGE ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TESTER in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 2) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 221, proposed by Mr. DURBIN, to amendment No. 157, proposed by Mr. DEMINT, to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Friday, January 26, 2007, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill H.R. 2.

Pursuant to the order of Friday, January 26, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived.

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 87, nays... 10

[Rollcall Vote No. 34 Leg.]

YEAS --- 87

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 10

Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, DeMint, Ensign, Gregg, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 221 to amendment No. 157 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:47 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

FAIR MINIMUM WAGE ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 221 to amendment No. 157 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. CHAMBLISS, by unanimous consent, withdrew his amendment No. 118 (taking with it amendment No. 167, proposed thereto by Mr. KENNEDY for Mrs. FEINSTEIN).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 221 to amendment No. 157

to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 4:10 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Lisa Godbey Wood, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia, and Philip S. Gutierrez, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California; that there be 10 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on the Judiciary, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Lisa Godbey Wood; that, following said vote, the Senate vote on the confirmation of the nomination of Philip S. Gutierrez; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between votes; that the motions to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

Ordered further, That time consumed in executive session be counted against time for debate pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

FAIR MINIMUM WAGE ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 221 to amendment No. 157 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 4:10 p.m. having passed, Pursuant to the order of today, The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving two rollcall votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today, The Senate resumed its legislative session.

FAIR MINIMUM WAGE ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 221 to amendment No. 157 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the first 30 minutes therein be controlled by the minority, and the second 30 minutes therein be controlled by Mr. WYDEN; and that, following morning business, the Senate then resume consideration of bill H.R. 2.

Ordered further, That time consumed during the recess of the Senate on today, and during the adjournment of the Senate on today, count against the time for debate pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:49 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2007

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. TESTER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, January 31, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. TESTER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The morning hour being deemed expired,
and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.
Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-562. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Thiabendazole; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL No. 8111-1) received on January 26, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-563. A communication from the Acting Associate Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Assets Control Regulations" (31 CFR Part 500) received on January 29, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-564. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Amendment" ((RIN1625-AA36)(USCG 2001-10881)) received on January 29, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-565. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fundamental Properties of Asphalts and Modified Asphalts - II"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-566. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, two documents issued by the Agency relative to its regulatory programs; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-567. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Emission Standards for Consumer Products in the Northern Virginia Volatile Organic Compound Emissions Control Area" (FRL No. 8273-9) received on January 26, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-568. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Michigan; Control of Gasoline Volatility" (FRL No. 8274-4) received on January 26, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-569. A communication from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Secretary of the Treasury's actions directed at correcting the effects of a clerical error by the Social Security Administration; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-570. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conditional Release Period and CBP Bond Obligations for Food, Drugs, Devices and Cosmetics" (RIN1505-AB57) received on January 29, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-571. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Policy with Respect to Libya and Venezuela" (22 CFR Part 126) received on January 26, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-572. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services,

transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Head Start Monitoring for Fiscal Year 2005"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-573. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Immunology and Microbiology Devices; Classification of Quality Control Material for Cystic Fibrosis Nucleic Acid Assays" (Docket No. 2006N-0517) received on January 26, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-574. A communication from the Deputy Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-575. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Federal participation in the development and use of voluntary consensus standards during fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-576. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Director of National Intelligence, received on January 26, 2007; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CONRAD, from the Committee on the Budget, without amendment:

S. Res. 52. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. Res. 54. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. AKAKA, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. Res. 55. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DODD, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. Res. 56. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, without amendment:

S. Res. 57. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. Res. 58. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. Res. 59. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. Res. 60. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, without amendment:

S. Res. 63. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 439. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. THOMAS):

S. 440. A bill to designate the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located at 2820 Rungius Road, Jackson, Wyoming, as the "National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 441. A bill to permit certain school districts in Illinois to be reconstituted for purposes of determining assistance under the

Impact Aid program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SMITH, Mr. KERRY, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 442. A bill to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself and Mr. ALLARD):

S. 443. A bill to establish the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 444. A bill to establish the South Park National Heritage Area in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 445. A bill to establish the position of Trade Enforcement Officer and a Trade Enforcement Division in the Office of the United States Trade Representative, to require identification of trade enforcement priorities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 446. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize capitation grants to increase the number of nursing faculty and students, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 447. A bill to abolish the death penalty under Federal law; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 448. A bill to prohibit the use of funds to continue deployment of the United States Armed Forces in Iraq beyond six months after the date of the enactment of this Act; to the Committee on Foreign Relations

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 449. A bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide standards and procedures to guide both State and local law enforcement agencies and law enforcement officers during internal investigations, interrogation of law enforcement officers, and administrative disciplinary hearings, to ensure accountability of law enforcement officers, to guarantee the due process rights of law enforcement officers, and to require States to enact law enforcement discipline, accountability, and due process laws; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. REED, Mr. WARNER, Mr.

GRAHAM, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. DODD):

S. 450. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DODD, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 451. A bill to establish a National Foreign Language Coordination Council; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 452. A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to ensure that liable entities meet environmental cleanup obligations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 453. A bill to prohibit deceptive practices in Federal elections; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 454. A bill to provide an increase in funding for Federal Pell Grants, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 in order to expand the deduction for interest paid on student loans, raise the contribution limits for Coverdell Education Savings Accounts, and make the exclusion for employer provided educational assistance permanent, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 455. A bill to amend the internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief to active duty military personnel and employers who assist them, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. KYL, Mr. STEVENS, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SALAZAR, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 456. A bill to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr.

LIEBERMAN, Mr. LOTT, and Mr. REED):

S. 457. A bill to extend the date on which the National Security Personnel System will first apply to certain defense laboratories; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 458. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the treatment of certain physician pathology services under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 459. A bill to require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies, lumpectomies, and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer and coverage for secondary consultations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 460. A bill to make determinations by the United States Trade Representative under title III of the Trade Act of 1974 reviewable by the Court of International Trade and to ensure that the United States Trade Representative considers petitions to enforce United States Trade rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 461. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide an Inspector General for the judicial branch, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 462. A bill to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation in Nevada, to require the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the settlement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. McCAIN (for himself and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 463. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify when organizations described in section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 must register as political committees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 464. A bill to amend title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to improve the

requirements regarding advance directives in order to ensure that an individual's health care decisions are complied with, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 465. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act and title III of the Public Health Service Act to improve access to information about individuals' health care options and legal rights for care near the end of life, to promote advance care planning and decisionmaking so that individuals' wishes are known should they become unable to speak for themselves, to engage health care providers in disseminating information about and assisting in the preparation of advance directives, which include living wills and durable powers of attorney for health care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 466. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of an end-of-life planning consultation as part of an initial preventive physical examination under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 467. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to expand the clinical trials drug data bank; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. DODD, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 468. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to drug safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 469. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 470. A bill to express the sense of Congress on Iraq; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CONRAD:

S. Res. 52. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Budget; from the Committee on the Budget; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. OBAMA):

S. Res. 53. A resolution congratulating Illinois State University as it marks its sesquicentennial; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. Res. 54. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. Res. 55. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. DODD:

S. Res. 56. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. Res. 57. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. INOUE:

S. Res. 58. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. Res. 59. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance; from the Committee on Finance; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. Res. 60. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. McCAIN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BOND, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN,

Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. REID, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. Res. 61. A resolution designating January 2007 as "National Mentoring Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. Res. 62. A resolution recognizing the goals of Catholic Schools Week and honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. Res. 63. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Rules and Administration; from the Committee on Rules and Administration; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DODD, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. BAYH):

S. Con. Res. 5. A concurrent resolution honoring the life of Percy Lavon Julian, a pioneer in the field of organic chemistry and the first and only African-American chemist to be inducted into the National Academy of Sciences; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. THOMAS):

S. Con. Res. 6. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located in Jackson, Wyoming, should be designated as the "National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEVIN, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. Con. Res. 7. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress on Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 101

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 101, a bill to update and reinvigorate universal service provided under the Communications Act of 1934.

S. 166

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 166, a bill to restrict any State from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services.

S. 233

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 233, a bill to prohibit the use of funds for an escalation of United States military forces in Iraq above the numbers existing as of January 9, 2007.

S. 268

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 268, a bill to designate the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail, and for other purposes.

S. 281

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 281, a bill to amend title 44 of the United States Code, to provide for the suspension of fines under certain circumstances for first-time paperwork violations by small business concerns.

S. 287

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 287, a bill to prohibit the use of funds for an escalation of United States military forces in Iraq above the numbers existing as of January 9, 2007.

S. 380

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 380, a bill to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to establish a fact-finding Commission to extend the study of a prior Commission to investigate and determine facts and circumstances surrounding the relocation, internment, and deportation to Axis countries of Latin Americans of Japanese descent from December 1941 through February 1948, and the impact of those actions by the United States, and to recommend appropriate remedies, and for other purposes.

S. 408

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 408, a bill to recognize the heritage of hunting and provide opportunities for continued hunting on Federal public land.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 430, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER], the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] and the Senator

from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 430, supra.

S. 431

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 431, a bill to require convicted sex offenders to register online identifiers, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 31, 2007 at 9:45 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 31, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 31, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the sessions of the Senate on Wednesday, January 31, 2007, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to hold a Business Meeting during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 31, 2007, at 11:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Wednesday, January 31, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 31, 2007, at 9:15 a.m. to hold a hearing on Iraq.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 31, 2007 at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Examining the Iraq Study Group's Recommendations for Improvements to

Iraq's Police and Criminal Justice System" for Wednesday, January 31, 2007 at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "US-VISIT Challenges and Strategies for Securing the U.S. Border" for Wednesday, January 31, 2007, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 31, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct its organizational meeting for the 110th Congress.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate for a hearing entitled "Assessing Federal Small Business Assistance Programs for Veterans and Reservists," on Wednesday, January 31, 2007, beginning at 10 a.m.

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

The Joint Economic Committee be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing in room 106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, Wednesday, January 31, 2007 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet Wednesday, January 31, 2007 from 10:30 a.m. until 12 p.m. in Dirksen 562 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

The Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 31, 2007, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:52 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 49. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 North Frontage Road West in Vail, Colorado, as the "Gerald R. Ford, Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 335. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 152 North 5th Street in Laramie, Wyoming, as the "Gale W. McGee Post Office".

H.R. 521. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2633 11th Street in Rock Island, Illinois, as the "Lane Evans Post Office Building".

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 20. Concurrent resolution calling on the Government of the United Kingdom to immediately establish a full, independent, and public judicial inquiry into the murder of Northern Ireland defense attorney Patrick Finucane, as recommended by Judge Peter Cory as part of the Weston Park Agreement, in order to move forward on the Northern Ireland peace process.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 1928a, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, in addition to Mr. TANNER of Tennessee, Chairman, appointed on January 11, 2007: Mrs. TAUSCHER of California, Vice Chairman, Mr. ROSS of Arkansas, Mr. CHANDLER of Kentucky, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia and Ms. BEAN of Illinois.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 1928a, clause 10 of rule I, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly: Mr. GILLMOR of Ohio, Mr. REGULA of Ohio, Mr. BOOZMAN of Arkansas, and Mr. SHIMKUS of Illinois.

At 4:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 20. A joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes.

At 4:31 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 5. Concurrent resolution expressing support for the designation and goals of "Hire a Veteran Week" and encouraging the President to issue a proclamation supporting those goals.

H. Con. Res. 34. Concurrent resolution honoring the life of Perry Lavon Julian, a pioneer in the field of organic chemistry research and development and the first and only African American chemist to be inducted into the National Academy of Sciences.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 161(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2211), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House

of Representatives as Congressional Advisers on Trade Policy and Negotiations: Mr. RANGEL of New York, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. TANNER of Tennessee, Mr. MCCRERY of Louisiana, and Mr. HERGER of California.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 8002 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the Committee on Ways and Means appoints the following Members to serve on the Joint Committee on Taxation: Mr. RANGEL of New York, Mr. STARK of California, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. MCCRERY of Louisiana; and Mr. HERGER of California.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 49. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 North Frontage Road West in Vail, Colorado, as the "Gerald R. Ford, Jr. Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 335. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 152 North 5th Street in Laramie, Wyoming, as the "Gale W. McGee Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 521. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2633 11th Street in Rock Island, Illinois, as the "Lane Evans Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

FAIR MINIMUM WAGE ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARDIN in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 2) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 221, proposed by Mr. DURBIN, to amendment No. 157, proposed by Mr. DEMINT, to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

Ordered, That the time until 2:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between Mr. BAUCUS and Mr. KYL, or their designees; that, at 2:30 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 209; and that

no amendments be in order to said amendment prior to the vote.

Ordered further, That, following said vote, the amendment No. 115 be considered in order for purposes of drafting pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate; that all pending amendments, except for amendment No. 115, be withdrawn; and that no other amendment be in order to be proposed.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 221 to amendment No. 157 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 209, proposed by Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. SPECTER), to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 49, nays... 48

[Rollcall Vote No. 37 Leg.]

YEAS --- 49

Akaka, Baucus, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 48

Alexander, Allard, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

So the motion to table was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendments numbered 157 (and 221 thereto), 210, 138, 135, 169, 195, 203, 201, 105, 128, 162, 161, 160, 159, 156, 155, 110, 153, 152, 101, were deemed withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 115 to amendment No. 100

(in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That the time until 4 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between Mr. BAUCUS and Mr. KYL, or their designees; that, at 4 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 115; that, following disposition of said amendment, all time for debate under rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate be deemed concluded; that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended; that, upon disposition of said amendment, there be 4 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the majority leader and the minority leader, or their designees; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 2, with no intervening action or debate.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 115 to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. BAUCUS raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 505(a) of H. Con. Res. 95 (108th Congress), and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS (on behalf of Mr. KYL), under section 904(b) of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS (on behalf of Mr. KYL),

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 46, nays... 50

[Rollcall Vote No. 38 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Alexander, Allard, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

NAYS --- 50

Akaka, Baucus, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Corker, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Pryor,

Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Stabenow, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. CARPER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. BAUCUS.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SALAZAR in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 100 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

On motion by Mr. ENZI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Mr. KENNEDY asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

Mr. INHOFE objected.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Friday, January 26, 2007, to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 2.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 88, nays... 8

[Rollcall Vote No. 39 Leg.]

YEAS --- 88

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer,

Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 8

Coburn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Ensign, Kyl, Martinez, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF S. CON. RES. 7

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 7) expressing the sense of Congress on Iraq at 12 noon on Monday, February 5, 2007; that amendments then be in order to be proposed thereto; and that the motion to bring to a close debate on S. Con. Res. 2 be withdrawn.

After debate,

Mr. McCONNELL objected.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION
ON TOMORROW

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 11:45 a.m. on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations: Lawrence Joseph O'Neill, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, Valerie L. Baker, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Gregory Kent Frizzell, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma; that there be 10 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Mr. LEAHY and Mr. SPECTER, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Lawrence Joseph O'Neill; that, following the vote, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Valerie L. Baker; that, following said vote, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Gregory Kent Frizzell; that there be 2 minutes for debate between the votes; that motions to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

Ordered further, That time consumed in executive session be counted against the time for debate on bill H.R. 2, as pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL
MENTORING MONTH"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 61) designating January 2007 as "National Mentoring Month", submitted today by Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BOND, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. REID, and Mr. SPECTER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN THE
UNITED STATES

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 62) recognizing the goals of Catholic Schools Week and honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United States, submitted today by Mr. VITTER (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION READ
THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 20) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the joint resolution be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the joint resolution would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 470) to express the sense of Congress on Iraq, introduced today by Mr. LEVIN, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 11:45 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the first 30 minutes therein be controlled by the minority, and the second 30 minutes therein be controlled by the majority; that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today; and that, when the Senate resumes its legislative session, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 2.

Ordered further, That time consumed during the adjournment of the Senate on today, and during the period for morning business on tomorrow counted against the time for debate on bill H.R. 2, as pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT
ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Ms. SNOWE.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,
At 8:27 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2007

Mr. BARACK OBAMA, from the State of Illinois, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. OBAMA led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, February 1, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BARACK OBAMA, a Senator from the State of Illinois, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. OBAMA took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business until 11:45 a.m.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-577. A communication from the Director, Office of Human Resources Management, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's report on category rating; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-578. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to employees who were assigned to congressional committees during fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-579. A communication from the Insurance Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees Health Benefits: Payment of Premiums for Periods of Leave Without Pay or Insufficient Pay" (RIN3206-AG66), received on January 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of a committee was submitted:

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. Res. 64. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. 471. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to The Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitor Center Foundation, Inc. certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in Nebraska, to be used as an historical interpretive site along the trail; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 472. A bill to authorize a major medical facility project for the Department of Veterans Affairs at Denver, Colorado; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 473. A bill to improve the prohibitions on money laundering, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 474. A bill to award a congressional gold medal to Michael Ellis DeBakey, M.D.; to the

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 475. A bill to increase the number of Deputy United States Marshals that investigate immigration crimes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 476. A bill to amend chapter 3 of title 28, United States Code, to provide for 11 circuit judges on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 477. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land and improvements of the Gooding Division of the Minidoka Project, Idaho; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. McCAIN (for himself and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 478. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to replace the Federal Election Commission with Federal Election Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. THUNE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 479. A bill to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 480. A bill to amend the Antitrust Modernization Commission Act of 2002, to extend the term of the Antitrust Modernization Commission and to make a technical correction; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. McCAIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 481. A bill to recruit and retain more qualified individuals to teach in Tribal Colleges or Universities; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS:

S. 482. A bill for the relief of Charles Nyaga; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS:

S. 483. A bill for the relief of Salah Naji Sujaa; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 484. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve drug safety and oversight, and for other purposes; to the

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 485. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish an economy-wide global warming pollution emission cap-and-trade program to assist the economy in transitioning to new clean energy technologies, to protect employees and affected communities, to protect companies and consumers from significant increases in energy costs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 486. A bill to establish requirements for lenders and institutions of higher education in order to protect students and other borrowers receiving educational loans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. BOND, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 487. A bill to amend the National Organ Transplant Act to clarify that kidney paired donations shall not be considered to involve the transfer of a human organ for valuable consideration; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. Res. 64. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations; from the Committee on Foreign Relations; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. Res. 65. A resolution condemning the murder of Turkish-Armenian journalist and human rights advocate Hrant Dink and urging the people of Turkey to honor his legacy of tolerance; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. Res. 66. A resolution honoring the life, achievements, and distinguished career of the Reverend Robert F. Drinan, S.J.; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. DOLE:

S. Res. 67. A resolution designating March 2007 as "Go Direct Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. Res. 68. A resolution commending the Miss America Organization for its longstanding commitment to quality education and the character of women in the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. Con. Res. 8. A concurrent resolution expressing the support of Congress for the creation of a National Hurricane Museum and Science Center in southwest Louisiana; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 80

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 80, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for 8 weeks of paid leave for Federal employees giving birth and for other purposes.

S. 254

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI], the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 254, a bill to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi.

S. 261

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR], the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] were added as cosponsors of S. 261, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 355

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 355, a bill to establish a National Commission on Entitlement Solvency.

S. 359

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 359, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide additional support to students.

S. 368

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 368, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 374

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 374, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide the same capital gains treatment for art and collectibles as for other investment property and to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor.

S. 388

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] were added as cosponsors of S. 388, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a national standard in accordance with which nonresidents of a State may carry concealed firearms in the State.

S. 398

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 398, a bill to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to identify and remove barriers to reducing child abuse, to provide for examinations of certain children, and for other purposes.

S. 402

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. DEMINT] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of S. 402, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for qualified timber gains.

S. 413

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 413, a bill to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 and the Revised Statutes of the United States to prohibit financial holding companies and national banks from engaging, directly or indirectly, in real estate brokerage or real estate management activities, and for other purposes.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 430, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 433

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 433, a bill to state

United States policy for Iraq, and for other purposes.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 439, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

S. 455

At the request of Mr. SMITH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 455, a bill to amend the internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief to active duty military personnel and employers who assist them, and for other purposes.

S. 470

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 470, a bill to express the sense of Congress on Iraq.

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 470, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 470, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 470, *supra*.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 7

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 7, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress on Iraq.

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 7, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 7, *supra*.

SENATE RESOLUTION 23

At the request of Mr. SMITH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 23, a resolution designating the week of February 5 through February 9, 2007, as "National School Counseling Week".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 1, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to consider the nomination of General George W. Casey, Jr.,

USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief of Staff, United States Army.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the sessions of the Senate on Thursday, February 1, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of this hearing is to assess the communications marketplace.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 1, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-G50 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. The purpose of the hearing is to examine accelerated biofuels diversity, focusing on how home-grown, biologically derived fuels can blend into the Nation's transportation fuel mix.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Thursday, February 1, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "The Future of CHIP: Improving the Health of America's Children".

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 1, 2007, at 9:15 a.m., to hold a hearing on Iraq.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, February 1, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a confirmation hearing on the President's nomination of Mr. Carl Joseph Artman, to be Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, to be followed immediately by a business meeting to approve the nomination of Mr. Carl Joseph Artman, to be Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 1, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold an open hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet on Thursday, February 1, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. for a hearing entitled, Private Health Records: Privacy Implications of the Federal Government's Health Information Technology Initiative.

JOINT RESOLUTION READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 20) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the joint resolution.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the joint resolution would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 470) to express the sense of Congress on Iraq, introduced on yesterday by Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BILL NELSON, and Mr. SALAZAR), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 11:45 a.m. having passed, Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving two rollcall votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate resumed its legislative session.

FAIR MINIMUM WAGE ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 2) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

Ordered, That, at 2:30 p.m., the Senate recess subject to the call of the chair.

RECESS

Pursuant to the foregoing order, as modified,

At 2:29 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. MCCASKILL in the chair) declared the Senate recessed, subject to the call of the chair.

AT 3:26 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. KLOBUCHAR in the chair) called the Senate to order.

FAIR MINIMUM WAGE ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the time until 5 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between Mr. KENNEDY and Mr. ENZI, or their designees; that, at 5 p.m., all time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded; that the bill, as amended, be read the third time; that the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, without further intervening action or debate; and that, following passage of the bill, as amended, a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Ordered further, That, there then be 4 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 2.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill, as amended, pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 94, nays... 3

[Rollcall Vote No. 42 Leg.]

YEAS --- 94

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 3

Coburn, DeMint, Kyl.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to reconsider the vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER CONCURRENT RESOLUTION S. CON. RES. 2

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider the S. Con. Res. 2 be withdrawn.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on January 26, 2007, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 2) expressing the bipartisan resolution on Iraq.

Pursuant to the order of January 26, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 0, nays... 97

[Rollcall Vote No. 43 Leg.]

NAYS --- 97

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton,

Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Pending debate,

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 470

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That it be in order to move to proceed to consider bill S. 470.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 470) to express the sense of Congress on Iraq.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed to consider bill S. 470, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 470:

CARL LEVIN, JOE BIDEN, KEN SALAZAR, HARRY REID, PAT LEAHY, SHERROD BROWN, PATTY MURRAY, ROBERT MENENDEZ, JOHN F. KERRY, B.A. MIKULSKI, DICK DURBIN, JACK REED, TOM HARKIN, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, BILL NELSON, H.R. CLINTON, HERB KOHL, BEN NELSON.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the pending motion at 5 p.m. on Monday, February 5, 2007; that the quorum under the rule be waived; and that, if the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 470 is agreed to, it be in order to present a motion to bring to a close debate on the bill by the end of the session of the Senate on Tuesday next.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

HONORING THE REVEREND
ROBERT F. DRINAN, S.J.

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WEBB in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 66) honoring the life, achievements, and distinguished career of the Reverend Robert F. Drinan, S.J., submitted today by Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. LEAHY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "GO DIRECT
MONTH"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 67) designating March 2007 as "Go Direct Month", submitted today by Mrs. DOLE, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMENDING THE MISS AMERICA
ORGANIZATION

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 68) commending the Miss America Organization for its longstanding commitment to quality education and the character of women in the United States, submitted today by Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. ISAKSON), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL
SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 23) designating the week of February 5 through February 9, 2007, as "National School Counseling Week".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PERCY
LAVON JULIAN

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 34) honoring the life of Percy Lavon Julian, a pioneer in the field of organic chemistry research and development and the first and only African American chemist to be inducted into the National Academy of Sciences, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 5, 2007, AND FOR
PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 5, 2007; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 4 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for 10 minutes each; and that Mr. BYRD be recognized to speak therein for 60 minutes.

Ordered further, That, at 4 p.m., the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 470.

PROVIDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL
TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF
PROGRAMS UNDER THE SMALL
BUSINESS ACT AND THE SMALL
BUSINESS INVESTMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 434) to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through December 31, 2007, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. KERRY) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 229, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, on motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. KERRY), so as to read: "An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through July 31, 2007, and for other purposes".

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:43 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 5, 2007.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2007

Mr. MARK L. PRYOR, from the State of Arkansas, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. PRYOR led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, February 5, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK L. PRYOR, a Senator from the State of Arkansas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. PRYOR took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 1, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 1, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 1, 2007,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following messages from the President of the United States were transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries:

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE
INTERDICTION OF AIRCRAFT ENGAGED
IN ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING—PM 3

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

Consistent with the authorities relating to official immunity in the interdiction of aircraft engaged in illicit drug trafficking (Public Law 107-108, as amended, 22 U.S.C. 2291-4), and in order to keep the Congress fully informed, I am providing a report prepared by my Administration. This report

includes matters relating to the interdiction of aircraft engaged in illicit drug trafficking.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 5, 2007.*

RELATIVE TO BLOCKING PROPERTY OF
CERTAIN PERSONS CONTRIBUTING TO
THE CONFLICT IN COTE D'IVOIRE—
PM 4

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication, stating that the national emergency and related measures blocking the property of certain persons contributing to the conflict in d'Ivoire are to continue in effect beyond February 7, 2007.

The situation in or in relation to d'Ivoire, which has been addressed by the United Nations Security Council in Resolution 1572 of November 15, 2004, and subsequent resolutions, has resulted in the massacre of large numbers of civilians, widespread human rights abuses, significant political violence and unrest, and attacks against international peacekeeping forces leading to fatalities. This situation poses a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency and related measures blocking the property of certain persons contributing to the conflict in d'Ivoire.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 5, 2007.*

BUDGET OF THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR
2008—PM 5

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975 as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; to the Committees on the Budget; and Appropriations:

To the Congress of the United States:

America is a country of opportunity. Throughout our history, we have overcome great challenges by drawing on the strength, creativity, and resolve of the American

people. We have adapted to change—while maintaining our commitment to freedom and an open economy.

Our economy is strong and growing, Federal revenues are robust, and we have made significant progress in reducing the deficit. The Budget I am presenting achieves balance by 2012. My formula for a balanced budget reflects the priorities of our country at this moment in its history: protecting the homeland and fighting terrorism, keeping the economy strong with low taxes, and keeping spending under control while making Federal programs more effective.

As Commander in Chief, my highest priority is the security of our Nation. My Budget invests substantial resources to fight the Global War on Terror, and ensure our homeland is protected from those who would do us harm. We will transform our military to meet the new threats of the 21st Century and provide the brave men and women on the front lines with the resources they need to be successful in this decisive ideological struggle. The Budget will support a new strategy in Iraq that demands more from Iraq's elected government, and gives American forces in Iraq the reinforcements they need to complete their mission. And it will continue to provide the tools necessary to keep America safe by detecting, disrupting, and dismantling terrorist plots.

The U.S. economy is strong. Since August 2003, 7.2 million jobs have been created. Unemployment is low. Wages are growing. Productivity is strong. Inflation and interest rates are low. And we have seen tremendous progress despite a series of challenges, including recession, the terrorist attacks of 2001, corporate scandals, the costliest natural disaster in our Nation's history, energy price spikes, and a temporary slowdown in the housing sector. The resilience of our economy is a tribute to America's workers and entrepreneurs. And well-timed, pro-growth tax policies helped create the right climate for innovation and entrepreneurship.

The Federal deficit is declining and on a path to elimination. Last year, we successfully met our goal of cutting the deficit in half, three years ahead of schedule. This occurred because tax relief helped the economy to recover and grow, resulting in record-high revenues while we restrained non-security discretionary spending. With continued strong economic growth and spending discipline, we are now positioned to balance the budget by 2012, while providing for our national security and making tax relief permanent.

My Budget proposes to keep non-security discretionary spending below inflation for the next five years. My Budget also reforms projects and spending that don't get the job done. We need lawmakers' support to help us accomplish this goal—including reforms that

will improve the Congressional budget process.

To bolster public confidence in the Government's ability to manage taxpayers' money successfully, Congress should adopt earmark reform. The earmark process should be made more transparent, ending the practice of concealing earmarks in so-called report language never included in legislation. The number and cost of earmarks should be cut by at least half by the end of this session. I have also called on Congress to adopt the legislative line-item veto, which gives the Legislative and Executive Branches a tool to help eliminate wasteful spending. These common-sense reforms will help prevent billions of taxpayers' dollars from being spent on unnecessary and unjustified projects.

To keep this economy strong we must take on the challenge of entitlements. Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid are commitments of conscience, and so it is our duty to keep them permanently sound. If we do not address this challenge, we will one day leave our children with three bad options: huge tax increases, huge deficits, or huge and immediate cuts in benefits.

In the short term, my Budget works to slow the rate of growth of these programs, saving \$96 billion over five years. This Administration is also actively working with Congress to comprehensively reform and improve these vital programs so they will be strong for the next generations of Americans.

I am optimistic about the future of our country. We are an entrepreneurial and hard-working Nation. And while we face great challenges, we enjoy great opportunities. This Budget reflects our highest priorities while reducing the deficit and achieving a balanced budget by 2012. I am confident that this approach will help make our country more secure and more prosperous.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 5, 2007.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-580. A communication from the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the HOPE VI program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-581. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the progress made in licensing and constructing the Alaska natural gas pipeline and describing any issue

impeding that progress; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-582. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Corrections and Updates to Technical Guidelines for Voluntary Greenhouse Gas Reporting" (RIN1901-AB23) received on January 31, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-583. A communication from the Acting Officer, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Texas Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Plan" (Docket No. TX-056-FOR) received on February 1, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-584. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report relative to a document recently issued by the Agency related to its regulatory programs; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-585. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "North Dakota State University v. United States, 255 F.3d 599 (8th Cir. 2001), nonacq., 2001-2 C.B. xv" (Action on Decision: AOD 2007-6) received on January 31, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-586. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice on Closing Agreements for Certain Life Insurance and Annuity Contracts that Fail to Meet the Requirements of Sections 817(h), 7702 and 7702A" (Notice 2007-15) received on January 31, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-587. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Rev. Proc. 2001-42" (Rev. Proc. 2007-19) received on January 31, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-588. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Diversification of Investments in Certain Defined Contribution Plans - Section 901 of Pension Protection Act" (Notice 2006-107) received on January 31, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-589. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the actions of departments and agencies relating to the prevention of nuclear proliferation from January 1 to December 31, 2005; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-590. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program Report for Fiscal Year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-591. A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. DOLE (for herself and Mr. BURR):

S. 488. A bill to revise the boundary of the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site in the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WARNER:

S. 489. A bill to improve efficiency in the Federal Government through the use of green buildings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 490. A bill to provide for the return of the Fresnel Lens to the lantern room atop Presque Isle Light Station Lighthouse, Michigan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. COBURN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. DOLE, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. Res. 69. A resolution recognizing the African-American spiritual as a national treasure; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr.

CORNYN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. THUNE, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. Res. 70. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Commander of Multinational Forces-Iraq and all United States personnel under his command should receive from Congress the full support necessary to carry out the United States mission in Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. Res. 71. A resolution expressing support for the Transitional Federal Government of the Somali Republic; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 5

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] were added as cosponsors of S. 5, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research.

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 67

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] were added as cosponsors of S. 67, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit former members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces are entitled to travel on such aircraft.

S. 93

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 93, a bill to authorize NTIA to borrow against anticipated receipts of the Digital Television and Public Safety Fund to initiate migration to a national IP-enabled emergency network capable of receiving and responding to all citizen activated emergency communications.

S. 214

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 214, a bill to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys.

S. 261

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 261, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to

strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 291

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 291, a bill to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes.

S. 311

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 311, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 311, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. BROWN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 311, *supra*.

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 311, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 311, *supra*.

S. 322

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 322, a bill to establish an Indian youth telemental health demonstration project.

S. 340

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 340, a bill to improve agricultural job opportunities, benefits, and security for aliens in the United States and for other purposes.

S. 388

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 388, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a national standard in accordance with which nonresidents of a State may carry concealed firearms in the State.

S. 402

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 402, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for qualified timber gains.

S. 415

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 415, a bill to amend the Revised Statutes of the United States to prevent the use of the legal system in a manner that extorts money from State and local governments, and the Federal Government, and inhibits such governments' constitutional actions under the first, tenth, and fourteenth amendments.

S. 431

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 431, a bill to

require convicted sex offenders to register online identifiers, and for other purposes.

S. 433

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 433, a bill to state United States policy for Iraq, and for other purposes.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

S. 448

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 448, a bill to prohibit the use of funds to continue deployment of the United States Armed Forces in Iraq beyond six months after the date of the enactment of this Act.

S. 465

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 465, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act and title III of the Public Health Service Act to improve access to information about individuals' health care options and legal rights for care near the end of life, to promote advance care planning and decisionmaking so that individuals' wishes are known should they become unable to speak for themselves, to engage health care providers in disseminating information about and assisting in the preparation of advance directives, which include living wills and durable powers of attorney for health care, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 7

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 7, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress on Iraq.

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH], the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 7, *supra*.

SENATE RESOLUTION 18

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 18, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding designation of the month of November as "National Military Family Month".

AUTHORITY FOR A COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BILL NELSON,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law be authorized to meet on Monday, February 5, 2007 at 3 p.m. to conduct a hearing on "Genocide and the Rule of Law" in Room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 470

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 1, 2007, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WEBB in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. REID on Thursday, February 1, 2007, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 470) to express the sense of Congress on Iraq; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS, EN BLOC

Mr. McCONNELL asked unanimous consent that, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider, en bloc, the following concurrent resolutions: the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 7 (to be discharged from the Committee on Foreign Relations); a concurrent resolution intended to be submitted by Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. GRAHAM), relative to benchmarks; and a concurrent resolution intended to be submitted by Mr. GREGG, relative to funding and supporting our troops; that there be a limitation of 10 hours, equally divided and controlled, for concurrent debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that no amendments be in order to be proposed; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote, in "stacked" sequence, on the question of agreeing to the concurrent resolutions in the following order, with no intervening action or debate: a concurrent resolutions in the following order, with no intervening action or debate: a concurrent resolution intended to be submitted by Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. GRAHAM); a concurrent resolution intended to be submitted by Mr. GREGG, and concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 7; and that if any of the concurrent resolutions fails to be agreed to with a minimum of 60 yeas, the vote by which the

concurrent resolution was agreed to be vitiated, and the concurrent resolution be returned to its previous status.

After debate,
Mr. REID objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 470

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 470.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that when bill S. 470 is to be read the third time, it be modified into a concurrent resolution; and that the question then occur on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, not passage of bill S. 470.

Mr. McCONNELL objected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. STABENOW in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion presented by Mr. REID on Thursday, February 1, 2007, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 470.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 1, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 49, nays... 47

[Rollcall Vote No. 44 Leg.]

YEAS --- 49

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

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Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lieberman, Lott, Lugar, McConnell, Murkowski, Reid, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. REID, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion to bring to a close

debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 470 was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 470.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE (HELSINKI)

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) announced that the VICE PRESIDENT, pursuant to Public Law 94-304, as amended Public Law 99-7, had appointed the following Senators as members of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the 110th Congress: Mr. DODD, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. KERRY, Mr. CARDIN.

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED; BILL REFERRED

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 153) to provide for the monitoring of the long-term medical health of firefighters who responded to emergencies in certain disaster areas and for the treatment of such firefighters; and that the bill be referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ORDER FOR THE READING OF WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the order of the Senate of January 24, 1901, the reading of Washington's Farewell Address occur on February 26, 2007, at 2 p.m.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 12:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the first 30 minutes therein be controlled by the majority; that the

following be recognized to speak therein for 10 minutes each: Mr. LEAHY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KENNEDY; that the second 30 minutes therein be controlled by the minority; and that the time until 12:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled between the majority and minority.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

At 7:11 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2007

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. TESTER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, February 6, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. TESTER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-592. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emerald Ash Borer; Quarantined Areas; Michigan" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0131) received on February 5, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-593. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Avermectin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL No. 8110-8) received on February 5, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-594. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tris (2-ethylhexyl) Phosphate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8112-2) received on February 5, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-595. A communication from the Secretary of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an Average Procurement Unit Cost and a Program Acquisition Unit Cost breach; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-596. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency's biennial strategic plan; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-597. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Utah; Administrative Procedures" (FRL No. 8275-2) received on February 5, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-598. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-599. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Private Security Officer Employment Authorization Act of 2004" (RIN1110-AA23) received on February 5, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-600. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its budget request for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-601. A communication from the Legal Advisor, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Broadband Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rechannalization of the 17.7-19.7 GHz Frequency Band for Fixed Microwave Services Under Part 101 of the Commission's Rules" (WT Docket No. 04-143) received on February 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-602. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Part 97 of the Commission's Rules to Implement WRC-03 Regulations in WT Docket No. 05-235" (FCC 06-178) received on February 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-603. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Petition of Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Incorporated for Order Declaring it to be an Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier in Terry, Montana Pursuant to Section 251(h)(2)" (FCC 06-132) received on February 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-604. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Hennessey, Oklahoma)" (MB Docket No. 05-85) received on February 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-605. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Opelika and Waverly, Alabama, and Smyrna, Georgia)" (MB Docket No. 05-79) received on February 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-606. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Hale Center, Texas)" (MB Docket No. 05-114) received on February 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-607. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Columbus, Indiana)" (MB Docket No. 05-238) received on February 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-608. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commission Reporting Requirements Under Section 8 of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 19(a)5" (Billing Code 6750-01P) received on February 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-609. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act and Broadband Access and Services" (ET Docket No. 04-295) received on February 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-610. A communication from the Attorney, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Transportation of Oxygen Cylinders and Oxygen Generators Aboard Aircraft" (RIN2137-AD33) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-611. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Model S-92A Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-SW-03)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-612. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Gulfstream Aerospace LP Model Galaxy and Model Gulfstream 200 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-175)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-613. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Honeywell International Inc. T5311A, T5311B, T5313B, T5317A, T5317A-1, and T5317B Series Turboshaft Engines and Lycoming Former Military T53-L-11B, T53-L-11D, T53-L-13B, T53-L-13B/D, and T53-L-703 Series Turboshaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 98-ANE-72)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-614. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Model 222, 222B, 222U, 230, and 430 Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-SW-12)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-615. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A319, A320, and A321 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-011)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-616. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-100, -200, -200C, -300, -400, and -500 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-109)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-617. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company CF6 Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 95-ANE-10)) received on

February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-618. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model CL-600-2B19 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2004-NM-176)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-619. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Model HS.125 Series 700A and 700B Airplanes; Model BAe.125 Series 800A, 800B, 1000A, and 1000B Airplanes; and Hawker 800, 800XP, and 1000 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-118)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-620. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model AS355E, F, F1, F2, and N Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2003-SW-10)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-621. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model EC130 B4 Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-SW-41)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-622. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Keokuk Municipal Airport, IA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ACE-7)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-623. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Huslia, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AAL-13)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-624. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation

Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Legal Description of Class D and E Airspace; Fairbanks, Fort Wainwright Army Airfield, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AAL-16)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-625. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of VOR Federal Airways; and Establishment of Area Navigation Route; NC" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ASO-1)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-626. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Area Navigation Instrument Flight Rules Terminal Transition Route T-210; Jacksonville, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 05-ASO-10)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-627. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of High Altitude Area Navigation Routes; South Central United States" ((RIN2120-AA66)-(Docket No. 05-ASO-7)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-628. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 757-200 Series Airplanes Modified by Supplemental Type Certificate SA979NE" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2006-NM-099)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-629. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney Canada PW535A Turboshift Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NE-07)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-630. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Air Tractor, Inc. Model AT-501

Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-06)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-631. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; BURKHART GROB LUFT-UND-RAUMFAHRT GmbH and Co. KG, Model G 103 C Twin III SL Sailplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-CE-16)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-632. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (53)" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3172)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-633. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (33)" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3167)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-634. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (11)" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3166)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-635. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Part 95 Instrument Flight Rules (27)" ((RIN2120-AA63)(Amdt. No. 461)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-636. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Scottsbluff, Western Nebraska Regional Airport/William B. Heilig Field, NE" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ACE-5)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-637. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class D Airspace; Eastman, GA; Correction" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ASO-9)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-638. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9-10, DC-9-20, DC-9-30, DC-9-40, and DC-9-50 Series Airplanes; Model DC-9-81, DC-9-82, DC-9-83, and DC-9-87 Airplanes; Model MD-88 Airplanes; Model MD-90-30 Airplanes; and Model 717-200 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-001)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-639. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; BAE Systems Limited Model BAe 146 Airplanes and Model Avro 146-RJ Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-212)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-640. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 767-200, -300, and -300F Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2005-NM-099)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-641. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Saab Model SAAB-Fairchild SF340A and SAAB 340B Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-235)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-642. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A319-100, A320-200, A321-100, and A321-200 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-087)) received on February 2,

2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-643. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model CL-600-2B19 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-215)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-644. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-200B, 747-200C, 747-200F, 747-300, 747-400, and 747SP Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2005-NM-223)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-645. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Perryville, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AAL-15)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-646. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Homer, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AAL-25)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-647. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Kodiak, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AAL-26)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-648. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; St. Michael, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AAL-27)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-649. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Tok Junction, AK"

((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AAL-28)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-650. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Restricted Area 5601F; Fort Sill, OK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 05-ASW-3)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-651. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class D Airspace; Castle Airport, Atwater, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AWP-15)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-652. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Alaskan High Altitude Reporting Points; AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AAL-36)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-653. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Re-Designation of VOR Federal Airway V-431; Alaska" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AAL-18)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-654. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Sheridan, WY" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ANM-4)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-655. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change of Using Agency for Restricted Area R2202; Big Delta, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AAL-33)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-656. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change of Controlling Agency and Using Agency for Restricted Area R-6608A, B, and C; Quantico, VA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ASO-12)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-657. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Kokhanok, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AAL-19)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-658. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Iliamna, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AAL-21)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-659. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Class E Airspace; Cedar Springs, GA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ASO-15)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-660. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Hooper Bay, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AAL-14)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-661. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Part 95 Instrument Flight Rules (23)" ((RIN2120-AA63)(Amdt. No. 464)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-662. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (15)" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3195)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-663. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (46)" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Amdt. No. 3192)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-664. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (113)" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3196)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-665. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (22)" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3197)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-666. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (45)" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3198)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-667. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (31)" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3199)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-668. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of the Class B Airspace Area; Atlanta, GA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AWA-1)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-669. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Hartzell Propeller Inc. Propellers and McCauley Propeller Systems Controllable Propellers" ((RIN2120-AA64)-

(Docket No. 2005-NE-01)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-670. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. Model PC-7 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-42)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-671. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney PW4074, PW4074D, PW4077, PW4077D, PW4084D, PW4090, PW4090-3, and PW4098 and Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2006-NE-13)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-672. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9-10 Series Airplanes; DC-9-20 Series Airplanes; DC-9-30 Series Airplanes; DC-9-40 Series Airplanes; and DC-9-50 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2002-NM-349)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-673. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cirrus Design Corporation Models SR20 and SR22 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-14)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-674. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model EMB-135BJ and EMB-145XR Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2004-NM-36)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-675. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 767 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-

093)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-676. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-143)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-677. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Gulfstream Model G-159 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 96-NM-143)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-678. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Part 95 Instrument Flight Rules (28)" ((RIN2120-AA63)(Amdt. No. 465)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-679. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class D Airspace; Ft. Riley, KS" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ACE-9)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-680. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model EMB-135ER and -135KE Airplanes; and Model EMB-145, -145ER, -145MR, -145MP, and -145EP Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-095)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-681. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F27 Mark 500 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-019)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-682. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model MD-11F Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-220)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-683. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Lockheed Model L-1011 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-123)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-684. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; BAE Systems Limited Model BAe 146 and Avro 146-RJ Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-137)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-685. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-100, 747-100B, 747-100B SUD, 747-200B, 747-300, 747-400, 747-400D, and 747SR Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-116)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-686. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-234)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-687. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330-200, A330-300, A340-200, and A340-300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2001-NM-381)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-688. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Air Tractor, Inc. Model AT-602

Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2004-CE-50)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-689. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Stemme GmbH and Co. AG Model STEMME S10-VT Sailplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-32)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-690. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Model 750 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-229)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-691. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-100, 747-100B, 747-200B, 747-200C, 747-200F, 747SR, and 747SP Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-253)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-692. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change of Using Agency for Restricted Areas R-3008A, B, C, and D; Grand Bay Weapons Range, GA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ASO-16)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-693. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class D Airspace; Heart of Georgia Regional Airport, Eastman, GA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ASO-9)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-694. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Jet Route and Colored Federal Airways; Alaska" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AAL-32)) received on February 2, 2007; to

the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-695. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Bethel Regional Airport, ME" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ANE-02)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-696. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Newton Field, ME" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ANE-01)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-697. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to Class E Airspace; Mountain Home, ID" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AWP-4)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-698. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Honolulu International Airport, HI" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AWP-9)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-699. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330 Airplanes and Model A340-200 and -300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-134)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-700. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc Trent 768-60, Trent 772-60, and Trent 772B-60 Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NE-29)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-701. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Aircraft Company Models C90A, B200, B200C, B300, and B300C Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-34)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-702. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 Airplanes, Equipped with General Electric CF6-50 Series Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-075)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-703. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-205)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-704. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca Turmo IV A and IV C Series Turbohaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 99-NE-12)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-705. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; BAE Systems Limited Model BAe 146 and Avro 146-RJ Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-136)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-706. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce, plc RB211 Trent 768-60, 772-60, and 772B-60 Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NE-30)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-707. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; BAE Systems Limited Model

BAe 146 and Avro 146-RJ Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-086)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-708. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; BAE Systems Limited Model BAe 146 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-138)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-709. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Model 750 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-231)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-710. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dowty Propellers R321/4-82-F/8; R324/4-82-F/9; R333/4-82-F/12; and R334/4-82-F/13 Propellers" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NE-40)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-711. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Diamond Aircraft Industries GmbH Model DA 40 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-57)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-712. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Societe de Motorisations Aeronautiques SR305-230 and SR305-230-1 Reciprocating Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NE-36)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-713. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (43)" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3193)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-714. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (27)" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3194)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-715. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Air Tractor, Inc. Models AT-502, AT-502A, AT-502B, AT-602, AT-802, and AT-802A Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-37)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-716. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 757 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-174)) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-717. A communication from the Secretary, Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice Announcing 2007 Adjusted Thresholds for Clayton Act 7A" (RIN3084-AA91) received on February 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-718. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Harmonization with the United Nations Recommendations, International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code, and International Civil Aviation Organization's Technical Instructions" (RIN2137-AE16) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-719. A communication from the Paralegal, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emergency Procedures for Public Transportation Systems" (RIN2132-AA89) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-720. A communication from the Regulation Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Traffic Control Devices on Federal-Aid and Other Streets

and Highways; Standards" (RIN2125-AF16) received on February 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BUNNING, and Mr. BYRD):

S. 491. A bill to clarify the rules of origin for certain textile and apparel products; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 492. A bill to promote stabilization and reconstruction efforts in Somalia, to establish a Special Envoy for Somalia to strengthen United States support to the people of Somalia in their efforts to establish a lasting peace and form a democratically elected and stable central government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 493. A bill to designate certain public land as wilderness and certain rivers as wild and scenic rivers in the State of California, to designate Salmon Restoration Areas, to establish the Sacramento River National Recreation Area and Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 494. A bill to endorse further enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and to facilitate the timely admission of new members to NATO, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 495. A bill to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BYRD, Mr. LOTT, Mr. BROWN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BURR, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 496. A bill to reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 497. A bill to repeal a prohibition on the use of certain funds for tunneling in certain areas with respect to the Los Angeles to San Fernando Valley Metro Rail project, California; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 498. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the Medicare program for beneficiaries residing in rural areas; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself and Mr. ALLARD):

S. 499. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow section 1031 treatment for exchanges involving certain mutual ditch, reservoir, or irrigation company stock; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. REID, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 500. A bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of the National Museum of the American Latino to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance of a National Museum of the American Latino in Washington, DC, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 501. A bill to the relief of Ilko Vasilev Ivanov, Anelia Marinova Peneva, Marina Ilkova Ivanova, and Julia Ilkova Ivanova; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. KYL, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. VITTER, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. BURR, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BOND, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 502. A bill to repeal the sunset on the reduction of capital gains rates for individuals and on the taxation of dividends of individuals at capital gains rates; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. DOLE (for herself, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. BURR, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. LOTT, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 503. A bill to establish the SouthEast Crescent Authority, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SMITH:

S. 504. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish long-term care trust accounts and allow a refundable tax credit for contributions to such accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. WARNER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. 505. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the above-the-line deduction for teacher classroom supplies and to expand such deduction to include qualified professional development expenses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 506. A bill to improve efficiency in the Federal Government through the use of high-performance green buildings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 507. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for reimbursement of certified midwife services and to provide for more equitable reimbursement rates for certified nurse-midwife services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 508. A bill to amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to apply whistleblower protections available to certain executive branch employees to legislative branch employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. LOTT, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 509. A bill to provide improved aviation security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. Res. 72. A resolution acknowledging the severity of the wetland loss occurring in Louisiana and supporting the observance of World Wetlands Day in the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. STEVENS, Mrs. DOLE, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. VITTER, Mr. HATCH,

Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 73. A resolution designating February 6, 2007, as "Ronald Reagan Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. Con. Res. 9. A concurrent resolution celebrating the contributions of the architectural profession during "National Architecture Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 43

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 43, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to preserve and protect Social Security benefits of American workers and to help ensure greater congressional oversight of the Social Security system by requiring that both Houses of Congress approve a totalization agreement before the agreement, giving foreign workers Social Security benefits, can go into effect.

S. 55

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 55, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the individual alternative minimum tax.

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 206

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 206, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 254

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of S. 254, a bill to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 326

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special period of limitation when uniformed services retirement pay is reduced as result of award of disability compensation.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to prohibit the import, export, and sale of goods made with sweatshop labor, and for other purposes.

S. 380

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 380, a bill to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

S. 388

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 388, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a national standard in accordance with which nonresidents of a State may carry concealed firearms in the State.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 430, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 435

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 435, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to preserve the essential air service program.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

S. 450

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 479

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 479, a bill to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.

SENATE RESOLUTION 70

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 70, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Commander of Multinational Forces-Iraq and all United States personnel under his command should receive from Congress the full support necessary to carry out the United States mission in Iraq.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WEBB,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 6, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 6, 2007.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Tuesday, February 6, 2007, at 2:45 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 6, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Preserving Prosecutorial Independence: Is the Department of Justice Politicizing the Hiring and Firing of U.S. Attorneys?" for Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Judicial Nominations" for Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at 2:30 p.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 6, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:29 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the

House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 433. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1700 Main Street in Little Rock, Arkansas, as the "Scipio A. Jones Post Office Building".

H.R. 514. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16150 Aviation Loop Drive in Brooksville, Florida, as the "Sergeant Lea Robert Mills Brooksville Aviation Branch Post Office".

H.R. 577. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3903 South Congress Avenue in Austin, Texas, as the "Sergeant Henry Ybarra III Post Office Building".

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 35. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.

HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

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

H.R. 433. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1700 Main Street in Little Rock, Arkansas, as the "Scipio A. Jones Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 514. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16150 Aviation Loop Drive in Brooksville, Florida, as the "Sergeant Lea Robert Mills Brooksville Aviation Branch Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 577. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3903 South Congress Avenue in Austin, Texas, as the "Sergeant Henry Ybarra III Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 35. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:22 p.m.,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate recessed until 3:30 p.m.

AT 3:30 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. MURRAY in the chair) called the Senate to order.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider, en bloc, the following concurrent resolutions: the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 7 (to be discharged from the Committee on Foreign Relations); a concurrent resolution intended to be submitted by Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. GRAHAM), relative to benchmarks; and a concurrent resolution intended to be submitted by Mr. GREGG, relative to funding and supporting our troops; that there be a limitation of 10 hours, equally divided and controlled, for concurrent debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that no amendments be in order to be proposed; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote, in "stacked" sequence, on the question of agreeing to the concurrent resolutions in the following order, with no intervening action or debate: a concurrent resolution intended to be submitted by Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. GRAHAM); a concurrent resolution intended to be submitted by Mr. GREGG; and concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 7; and that if any of the concurrent resolutions fails to be agreed to by a minimum of 60 yeas, the vote by which the concurrent resolution was agreed to be vitiated, and the concurrent resolution be returned to its previous status.

After debate,

Mr. REID objected.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider, en bloc, the following two concurrent resolutions: concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 7 (to be discharged from the Committee on Foreign Relations), and a concurrent resolution to be submitted by Mr. GREGG, relative to funding and supporting our troops; that there be 10 hours, equally divided and controlled, for concurrent debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that no amendments be in order to be proposed; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote, in "stacked" sequence, on the question of agreeing to the concurrent resolutions in the following order, with no further action or debate: a concurrent resolution to be submitted by Mr. GREGG, and concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 7; and that if any of the concurrent resolutions fails to be agreed to by a minimum of 60 yeas, the vote by which the concurrent resolution was

agreed to be vitiated, and the concurrent resolution be returned to its previous status.

Mr. REID objected.

DESIGNATING "RONALD REAGAN DAY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MENENDEZ in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 73) designating February 6, 2007, as "Ronald Reagan Day", submitted today by Mr. ALLARD (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. STEVENS, Mrs. DOLE, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. VITTER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. REID), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 2 p.m.; that the time until 2 p.m. be equally divided and controlled, for debate; that the first 30 minutes of the time therein be controlled by the majority party; and that the second 30 minutes of the time therein be controlled by the minority party.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:31 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 10

a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, February 7, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business. Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-721. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Filing of Notices of Exemption and Exclusion Under Part 4 of the Commission's Regulations" ((RIN3038-AC33)(72 FR 1658)) received on February 6, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-722. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's annual report on

its operations for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-723. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-674, "National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Grant Authority Temporary Act of 2007" received on February 6, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-724. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-676, "School Without Walls Development Project Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on February 6, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-725. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-677, "D.C. Housing Authority Rent Supplement Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on February 6, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-726. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-675, "Fiscal Year 2007 Operating Cash Reserve and Revised Revenue December Allocation Temporary Act of 2007" received on February 6, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-727. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's semiannual report on the Department for the period ending September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 510. A bill to specify that the 100 most populous urban areas of the United States, as determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall be eligible for grants under the Urban Area Security Initiative of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 511. A bill to provide student borrowers with basic rights, including the right to timely information about their loans and the right to make fair and reasonable loan payments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 512. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the feasibility of enlarging the Arthur V. Watkins Dam Weber Basin Project, Utah, to provide additional water for the Weber Basin Project to fulfill the purposes for which that project was authorized; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. BOND):

S. 513. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to revive previous authority on the use of the Armed Forces and the militia to address interference with State or Federal law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 514. A bill to extend Federal recognition to the Muscogee Nation of Florida; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 515. A bill to provide a mechanism for the determination on the merits of the claims of claimants who met the class criteria in a civil action relating to racial discrimination by the Department of Agriculture but who were denied that determination; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. WARNER, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 516. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the option of including combat pay when computing earned income; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 517. A bill to amend the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery, 2006 to authorize the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide additional assistance to State and local governments for utility costs resulting from the provision of temporary housing units to evacuees from Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 518. A bill to amend the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 to require the Statistics Commissioner to collect information from coeducational secondary schools on such schools' athletic programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. KYL):

S. 519. A bill to modernize and expand the reporting requirements relating to child pornography, to expand cooperation in combating child pornography, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 520. A bill to enhance ecosystem protection and the range of outdoor opportunities protected by statute in the Skykomish River valley of the State of Washington by designating certain lower-elevation Federal lands as wilderness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR:

S. 521. A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse and customhouse located at 515 West First Street in Duluth, Minnesota, as the "Gerald W. Heany Federal Building and United States Courthouse and Customhouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 522. A bill to safeguard the economic health of the United States and the health and safety of the United States citizens by improving the management, coordination, and effectiveness of domestic and international intellectual property rights enforcement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 523. A bill to amend the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery, 2006 to authorize the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide additional assistance to State and local governments for utility costs resulting from the provision of temporary housing units to evacuees from Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 524. A bill to provide emergency agricultural disaster assistance for agricultural producers, manufacturers, and workers in the State of California; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. Res. 74. A resolution designating each of February 7, 2007, and February 6, 2008, as

"National Women and Girls in Sports Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. BAYH):

S. Res. 75. A resolution congratulating the Indianapolis Colts on their victory in Super Bowl XLI; considered and agreed to

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 57

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 57, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 85

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 85, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that territories and Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine.

S. 231

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 231, a bill to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

S. 336

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 336, a bill to require the Secretary of the Army to operate and maintain as a system the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal dispersal barriers, and for other purposes.

S. 355

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 355, a bill to establish a National Commission on Entitlement Solvency.

S. 357

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 357, a bill to improve passenger automobile fuel economy and safety, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, reduce dependence on foreign oil, and for other purposes.

S. 413

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 413, a bill to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 and the Revised Statutes of the United States to prohibit financial holding

companies and national banks from engaging, directly or indirectly, in real estate brokerage or real estate management activities, and for other purposes.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

S. 442

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] were added as cosponsors of S. 442, a bill to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders.

S. 446

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 446, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize capitation grants to increase the number of nursing faculty and students, and for other purposes.

S. 450

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 481

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 481, a bill to recruit and retain more qualified individuals to teach in Tribal Colleges or Universities.

S. 502

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 502, a bill to repeal the sunset on the reduction of capital gains rates for individuals and on the taxation of dividends of individuals at capital gains rates.

S. 504

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 504, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish long-term care trust accounts and allow a refundable tax credit for contributions to such accounts, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. TESTER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,
NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry be authorized to meet to conduct a full committee hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday February 7, 2007, at 9:15 am.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING,
AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 7, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE,
AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the sessions of the Senate on Wednesday, February 7, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND
NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 7, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Wednesday, February 7, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND
ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 7, 2007, at 10 a.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON
INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 7, 2007 at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PRIVATE SECTOR
AND CONSUMER SOLUTIONS TO
GLOBAL WARMING AND WILDLIFE
PROTECTION

The Subcommittee on Private Sector and Consumer Solutions to Global Warming and Wildlife Protection be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 7, 2007.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 1:11 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 161. An act to adjust the boundary of the Minidoka Internment National Monument to include the Nidoto Nai Yoni Memorial in

Bainbridge Island, Washington, and for other purposes.

H.R. 235. An act to allow for the renegotiation of the payment schedule of contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and the Redwood Valley County Water District, and for other purposes.

H.R. 356. An act to remove certain restrictions on the Mammoth Community Water District's ability to use certain property acquired by that District from the United States.

H.R. 386. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain buildings and lands of the Yakima Project, Washington, to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District.

H.R. 512. An act to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of the National Museum of the American Latino to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance of a National Museum of the American Latino in Washington, DC, and for other purposes.

At 4:23 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 434) to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through December 31, 2007, and for other purposes.

At 4:48 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6913, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Chairman.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 161. An act to adjust the boundary of the Minidoka Internment National Monument to include the Nidoto Nai Yoni Memorial in Bainbridge Island, Washington, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 235. An act to allow for the renegotiation of the payment schedule of contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and the Redwood Valley County Water District, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 356. An act to remove certain restrictions on the Mammoth Community Water District's ability to use certain property acquired by that District from the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 386. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain buildings and lands of the Yakima Project, Washington, to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 512. An act to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of the National Museum of the American Latino to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance of a National Museum of the American Latino in Washington, DC, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ORDER EXTENDING PERIOD FOR
THE TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS, AND FOR EXECUTIVE
SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, at 2 p.m., the period for the transaction of morning business be extended for 60 minutes; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled between Mr. MENENDEZ and Mr. ROBERTS, or their designees; and that upon conclusion of debate, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of General George W. Casey, Jr. to be the Chief of Staff, United States Army.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

At 3:03 p.m.,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

CONGRATULATING THE
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. CANTWELL in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 75) congratulating the Indianapolis Colts on their victory in Super Bowl XLI, submitted today by Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. BAYH), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business; that the first 30 minutes of the time therein be controlled by the majority leader, or his designee; that the second 30 minutes of the time therein be controlled by the minority leader, or his designee; that Mr. WYDEN control 20 minutes therein; that Mr. BILL NELSON control 10 minutes therein; that following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the nomination of George W. Casey, Jr. to be Chief of Staff, United States Army; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Mr. LEVIN and Mr. McCAIN, or their designees; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; and that the President then be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

Ordered further, That, following disposition of the aforementioned nomination, the Senate proceed to consider the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 20) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:59 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2007

Mr. ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Reverend Henry Holley, of the Billy Graham Evangelical Association, Marietta, Georgia, offered a prayer, and Mr. CASEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, February 8, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., a Senator from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CASEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF
NOMINATION OF GENERAL
GEORGE W. CASEY, JR.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, on the nomination of General George W. Casey, Jr. to be Chief of Staff, United States Army, there be an additional 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled between the two leaders, for debate; that the majority leader be recognized for the last 10 minutes therein; and that, upon conclusion of remarks by him, the Senate vote on the confirmation.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.
Pending debate,

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget

Totals for Fiscal Year 2007" (Rept. No. 110-4).

By Mr. LEVIN, from the Committee on Armed Services, without amendment:

S. 372. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-5).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 36. A resolution honoring women's health advocate Cynthia Boles Dailard.

S. Res. 37. A resolution designating March 26, 2007 as "National Support the Troops Day" and encouraging the people of the United States to participate in a moment of silence to reflect upon the service and sacrifice of members of the Armed Forces both at home and abroad.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendments:

S. 188. A bill to revise the short title of the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. KYL):

S. 525. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for the appointment of additional Federal circuit judges, to divide the Ninth Judicial Circuit of the United States into 2 circuits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 526. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the scope of programs of education for which accelerated payments of educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill may be used, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. KYL):

S. 527. A bill to make amendments to the Iran, North Korea, and Syria Nonproliferation Act; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 528. A bill to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act to prohibit the Secretary of Agriculture from basing minimum prices for

Class I milk on the distance or transportation costs from any location that is not within a marketing area, except under certain circumstances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 529. A bill to allow the modified bloc voting by cooperative associations of milk producers in connection with a referendum on Federal Milk Marketing Order reform; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 530. A bill to prohibit products that contain dry ultra-filtered milk products, milk protein concentrate, or casein from being labeled as domestic natural cheese, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 531. A bill to repeal section 10(f) of Public Law 93-531, commonly known as the "Bennett Freeze"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 532. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Bureau of Land Management land to Park City, Utah, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 533. A bill to amend the National Aquaculture Act of 1980 to prohibit the issuance of permits for marine aquaculture facilities until requirements for the permits are enacted into law; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. 534. A bill to bring the FBI to full strength to carry out its mission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 535. A bill to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and an Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Investigative Office in the Civil Rights Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 536. A bill to amend the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 to prohibit the labeling of cloned livestock and products derived from cloned livestock as organic; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 537. A bill to address ongoing small business and homeowner needs in the Gulf Coast States impacted by Hurricane Katrina

and Hurricane Rita; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 538. A bill to reduce income tax withholding deposits to reflect a FICA payroll tax credit for certain employers located in specified portions of the GO Zone, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. LOTT, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 539. A bill to address ongoing economic injury in Gulf Coast States impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita by reviving tourist travel to the region; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 540. A bill to require the Food and Drug Administration to permit the sale of baby turtles as pets so long as the seller uses proven methods to effectively treat salmonella; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 541. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to promote local and regional support for sustainable bioenergy and biobased products, to support the future of farming, forestry, and land management, to develop and support local bioenergy, biobased products, and food systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 542. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct feasibility studies to address certain water shortages within the Snake, Boise, and Payette River systems in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. SUNUNU, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. Res. 76. A resolution calling on the United States Government and the international community to promptly develop, fund, and implement a comprehensive regional strategy in Africa to protect civilians, facilitate humanitarian operations, contain and reduce violence, and contribute to conditions for sustainable peace in eastern Chad, and Central African Republic, and Darfur, Sudan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK], the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT] and the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 93

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 93, a bill to authorize NTIA to borrow against anticipated receipts of the Digital Television and Public Safety Fund to initiate migration to a national IP-enabled emergency network capable of receiving and responding to all citizen activated emergency communications.

S. 368

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 368, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 388

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 388, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a national standard in accordance with which nonresidents of a State may carry concealed firearms in the State.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. BOND, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG] were added as cosponsors of S. 430, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 431

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 431, a bill to require convicted sex offenders to register online identifiers, and for other purposes.

S. 442

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 442, a bill to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders.

S. 456

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 456, a bill to

increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, and for other purposes.

S. 459

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 459, a bill to require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies, lumpectomies, and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer and coverage for secondary consultations.

S. 465

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 465, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act and title III of the Public Health Service Act to improve access to information about individuals' health care options and legal rights for care near the end of life, to promote advance care planning and decisionmaking so that individuals' wishes are known should they become unable to speak for themselves, to engage health care providers in disseminating information about and assisting in the preparation of advance directives, which include living wills and durable powers of attorney for health care, and for other purposes.

S. 486

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 486, a bill to establish requirements for lenders and institutions of higher education in order to protect students and other borrowers receiving educational loans.

S. 511

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 511, a bill to provide student borrowers with basic rights, including the right to timely information about their loans and the right to make fair and reasonable loan payments, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BYRD,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING,
AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during

the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 8, 2007, at 11:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE,
AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 8, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND
NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 8, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 8, 2007, at 9:15 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION,
LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 8, 2007 at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, February 8, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, February 8, 2007, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Room 226.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON
INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 8, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:04 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 434. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through July 31, 2007, and for other purposes.

At 12:29 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 187. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse and customhouse located at 515 West First Street

in Duluth, Minnesota, as the "Gerald W. Heaney Federal Building and United States Courthouse and Customhouse".

H.R. 238. An act to repeal a prohibition on the use of certain funds for tunneling in certain areas with respect to the Los Angeles to San Fernando Valley Metro Rail project, California.

H.R. 365. An act to provide for a research program for remediation of closed methamphetamine production laboratories, and for other purposes.

H.R. 482. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer ownership of the American River Pump Station Project, and for other purposes.

H.R. 742. An act to amend the Antitrust Modernization Commission Act of 2002, to extend the term of the Antitrust Modernization Commission and to make a technical correction.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 187. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse and customhouse located at 515 West First Street in Duluth, Minnesota, as the "Gerald W. Heaney Federal Building and United States Courthouse and Customhouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 365. An act to provide for a research program for remediation of closed methamphetamine production laboratories, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 482. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer ownership of the American River Pump Station Project, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate resumed its legislative session.

REVISED CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TESTER in the chair) laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 20) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the joint resolution, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 237).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment, by striking "2" and inserting "1" (being amendment No. 238).

On motion by Mr. REID to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions that the Committee report back forthwith with an amendment (being designated amendment No. 239).

The question being on agreeing to the motion to commit with instructions.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (being designated amendment No. 239).

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment by striking "5" and inserting "4" (being amendment No. 240).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment, by striking "4" and inserting "3" (being amendment No. 241).

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on joint resolution H.J. Res. 20:

ROBERT C. BYRD, SHERROD BROWN, J. LIEBERMAN, PAT LEAHY, PATTY MURRAY, JOHN KERRY, BARBARA MIKULSKI, DICK DURBIN, KEN SALAZAR, JACK REED, TOM HARKIN, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, H. R. CLINTON, MARY LANDRIEU, HERB KOHL, CARL LEVIN, BYRON L. DORGAN, BEN NELSON.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 241 to amendment No. 240 to the instructions contained in the motion.

Pending debate,

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 1 P.M. ON MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 12, 2007, AND FOR
PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 1 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2007; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for 10 minutes each.

Ordered further, That, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, Senators be authorized to "file" first-degree amendments until 2:30 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2007; and that the mandatory quorum under the rule be waived.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

At 6:12 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 1 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2007.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 1 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, February 12, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 8, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 8, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 8, 2007,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following messages from the President of the United States were transmitted to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries:

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE EXPORT OF
ITEMS TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
CHINA—PM 6

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the provisions of section 1512 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Public Law 105-261), I hereby certify that the export to the People's Republic of China of the following items is not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry, and that the material and equipment, including any indirect technical benefit that could be derived from such exports, will not measurably improve the missile or space launch capabilities of the People's Republic of China:

Twenty Honeywell model QA 750 accelerometers to be incorporated into railway geometry measurement systems for China's Ministry of Railways.

Equipment and technology associated with the production and testing of composite components for Boeing commercial aircraft.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 11, 2007.*

ECONOMIC REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
DATED FEBRUARY 2007 WITH THE
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF
ECONOMIC ADVISERS FOR 2007—PM 7

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Joint Economic Committee:

To the Congress of the United States:

Economic growth in the United States has been above the historic average and faster than any other major industrialized economy in the world. January was the 41st month of uninterrupted job growth produced by this economy, in an expansion that has thus far added more than 7.4 million new jobs. Unemployment is low, inflation is moderate, and real wages are rising. Our economy is on the move and we can keep it that way continuing to pursue sound economic policy based on free-market principles.

Sound economic policy begins with low taxes. We should work together to spend the taxpayers' money wisely and to tackle unfunded liabilities inherent in entitlement programs such as Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. I have laid out a detailed plan in my budget to restrain spending, cut earmarks in half by the end of this session, and balance the budget by 2012 without raising taxes. The tax relief of the past few years has been a ingredient in growing our economy, and it should be made permanent.

Our growing economy is dynamic. The rise of new technologies, new competition, and new markets abroad is changing how we do business. We need to take action in four key areas to keep America's economy flexible and dynamic.

First, we must break down barriers to trade so our workers can sell more goods and services to the 95 percent of the world's customers who live outside of our borders. Global trade talks like the Doha Round at the World Trade Organization have the potential to level the playing field so we can compete on fair terms in foreign markets, while helping lift millions of people out of poverty around the world.

The only way we can complete the Doha Round and make headway on other trade agreements is to extend Trade Promotion Authority, which is set to expire on July 1st. This authority is essential to completing good trade agreements. The Congress must renew it if we are to improve our competitiveness in the global economy.

Second, we must work to make private health insurance more affordable and to give patients more choices and control over their health care. One of the most promising ways to do this is by reforming the tax code. We must end the unfair bias against individuals who buy insurance on their own. I propose creating a standard deduction for every American who buys health insurance,

whether they get it through their jobs or on their own. In a changing economy, we need a health care system that is flexible and consumer-oriented. With this reform, more than 100 million Americans who are now covered by employer-provided insurance will benefit from lower tax bills. Those who now purchase health insurance on their own would save money on their taxes. Millions of others who now have no health insurance at all would find basic private coverage within their reach. My proposal also taps the innovation of States in making basic, affordable insurance available to all by creating Affordable Choices grants to help ensure the poor and the sick have access to private health insurance.

Third, we must continue to diversify our energy supply to benefit our economy, national security, and environment. In my State of the Union Message, I set an ambitious goal of reducing gasoline usage in the United States by 20 percent over the next 10 years. Meeting this goal will require significant changes in supply and demand, but we should let the market decide the best mix of technologies and fuels to most efficiently attain it. On the supply side, I propose a higher and reformed fuel standard that would include renewable and other alternative fuels. We should also allow environmentally friendly exploration of oil and natural gas. On the demand side, I propose enhancing Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards for cars and extending the current rule for light trucks, so that we can reduce the amount of gasoline that our passenger vehicles consume, and do so in a more efficient way.

Fourth, a strong and vibrant education system is vital to maintaining our Nation's competitive edge in the world and extending economic opportunity to every citizen here at home. Five years ago, we rose above partisan differences to enact the No Child Left Behind Act, preserving local control, raising standards, holding schools accountable for results, and providing more choice. This year, we must reauthorize and strengthen this good law preserving its core principles.

Strong productivity growth underlies much of the good economic news from the past few years and the policies discussed above. Productivity growth helps to increase our standards of living and improve our international competitiveness. To maintain this progress, we must pursue a variety of growth policies, including those contained in the American Competitiveness Initiative and comprehensive immigration reform.

These and other issues are discussed in the 2007 Annual Report of the Council of Economic Advisers. The Council has prepared this Report to put into broader context the economic issues that underlie my Administration's policy decisions. I commend it to you.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, February 11, 2007.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-728. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Thomas L. Baptiste, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-729. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure on Rescission Request Procedures" (Rev. Proc. 2007-21), received on February 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-730. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update" (Notice 2007-20), received on February 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-731. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updated Mortality Tables for Determining Current Liability" ((RIN1545-BE72)(TD 9310)), received on February 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-732. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Certain Transfers of Stock or Securities by U.S. Persons to Foreign Corporations" ((RIN1545-BG10)(TD 9311)), received on February 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-733. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Field Directive on Section 936 Exit Strategies" (Secondary Audit Index Number LMSB-04-0107-002), received on February 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-734. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to standards and requirements for royalty relief for marginal properties for oil and gas

leases on the Outer Continental Shelf; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-735. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plan for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Florida: Emissions Guidelines for Small Municipal Waste Combustion Units" (FRL No. 8276-7), received on February 7, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-736. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Amendments to the Minor New Source Review Program" (FRL No. 8276-3), received on February 7, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-737. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Outer Continental Shelf Air Regulations Consistency Update for Alaska" (FRL No. 8249-2), received on February 7, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-738. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the justification of its budget estimates for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-739. A communication from the Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's budget request for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-740. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, a report of proposed legislation relative to making corrections to the process for certification of Federal agencies' performance appraisal systems; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-741. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Annual Privacy Activity Report for 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-742. A communication from the Director, Financial Management, Government Accountability Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the Comptrollers' General

Retirement System for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-743. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting, a report of proposed legislation entitled "National Defense Authorization Bill for Fiscal Year 2008"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of a committee was submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment:

S. 214. A bill to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself, Mr. BUNNING, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. REED, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 543. A bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 544. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit to certain agriculture-related businesses for the cost of protecting certain chemicals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. 545. A bill to improve consumer access to passenger vehicle loss data held by insurers; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 546. A bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to make available additional amounts to address funding shortfalls in the State Children's Health Insurance Program for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. LEVIN, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 547. A bill to establish a Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security for Management, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DODD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 548. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. REED, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 549. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to preserve the effectiveness of medically important antibiotics used in the treatment of human and animal diseases; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 550. A bill to preserve existing judgeships on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 551. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit to certain agriculture-related businesses for the cost of protecting certain chemicals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 552. A bill to provide for the tax treatment of income received in connection with the litigation concerning the Exxon Valdez oil spill and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 553. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Eightmile River in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DORGAN:

S. 554. A bill to reduce the Federal budget deficit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. BOND, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 555. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow small businesses to set up simple cafeteria plans to provide nontaxable employee benefits to their employees, to make changes in the requirements for cafeteria plans, flexible

spending accounts, and benefits provided under such plans or accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. DODD, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 556. A bill to reauthorize the Head Start Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mrs. DOLE, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. KYL):

S. 557. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the depreciation classification of motorsports entertainment complexes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. HATCH, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. 558. A bill to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. Res. 77. A resolution expressing support for the Transitional Federal Government of the Somali Republic; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. REID, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. WEBB, Mr. BYRD, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. Con. Res. 10. A concurrent resolution honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 98th anniversary; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 21

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 21, a bill to expand access to preventive health care services that help reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce abortions, and improve access to women's health care.

S. 52

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 52, a bill to amend the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933 to increase the membership of the Board of Directors and require that each State in the service area of the Tennessee Valley Authority be represented by at least 1 member.

S. 98

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 98, a bill to foster the development of minority-owned small businesses.

S. 117

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 117, a bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and services for members of the Armed Forces, veterans of the Global War on Terrorism, and other veterans, to require reports on the effects of the Global War on Terrorism, and for other purposes.

S. 170

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communications services.

S. 179

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 179, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to establish the position of Deputy Secretary of Defense for Management, and for other purposes.

S. 206

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 206, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 214

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr.

SPECTER] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 214, a bill to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys.

S. 238

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 238, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to limit the misuse of Social Security numbers, to establish criminal penalties for such misuse, and for other purposes.

S. 261

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL] were added as cosponsors of S. 261, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 270

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 270, a bill to permit startup partnerships and S corporations to elect taxable years other than required years.

S. 304

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 304, a bill to establish a commission to develop legislation designed to reform tax policy and entitlement benefit programs and to ensure a sound fiscal future for the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 326

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special period of limitation when uniformed services retirement pay is reduced as result of award of disability compensation.

S. 329

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 331

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 331, a bill to provide grants from moneys collected from violations of the corporate average fuel economy program to be used to expand infrastructure necessary to increase the availability of alternative fuels.

S. 402

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] were added as cosponsors of

S. 402, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for qualified timber gains.

S. 407

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 407, a bill to amend the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 to designate a portion of Interstate Route 14 as a high priority corridor, and for other purposes.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 430, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 430, supra.

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 430, supra.

S. 432

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 432, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for kidney disease education services under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 450

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 450, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 466

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 466, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of an end-of-life planning consultation as part of an initial preventive physical examination under the Medicare program.

S. 494

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 494, a bill to endorse further enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and to facilitate the timely admission of new members to NATO, and for other purposes.

S. 496

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 496, a bill to reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965.

SENATE RESOLUTION 33

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. DEMINT] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 33, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should expand its relationship with the Republic of Georgia by commencing negotiations to enter into a free trade agreement.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WYDEN,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Monday, February 12, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

READING OF WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2007

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) announced that the VICE PRESIDENT, pursuant to the order of the Senate on January 24, 1901, as modified by the order of February 5, 2007, had appointed Mr. CORKER to read Washington's Farewell Address on Monday, February 26, 2007.

ANTITRUST MODERNIZATION COMMISSION EXTENSION ACT

On the request of Mr. SANDERS,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 742) to amend the Antitrust Modernization Commission Act of 2002, to extend the term of the Antitrust Modernization Commission and to make a technical correction, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, February 8, 2007, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 12:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

Ordered further, That, when the Senate reconvenes at 2:15 p.m., the Senate resume consideration of H.J. Res. 20; that the time for debate until 2:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate; that, at 2:30 p.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, with no intervening action or debate.

Ordered further, That, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, Senators be authorized to "file" second-degree amendments until 12 noon on tomorrow.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. SMITH.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 7:22 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business until 12:30 p.m.

Pending debate,

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2007

Mr. BILL NELSON, from the State of Florida, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. NELSON led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, February 13, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BILL NELSON, a Senator from the State of Florida, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. NELSON took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE
RECEIVED DURING
ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the Secretary of the Senate, on yesterday, February 12, 2007, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House had passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 547. An act to facilitate the development of markets for biofuels and Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel fuel through research and development and data collection.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-744. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2006 Status of the Nation's Highways, Bridges and Transit: Conditions and Performance"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-745. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2007-12 - 2007-25); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-746. A communication from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to services performed by certain full-time government employees during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-747. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Statutory Exemption for Cross-Trading of Securities" (RIN1210-AB17), received on February 12, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-748. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Regulations and Rulings Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Outer Coastal Plain Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AB13), received on February 8, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 559. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require a voter-verified permanent paper ballot under title III of such

Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 560. A bill to create a Rural Policing Institute as part of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BUNNING (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BURR, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SMITH, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 561. A bill to repeal the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the expansion of the adoption credit and adoption assistance programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 562. A bill to provide for flexibility and improvements in elementary and secondary education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 563. A bill to extend the deadline by which State identification documents shall comply with certain minimum standards and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 564. A bill to modernize water resources planning, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 565. A bill to expand and enhance postbaccalaureate opportunities at Hispanic-serving institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 566. A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to establish a rural entrepreneur and microenterprise assistance program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) (by request):

S. 567. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 568. A bill to prohibit deceptive conduct in the rating of video and computer games, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 569. A bill to accelerate efforts to develop vaccines for diseases primarily affecting developing countries and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. WEBB):

S. 570. A bill to designate additional National Forest System lands in the State of Virginia as wilderness or a wilderness study area, to designate the Kimberling Creek Potential Wilderness Area for eventual incorporation in the Kimberling Creek Wilderness, to establish the Seng Mountain and Bear Creek Scenic Areas, to provide for the development of trail plans for the wilderness areas and scenic areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 571. A bill to withdraw normal trade relations treatment from, and apply certain provisions of title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 to, the products of the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 572. A bill to ensure that Federal student loans are delivered as efficiently as possible in order to provide more grant aid to students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 573. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID:

S. 574. A bill to express the sense of Congress on Iraq; read the first time.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. KYL, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 575. A bill to authorize appropriations for border and transportation security personnel and technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 576. A bill to provide for the effective prosecution of terrorists and guarantee due

process rights; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 577. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to add a provision relating to reporting and recordkeeping for positions involving energy commodities; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. REED, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. AKAKA, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 578. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve requirements under the Medicaid program for items and services furnished in or through an educational program or setting to children, including children with developmental, physical, or mental health needs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. Res. 78. A resolution designating April 2007 as "National Autism Awareness Month" and supporting efforts to increase funding for research into the causes and treatment of autism and to improve training and support for individuals with autism and those who care for individuals with autism; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. Res. 79. A resolution relative to the death of Representative Charles W. Norwood, Jr., of Georgia; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 80. A resolution to authorize testimony, document production, and legal representation in State of Oregon v. Rebecca Michelson, Michele Darr, and Vernon Huffman; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. Con. Res. 11. A concurrent resolution providing that any agreement relating to trade and investment that is negotiated by the executive branch with another country

comply with certain minimum standards; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 206

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 206, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to establish a fact-finding Commission to extend the study of a prior Commission to investigate and determine facts and circumstances surrounding the relocation, internment, and deportation to Axis countries of Latin Americans of Japanese descent from December 1941 through February 1948, and the impact of those actions by the United States, and to recommend appropriate remedies, and for other purposes.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 430, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 431

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 431, a bill to require convicted sex offenders to register online identifiers, and for other purposes.

S. 464

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 464, a bill to amend title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to improve the requirements regarding advance directives in order to ensure that an individual's health care decisions are complied with, and for other purposes.

S. 466

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 466, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of an end-of-life planning consultation as part of an initial preventive physical examination under the Medicare program.

S. 487

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 487, a bill to amend the National Organ Transplant Act to clarify that kidney paired donations shall not be considered to involve the transfer of a human organ for valuable consideration.

S. 494

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 494, a bill to endorse further enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and to facilitate the timely admission of new members to NATO, and for other purposes.

S. 497

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 497, a bill to repeal a prohibition on the use of certain funds for tunneling in certain areas with respect to the Los Angeles to San Fernando Valley Metro Rail project, California.

S. 535

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 535, a bill to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and an Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Investigative Office in the Civil Rights Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and for other purposes.

S. 558

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 558, a bill to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 10

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 10, a concurrent resolution honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 98th anniversary.

SENATE RESOLUTION 30

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN], the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 30, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the need for the United States to address global climate change through the negotiation of fair and effective international commitments.

SENATE RESOLUTION 65

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 65, a resolution condemning the murder of Turkish-Armenian journalist and human rights advocate Hrant Dink and urging the people of Turkey to honor his legacy of tolerance.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BYRD,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,
NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at 9:45 a.m. in 328A, Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE,
AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a business meeting during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND
NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room SD-106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet for a hearing on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at 10 a.m. in SD-106.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION,
LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at 10 a.m. in SD-430.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY
AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at 10 a.m. for a hearing titled "The Homeland Security Department's Budget Submission for Fiscal Year 2008."

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate for a hearing

entitled "Alternatives for Easing the Small Business Health Care Burden," on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, beginning at 10 a.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, to hold a hearing on Veterans Programs for Fiscal Year 2008. The hearing will take place in room 418 of the Russell Senate Office Building beginning at 9:30 a.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON
INTELLIGENCE

The Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 13, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:57 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 34. An act to establish a pilot program in certain United States district courts to encourage enhancement or expertise in patent cases among district judges.

H.R. 342. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 555 Independence Street in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as the "Rush Hudson Limbaugh, Sr. United States Courthouse".

H.R. 414. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 60 Calle McKinley, West in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, as the "Miguel Angel Garcia Mendez Post Office Building".

H.R. 798. An act to direct the Administrator of General Services to install a photovoltaic system for the headquarters building of the Department of Energy.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 44. Concurrent resolution honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 98th anniversary.

HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION REFERRED

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

H.R. 34. An act to establish a pilot program in certain United States district courts to

encourage enhancement of expertise in patent cases among district judges; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 414. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 60 Calle McKinley West in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, as the "Miguel Angel Garcia Mendez Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 798. An act to direct the Administrator of General Services to install a photovoltaic system for the headquarters building of the Department of Energy; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 44. Concurrent resolution honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 98th anniversary; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN LEGISLATION

Mr. SMITH asked unanimous consent that the Senate resume consideration of H.J. Res. 20.

Mr. CASEY objected.

RECESS

The hour of 12:30 p.m. having arrived, Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:14 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

REVISED CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 20) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the joint resolution.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 241, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 240, proposed by Mr. REID, to the instructions contained in the motion, by Mr. REID, to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (numbered 239).

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Thursday, February 8, 2007, to bring to a close debate on joint resolution H.J. Res. 20.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 8, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 71, nays... 26

[Rollcall Vote No. 46 Leg.]

YEAS --- 71

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Conrad, Corker, Craig, Crapo, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Specter, Stabenow, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Webb, Whitehouse.

NAYS --- 26

Alexander, Allard, Coburn, Collins, Cornyn, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Kyl, Martinez, McCain, Roberts, Sessions, Smith, Snowe, Stevens, Thomas, Voinovich, Warner, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The motion having been agreed to,

The motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment numbered 239, fell, taking with it amendments numbered 240 and 241 thereto.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 238, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 237, proposed by Mr. REID, to the joint resolution.

RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES W. NORWOOD, JR.

On the request of Mr. ISAKSON,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 79) relative to the death of Representative Charles W. Norwood, Jr., of Georgia, submitted today by

Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. ISAKSON), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

Pending debate,

REVISED CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION

The Senate resumed consideration of joint resolution H.J. Res. 20.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 238 to amendment No. 237 to the joint resolution.

Pending debate,

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE CONGRESSIONAL-EXECUTIVE COMMISSION ON THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SALAZAR in the chair) announced that the President of the Senate, after consultation with the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 106-286, had appointed the following Senators to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DORGAN, to serve as co-chairman, and Mr. BROWN.

AUTHORIZING REPRESENTATION BY THE SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

On the request of Mr. CARDIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 80) to authorize testimony, document production, and legal representation in State of Oregon v. Rebecca Michelson, Michele Darr, and Vernon Huffman, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. CARDIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 574) to express the sense of Congress on Iraq, introduced today by Mr. REID, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. CARDIN asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. CARDIN objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 12 NOON ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CARDIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 12 noon on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of H.J. Res. 20.

Ordered further, That time consumed during adjournment and the period for morning business be counted against the time for debate pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CARDIN,

At 5:09 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today and pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 79, as a further mark of respect to the late Representative Charles W. Norwood, Jr., of Georgia, until 12 noon on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2007

Ms. AMY KLOBUCHAR, from the State of Minnesota, called the Senate to order at 12 noon, the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, February 14, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable AMY KLOBUCHAR, a Senator from the State of Minnesota, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Ms. KLOBUCHAR took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business. Pending debate,

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. REED, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 579. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 580. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to update the feasibility and suitability studies of four national historic

trails, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 581. A bill to amend the Buy American Act to increase the requirement for American-made content, to tighten the waiver provisions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. REED, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 582. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to classify automatic fire sprinkler systems as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 583. A bill to create a competitive grant program for States to enable the States to award salary bonuses to highly qualified elementary school or secondary school teachers who teach, or commit to teach, for at least 3 academic years in a school served by a rural local educational agency; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. SMITH, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 584. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rehabilitation credit and the low-income housing credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 585. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue coins in commemoration of Native Americans and the important contributions made by Indian tribes and individual Native Americans to the development of the United States and the history of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 586. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to promote positive health behaviors in women and children; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 587. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the Model T Ford Automobile and the 100th anniversary of the Highland Park Plant, Michigan, the birthplace of the assembly line, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. REID, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 588. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the Medicare caps on graduate medical education positions for States with a shortage of residents; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 589. A bill to provide for the transfer of certain Federal property to the United States Paralympics, Incorporated, a subsidiary of the United States Olympic Committee; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. CANTWELL, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 590. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the investment tax credit with respect to solar energy property and qualified fuel cell property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 591. A bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to adjust for inflation the allowable amounts of financial resources of eligible households and to exclude from countable financial resources certain retirement and education accounts; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 592. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a manufacturer's jobs credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. DOLE, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 593. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a grant program to provide supportive services in permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SANDERS, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 594. A bill to limit the use, sale, and transfer of cluster munitions; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 595. A bill to amend the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 to strike a provision relating to modifications in reporting frequency; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself and Mr. SMITH):

S. 596. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of Internet pharmacies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KYL, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DODD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. THOMAS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BURR, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. SUNUNU):

S. 597. A bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 598. A bill to require reporting regarding the disaster loan program of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 599. A bill to improve the disaster loan program of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. DODD, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 600. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish the School-Based Health Clinic program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. CARPER, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 601. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require broker reporting of customer's basis in securities transactions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. Res. 81. A resolution recognizing the 45th anniversary of John Hershel Glenn, Jr.'s historic achievement in becoming the first United States astronaut to orbit the Earth; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 21

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 21, a bill to expand access to preventive health care services that help reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce abortions, and improve access to women's health care.

S. 57

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 57, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 80

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 80, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for 8 weeks of paid leave for Federal employees giving birth and for other purposes.

S. 206

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of S. 206, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 223

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 223, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 236

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 236, a bill to require reports to Congress on Federal agency use of data mining.

S. 254

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD] were added as cosponsors of S. 254, a bill to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 316, a bill to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market.

S. 329

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr.

CONRAD] were added as cosponsors of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 388

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 388, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a national standard in accordance with which nonresidents of a State may carry concealed firearms in the State.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 423, a bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2007, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.

S. 436

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 436, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the system of public financing for Presidential elections, and for other purposes.

S. 479

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] were added as cosponsors of S. 479, a bill to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.

S. 505

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 505, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the above-the-line deduction for teacher classroom supplies and to expand such deduction to include qualified professional development expenses.

S. 518

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 518, a bill to amend the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 to require the Statistics Commissioner to collect information from coeducational secondary schools on such schools' athletic programs.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 556

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 556, a bill to reauthorize the Head Start Act, and for other purposes.

S. 558

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] and the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. McCASKILL] were added as cosponsors of S. 558, a bill to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services.

S. 565

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 565, a bill to expand and enhance postbaccalaureate opportunities at Hispanic-serving institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 572

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 572, a bill to ensure that Federal student loans are delivered as efficiently as possible in order to provide more grant aid to students.

S. 573

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 573, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 10

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 10, a concurrent resolution honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 98th anniversary.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 14, 2007, at 3 p.m., in closed session to receive a briefing on Iranian activities in Iraq.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 14, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 14, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 14, 2007, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 14, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in SD-430.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Judicial Security and Independence" for Wednesday, February 14, 2007 at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 14, 2007, at 11:30 a.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 14, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 742. An act to amend the Antitrust Modernization Commission Act of 2002, to extend the term of the Antitrust Modernization Commission and to make a technical correction.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 4 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 437. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 West Eisenhower Street in Rio Grande City, Texas, as the "Lino Perez, Jr. Post Office".

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 437. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 West Eisenhower Street in Rio Grande City, Texas, as the "Lino Perez, Jr. Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 574) to express the sense of Congress on Iraq, introduced on yesterday by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

REVISED CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MENENDEZ in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 20) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the joint resolution.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 238, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 237, proposed by Mr. REID, to the joint resolution.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 4:30 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Nora Barry Fischer to be a United States District Judge; that there be 10 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon between the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on the Judiciary; that there be 5 minutes for debate

controlled by Mr. CASEY; that, at 4:45 p.m., the Senate vote on said nomination; that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate resume its legislative session.

ORDER FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 20

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate then resume consideration of joint resolution of H.J. Res. 20; that all amendments and motions relative to H.J. Res. 20 then be withdrawn; that the joint resolution be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on passage of said joint resolution without intervening action or debate.

REVISED CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION

The Senate resumed consideration of joint resolution H.J. Res. 20.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 238 to amendment No. 237 to the joint resolution.

Mr. COBURN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose an amendment numbered 234.

Mr. SANDERS objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 238 to amendment No. 237 to the joint resolution.

Mr. COBURN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose an amendment numbered 235.

Mr. SANDERS objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 238 to amendment No. 237 to the joint resolution.

Mr. COBURN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose an amendment numbered 236.

Mr. SANDERS objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 238 to amendment No. 237 to the joint resolution.

Mr. COBURN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose an amendment numbered 250.

Mr. SANDERS objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 238 to amendment No. 237 to the joint resolution.

Mr. COBURN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose an amendment numbered 251.

Mr. SANDERS objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 238 to amendment No. 237 to the joint resolution.

Mr. COBURN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose an amendment numbered 252.

Mr. SANDERS objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 238 to amendment No. 237 to the joint resolution.

Pending debate,

Mr. WARNER asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose an amendment numbered 259.

Mrs. MCCASKILL objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 238 to amendment No. 237 to the joint resolution.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

REVISED CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed consideration of the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 238 to amendment No. 237 to the joint resolution.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment No. 237 (and amendment No. 238 thereto) were withdrawn.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The joint resolution was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. BILL NELSON,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the joint resolution.

On the question, Shall the joint resolution pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 81, nays... 15

[Rollcall Vote No. 48 Leg.]

YEAS --- 81

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Gregg, Harkin, Hatch,

Hutchison, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 15

Brownback, Coburn, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Hagel, Inhofe, Roberts, Sessions, Smith, Snowe, Voinovich, Warner.

So it was

Resolved, That the joint resolution do pass.

On motion by Mr. KERRY to reconsider the vote on passage of the joint resolution.

On motion by Mr. KERRY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONGRATULATING ILLINOIS
STATE UNIVERSITY ON ITS
SESQUICENTENNIAL

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. OBAMA,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 53) congratulating Illinois State University as it marks its sesquicentennial.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO THE INTELLIGENCE
REFORM AND TERRORISM
PREVENTION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. OBAMA,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 50) amending Senate Resolution 400 (94th Congress) to make amendments arising from the enactment of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 and to make other amendments.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. OBAMA,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 10:20 a.m., with Senators to speak therein; and that the time therein be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders, or their designees.

Ordered further, That, following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Norman Randy Smith, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and the nomination of Marcia Morales Howard, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida; that there be a period of concurrent debate on the nominations until 10:30 a.m.; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled between the Chairman and ranking member of the Committee on the Judiciary, or their designees; that, at 10:30 a.m., the Senate vote on the confirmation of the nomination of Norman Randy Smith; that, following said vote, the Senate vote on the confirmation of the nomination of Marcia Morales Howard; that, following the votes, a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; that the Senate then resume its legislative session, and proceed to a further period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that Mr. LEAHY then be recognized for 1 hour; and that, upon conclusion of remarks by him, the following hour be controlled by the minority leader, or his designee.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. OBAMA,

At 6:05 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2007

Mr. BARACK OBAMA, from the State of Illinois, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Reverend Dr. J. Layton Mauze, III, of the First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, NC offered a prayer, and Mr. OBAMA led the

Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, February 15, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BARACK OBAMA, a Senator from the State of Illinois, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. OBAMA took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.
Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-749. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a quarterly report entitled "Acceptance of Contributions for Defense Programs, Projects, and Activities; Defense Cooperation Account"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-750. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's semiannual Monetary Policy Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-751. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Accuracy of Advertising and Notice of Insured Status" (RIN3133-AD18) received on February 14, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-752. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Operating Permits Program; State of Missouri" (FRL No. 8278-8) received on February 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-753. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New York; Motor Vehicle Enhanced Inspection and Maintenance Program" (FRL No. 8275-5) received on February 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-754. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Control of Hazardous Air Pollutants from Mobile Sources" ((RIN2060-AK70)(FRL No. 8278-4)) received on February 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-755. A communication from the Policy Analyst, Insurance Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "FEHB Coverage and Premiums for Active Duty Members of the Military" (RIN3206-AK98) received on February 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-756. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-757. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, a bill entitled "Federal Railroad Safety Accountability and Improvement Act"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 202. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain Forest Service land to the city of Coffman Cove, Alaska (Rept. No. 110-6).

S. 216. A bill to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land in the Santa Fe National Forest and certain non-Federal land in the Pecos National Historical Park in the State of New Mexico (Rept. No. 110-7).

S. 232. A bill to make permanent the authorization for watershed restoration and enhancement agreements (Rept. No. 110-8).

S. 240. A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992 (Rept. No. 110-9).

S. 241. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements to protect natural resources of units of the National Park System through collaborative efforts on land inside and outside of units of the National Park System (Rept. No. 110-10).

S. 245. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate the President William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace Home in Hope, Arkansas, as a National Historic Site and unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-11).

S. 255. A bill to provide assistance to the State of New Mexico for the development of comprehensive State water plans, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-12).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 260. A bill to establish the Fort Stanton-Snowy River Cave National Conservation Area (Rept. No. 110-13).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 262. A bill to rename the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in the State of Idaho as the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in honor of the late Morley Nelson, an international authority on birds of prey, who was instrumental in the establishment of this National Conservation Area, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-14).

S. 268. A bill to designate the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-15).

S. 277. A bill to modify the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park to include certain land within the GT Park Subdivision, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-16).

S. 283. A bill to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-17).

S. 320. A bill to provide for the protection of paleontological resources on Federal lands, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-18).

H.R. 57. A bill to repeal certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands (Rept. No. 110-19).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 41. A resolution honoring and the life and recognizing the accomplishments of Tom Mooney, president of the Ohio Federation of Teachers.

S. Res. 47. A resolution honoring the life and achievements of George C. Springer, Sr., the Northeast regional director and a former vice president of the American Federation of Teachers.

S. Res. 49. A resolution recognizing and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the entry of Alaska into the Union as the 49th State.

S. Res. 69. A resolution recognizing the African-American spiritual as a national treasure.

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 184. A bill to provide improved rail and surface transportation security.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 602. A bill to develop the next generation of parental control technology; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. 603. A bill for the relief of Ashley Ross Fuller; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. KERRY, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 604. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to limit increases in the certain costs of health care services under the health care programs of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 605. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote and improve the allied health professions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. NELSON of Florida,

Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REID, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 606. A bill to improve Federal contracting and procurement by eliminating fraud and abuse and improving competition in contracting and procurement and by enhancing administration of Federal contracting personnel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 607. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent interference with Federal disaster relief efforts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 608. A bill to improve the allocation of grants through the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 609. A bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 610. A bill to clarify the effective date of the modification of treatment for retirement annuity purposes of part-time service before April 7, 1986, of certain Department of Veterans Affairs health-care professionals; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 611. A bill to provide for secondary school reform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. BOXER, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 612. A bill to improve the health of women through the establishment of Offices of Women's Health within the Department of Health and Human Services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 613. A bill to enhance the overseas stabilization and reconstruction capabilities of the United States Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Ms.

KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. TESTER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. 614. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to double the child tax credit for the first year, to expand the credit dependent care services, to provide relief from the alternative minimum tax, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. REID, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DODD, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 615. A bill to provide the nonimmigrant spouses and children of nonimmigrant aliens who perished in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks an opportunity to adjust their status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 616. A bill to promote health care coverage parity for individuals participating in legal recreational activities or legal transportation activities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SMITH:

S. 617. A bill to make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available at a discount to certain veterans; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. LOTT, Mr. REID, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 618. A bill to further competition in the insurance industry; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 619. A bill to prevent congressional reapportionment distortions; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 620. A bill to establish a demonstration project to train unemployed workers for employment as health care professionals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 621. A bill to establish commissions to review the facts and circumstances surrounding injustices suffered by European Americans, European Latin Americans, and Jewish refugees during World War II; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 622. A bill to enhance fair and open competition in the production and sale of agricultural commodities; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. VITTER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEAHY, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 623. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the licensing of comparable and interchangeable biological products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 624. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. DODD, Mr. SMITH, Mr. REED, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. STEVENS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DOMENICI, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. KOHL, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 625. A bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. BOND, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. SHELBY):

S. 626. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 627. A bill to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to improve the health and well-being of maltreated infants and toddlers through the creation of a National Court Teams Resource Center, to assist local Court Teams, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mr. BAYH):

S. 628. A bill to provide grants for rural health information technology development activities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. 629. A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to provide direct and guaranteed loans, loan guarantees, and grants to complete the construction and rehabilitation of rural critical access hospitals; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 630. A bill to amend part C of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a minimum payment rate by Medicare Advantage organizations for services furnished by a critical access hospital and a rural health clinic under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. 631. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of remote patient management services for chronic health care conditions under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 632. A bill to provide for a hospital in Cass County, Minnesota; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. 633. A bill to provide assistance to rural schools, hospitals, and communities for the conduct of collaborative efforts to secure a progressive and innovative system to improve access to mental health care for youth, seniors and families; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 634. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. SMITH):

S. 635. A bill to provide for a research program for remediation of closed methamphetamine production laboratories, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 636. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the reporting period for certain statements sent to taxpayers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SESSIONS:

S. 637. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Chattahoochee Trace National Heritage Corridor in Alabama and Georgia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 638. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 639. A bill to establish digital and wireless networks to advance online higher education opportunities for minority students; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CRAPO:

S. 640. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish an Office of Men's Health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. GREGG):

S. 641. A bill to express the sense of Congress that no funds should be cut off or reduced for American troops in the field which would result in undermining their safety or their ability to complete their assigned missions; read the first time.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 642. A bill to codify Executive Order 12898, relating to environmental justice, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to fully implement the recommendations of the Inspector General of the Agency and the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 643. A bill to amend section 1922A of title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of supplemental insurance available for totally disabled veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DORGAN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 644. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recodify as part of that title certain educational assistance programs for members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces, to improve such programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HAGEL, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 645. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to provide an alternate sulfur dioxide removal measurement for certain coal gasification project goals; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. 646. A bill to increase the nursing workforce; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. SMITH):

S. 647. A bill to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS:

S. 648. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the eligibility age for receipt of non-regular military service retired pay for members of the Ready Reserve in active federal status or on active duty for significant periods; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 649. A bill to require the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to conduct an independent safety assessment of the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. REID:

S. 650. A bill to amend the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 to provide for certain nuclear weapons program workers to be included in the Special Exposure Cohort under the compensation program established by that Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 651. A bill to help promote the national recommendation of physical activity to kids, families, and communities across the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. SUNUNU):

S. 652. A bill to extend certain trade preferences to certain least-developed countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 653. A bill to expand visa waiver program to countries on a probationary basis and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 654. A bill to establish the Food Safety Administration to protect the public health by preventing food-borne illness, ensuring the safety of food, improving research on contaminants leading to food-borne illness, and improving security of food from intentional contamination, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT
AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Mr. REED, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BURR, Mr. REID, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. GREGG, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Res. 82. A resolution designating August 16, 2007 as "National Airborne Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. COBURN):

S. Res. 83. A resolution to amend the Standing Rules of the Senate to prohibit filling the tree; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. Res. 84. A resolution observing February 23, 2007, as the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade in the British Empire, honoring the distinguished life and legacy of William Wilberforce, and encouraging the people of the United States to follow the example of William Wilberforce by selflessly pursuing respect for human rights around the world; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. WEBB, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SALAZAR, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. Con. Res. 12. A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a National Medal of Honor and to celebrate and honor the recipients of the Medal of Honor on the anniversary of the first award of that medal in 1863; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. Con. Res. 13. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the President should not initiate military action against Iran without first obtaining authorization from Congress; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 3

At the request of Mr. CASEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3, a bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fair prescription drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 4

At the request of Mr. CASEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 4, a bill to make the United States more secure by implementing unfinished recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to fight the war on terror more effectively, to improve homeland security, and for other purposes.

S. 10

At the request of Mr. CASEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 10, a bill to reinstate the pay-as-you-go requirement and reduce budget deficits by strengthening budget enforcement and fiscal responsibility.

S. 122

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 122, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to extend benefits to service sector workers and firms, enhance certain trade adjustment assistance authorities, and for other purposes.

S. 184

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 184, a bill to provide improved rail and surface transportation security.

S. 254

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] were added as cosponsors of S. 254, a bill to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi.

S. 261

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 261, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 284

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 284, a bill to provide emergency agricultural disaster assistance.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to prohibit the import, export, and sale of goods made with sweatshop labor, and for other purposes.

S. 368

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 368, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 415

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 415, a bill to amend the Revised Statutes of the United States to prevent the use of the legal system in a manner that extorts money from

State and local governments, and the Federal Government, and inhibits such governments' constitutional actions under the first, tenth, and fourteenth amendments.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 430, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 450

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, supra.

S. 455

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 455, a bill to amend the internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief to active duty military personnel and employers who assist them, and for other purposes.

S. 494

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] and the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 494, a bill to endorse further enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and to facilitate the timely admission of new members to NATO, and for other purposes.

S. 507

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 507, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for reimbursement of certified midwife services and to provide for more equitable reimbursement rates for certified nurse-midwife services.

S. 509

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 509, a bill to provide improved aviation security, and for other purposes.

S. 536

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 536, a bill to amend the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 to prohibit the labeling of cloned livestock and products derived from cloned livestock as organic.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 558

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE], the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 558, a bill to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services.

S. 561

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 561, a bill to repeal the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the expansion of the adoption credit and adoption assistance programs.

S. 574

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 574, a bill to express the sense of Congress on Iraq.

S. 578

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve requirements under the Medicaid program for items and services furnished in or through an educational program or setting to children, including children with developmental, physical, or mental health needs, and for other purposes.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 579, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr.

VOINOVICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 579, supra.

S. 597

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] and the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] were added as cosponsors of S. 597, a bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

S. 601

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 601, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require broker reporting of customer's basis in securities transactions, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 15, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 15, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 15, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Thursday, February 15, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 15, 2007, at 9:15 a.m. to hold a nomination hearing.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, February 15, 2007, at 9 a.m. for a business meeting to consider pending committee business.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, February 15, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, February 15, 2007, at 10 a.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 15, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet Thursday, February 15, 2007, from 10 a.m. to noon in Dirksen 562 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 20. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The enrolled joint resolution was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 11:56 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to H. Res. 159, resolving that the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable Charlie Norwood, a Representative from the State of Georgia.

At 1:53 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to H. Res. 165, resolving that the Senate be informed that Lorraine C. Miller, a citizen of the State of Texas, has been elected Clerk of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Tenth Congress.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session, during which the following occurred; and after the consideration of executive business (involving two rollcall votes).

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

H. CON. RES. 63

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that, as in legislative session, when the Senate reconvenes on Monday, February 26, 2007, the Senate proceed to consider the concurrent

resolution (H. Con. Res. 63) disapproving of the decision of the President announced on January 10, 2007, to deploy more than 20,000 additional United States combat troops to Iraq; that there be 12 hours, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that the amendments and motions be in order thereto; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS, EN BLOC

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent, as in legislative session, that when the Senate reconvenes on Tuesday, February 27, 2007, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider, en bloc, the following concurrent resolutions: a concurrent resolution, if received from the House of Representatives, the text of which is at the desk; the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 7 (to be discharged from the Committee on Foreign Relations); a concurrent resolution intended to be submitted by Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. GRAHAM), relative to benchmarks; and a concurrent resolution intended to be submitted by Mr. GREGG, relative to funding and supporting our troops; that there be a limitation of 12 hours, equally divided and controlled, for concurrent debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that no amendments be in order to be proposed; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote, in "stacked" sequence, on the question of agreeing to the concurrent resolutions in the following order, with no intervening action or debate: a concurrent resolution intended to be submitted by Mr. GREGG; and concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 7; a concurrent resolution, if received from the House of Representatives, the text of which is at the desk; a concurrent resolution intended to be submitted by Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. GRAHAM); and that if the Senate fails to agree to any of the concurrent resolutions with a minimum of 60 yeas votes, the vote by which the concurrent resolution was agreed to be vitiated, and the concurrent resolution be returned to its previous status.

After debate,

Mr. REID objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTION H. CON. RES. 63

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent, as in legislative session, that when the Senate reconvenes on Monday, February 26, 2007, the Senate proceed to consider concurrent

resolution H. Con. Res. 63 and a concurrent resolution intended to be submitted by Mr. MCCAIN; that there be 12 hours, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for concurrent debate thereon; that amendments and motions be in order thereto; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the concurrent resolutions.

After debate,

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTION S. CON. RES. 7

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent, as in legislative session, that when the Senate reconvenes on Tuesday, February 27, 2007, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider, en bloc, the following concurrent resolutions: a concurrent resolution, if received from the House of Representatives, the text of which is at the desk; the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 7 (to be discharged from the Committee on Foreign Relations); a concurrent resolution intended to be submitted by Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. GRAHAM), relative to benchmarks; and a concurrent resolution intended to be submitted by Mr. GREGG, relative to funding and supporting our troops; that there be a limitation of 12 hours, equally divided and controlled, for concurrent debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that no amendments be in order to be proposed; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote, in "stacked" sequence, on the question of agreeing to the concurrent resolutions in the following order, with no intervening action or debate: a concurrent resolution intended to be submitted by Mr. GREGG; and concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 7; a concurrent resolution, if received from the House of Representatives, the text of which is at the desk; a concurrent resolution intended to be submitted by Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. GRAHAM); and that if the Senate fails to agree to any of the concurrent resolutions with a minimum of 60 yeas votes, the vote by which the concurrent resolution was agreed to be vitiated, and the concurrent resolution be returned to its previous status.

After debate,

Mr. REID objected.

Pending debate,

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 214

Mr. LEAHY asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider the bill (S. 214) to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys; that the reported amendment be agreed to; and that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed.

Mr. CRAPO objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 574

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 574) to express the sense of Congress on Iraq.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed to consider bill S. 574, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 574:

BEN NELSON, RUSSELL D. FEINGOLD, BEN CARDIN, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., BYRON L. DORGAN, AMY KLOBUCHAR, DANIEL K. AKAKA, MARIA CANTWELL, JOHN KERRY, KEN SALAZAR, JACK REED, CHARLES SCHUMER, JEFF BINGAMAN, BARBARA BOXER, DICK DURBIN, TOM HARKIN, JAY ROCKEFELLER, HARRY REID.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED; BILL PASSED

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 487) to amend the National Organ Transplant Act to clarify that kidney paired donations shall not be considered to involve

the transfer of a human organ for valuable consideration.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. BOND, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. KENNEDY) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 266, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO THE FANNIE LOU
HAMER, ROSA PARKS, AND
CORETTA SCOTT KING VOTING
RIGHTS ACT REAUTHORIZATION
AND AMENDMENTS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 188) to revise the short title of the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendments.

The reported amendments were agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. SALAZAR) to further amend the bill on page 2, on various lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 267).

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF
THE MEDAL OF HONOR

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TESTER in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 12) supporting the goals and ideals of a National Medal of Honor and to celebrate and honor the recipients of the Medal of Honor on the anniversary of the first award of that medal in 1863, submitted today by Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. WEBB, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr.

CRAPO, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SALAZAR, and Ms. SNOWE), and at the desk; and

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 641) to express the sense of Congress that no funds should be cut off or reduced for American troops in the field which would result in undermining their safety or their ability to complete their assigned missions, introduced today by Mr. GREGG, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 12 NOON ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 12 noon on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and that the time until 12:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders.

Ordered further, That, at 12:30 p.m., the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein; that the time for debate therein be controlled in alternating fashion in 30 minute increments; and that the first 30 minutes therein be controlled by the majority party.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:17 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 12 noon on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2007

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 12 noon, the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. TESTER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, February 16, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. TESTER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and that the time until 12:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders.

Pending debate,

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 641) to express the sense of Congress that no funds should be cut off or reduced for American troops in the field which would result in undermining their safety or their ability to complete their assigned missions, introduced on yesterday by Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. COBURN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr.

ROBERTS, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. KYL, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. DEMINT), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The hour of 12:30 p.m. having arrived, Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 200. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and the United States Geological Survey, to conduct a study on groundwater resources in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-20).

S. 235. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain buildings and lands of the Yakima Project, Washington, to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District (Rept. No. 110-21).

S. 263. A bill to amend the Oregon Resource Conservation Act of 1996 to reauthorize the participation of the Bureau of Reclamation in the Deschutes River Conservancy, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-22).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 264. A bill to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in the rehabilitation of the Wallowa Lake Dam in Oregon, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-23).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 265. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a water resource feasibility study for the Little Butte/Bear Creek Subbasins in Oregon (Rept. No. 110-24).

S. 266. A bill to provide for the modification of an amendatory repayment contract between the Secretary of the Interior and the North Unit Irrigation District, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-25).

S. 220. A bill to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the A & B Irrigation District in the State of Idaho (Rept. No. 110-26).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 275. A bill to establish the Prehistoric Trackways National Monument in the State of New Mexico (Rept. No. 110-27).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ENZI, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. BROWN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 655. A bill to amend the Congressional Charter of The American National Red Cross to modernize its governance structure, to enhance the ability of the board of governors of The American National Red Cross to support the critical mission of The American Red Cross in the 21st century, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REED:

S. 656. A bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain nationals of Liberia to that of lawful permanent residence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BURR, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 657. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to add requirements regarding trauma care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 658. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to improve the process for listing, recovery planning, and delisting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HAGEL:

S. 659. A bill to amend section 1477 of title 10, United States Code, to provide for the payment of the death gratuity with respect to members of the Armed Forces without a surviving spouse who are survived by a minor child; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 660. A bill for the relief of Majan Jean; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. COCHRAN)):

S. 661. A bill to establish kinship navigator programs, to establish guardianship assistance payments for children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 662. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate resources at the Harriet Beecher Stowe House in Brunswick, Maine, to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the site as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 663. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the statutory designation of beneficiaries of the \$100,000 death gratuity under section 1477 of title 10, United States Code, and to permit members of the Armed Forces to designate in writing their beneficiaries of choice in the event of their death while serving on active duty; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. REID, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 664. A bill to provide adequate funding for local governments harmed by Hurricane Katrina of 2005 or Hurricane Rita of 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 665. A bill to require congressional approval of loans made by the Secretary of Transportation in excess of \$1,000,000,000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 666. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to terminate certain incentives for oil and gas; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOND (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 667. A bill to expand programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse and neglect prevention, and early identification of developmental and health delays, including potential mental health concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 668. A bill to require the Food and Drug Administration to conduct consumer testing to determine the appropriateness of the current labeling requirements for indoor tanning devices and determine whether such requirements provide sufficient information to consumers regarding the risks that the use of such devices pose for the development of irreversible damage to the skin, including

skin cancer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. WYDEN, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 669. A bill to amend the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 to provide procedures for the release of Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program contingency funds; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID (for Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 670. A bill to set forth limitations on the United States military presence in Iraq and on United States aid to Iraq for security and reconstruction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. INOUE, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 671. A bill to exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from the numerical limitations on immigrant visas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself and Mr. SMITH):

S. 672. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax-exempt financing for qualified renewable energy facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 673. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide credits for the installation of wind energy property, including by rural homeowners, farmers, ranchers, and small businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. OBAMA:

S. 674. A bill to require accountability and enhanced congressional oversight for personnel performing private security functions under Federal contracts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. SNOWE, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 675. A bill to provide competitive grants for training court reporters and closed captioners to meet requirements for realtime writers under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE
RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. Res. 85. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the creation of refugee populations in the Middle East, North Africa, and the Persian Gulf region as a result of human rights violations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 3

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 3, a bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fair prescription drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 21

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 21, a bill to expand access to preventive health care services that help reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce abortions, and improve access to women's health care.

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 22, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 435

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 435, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to preserve the essential air service program.

S. 469

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] were added as cosponsors of S. 469, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

S. 479

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 479, a bill to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.

S. 487

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 487, a bill to amend the National Organ Transplant Act to clarify that kidney paired donations shall not be considered to involve the transfer of a human organ for valuable consideration.

S. 519

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was

added as a cosponsor of S. 519, a bill to modernize and expand the reporting requirements relating to child pornography, to expand cooperation in combating child pornography, and for other purposes.

S. 535

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 535, a bill to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and an Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Investigative Office in the Civil Rights Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and for other purposes.

S. 561

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 561, a bill to repeal the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the expansion of the adoption credit and adoption assistance programs.

S. 563

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 563, a bill to extend the deadline by which State identification documents shall comply with certain minimum standards and for other purposes.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 583

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] were added as cosponsors of S. 583, a bill to create a competitive grant program for States to enable the States to award salary bonuses to highly qualified elementary school or secondary school teachers who teach, or commit to teach, for at least 3 academic years in a school served by a rural local educational agency.

S. 585

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 585, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue coins in commemoration of Native Americans and the important contributions made by Indian tribes and individual Native Americans to the development of the United States and the history of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 593

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 593, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a grant program to provide supportive services in permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 597

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] were added as cosponsors of S. 597, a bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

S. 634

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 634, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 637, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Chattahoochee Trace National Heritage Corridor in Alabama and Georgia, and for other purposes.

S. 641

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL], the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. DEMINT] were added as cosponsors of S. 641, a bill to express the sense of Congress that no funds should be cut off or reduced for American troops in the field which would result in undermining their safety or their ability to complete their assigned missions.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 7

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 7, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress on Iraq.

AUTHORITY FOR A COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION,
LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Friday, February 16, 2007, at 10 a.m., in SD-430.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 4:27 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 63. Concurrent resolution disapproving of the decision of the President announced on January 10, 2007, to deploy more than 20,000 additional United States combat troops to Iraq.

H. Con. Res. 67. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 2(a) of the National Cultural Center Act (20 U.S.C. 76h(a)), amended by Public Law 107-117, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Ms. DELAURO of Connecticut, and Ms. PRYCE of Ohio.

At 5:51 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 976. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for small businesses, and for other purposes.

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from Treaty Document 110-1, received from the President on today.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER

COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) announced that the minority leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-83, had appointed the following Senators as members of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the 110th Congress: Mr. SMITH, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BURR, and Mr. BROWNBACK.

REAPPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the minority leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-83, had appointed the following Senator to serve as a member of the National Council on the Arts for a term of two years: Mr. BENNETT.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 12 NOON ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 12 noon on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 574; that the time until 1:45 p.m. be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders, or their designees; that the time from 1:25 p.m. until 1:35 p.m. be controlled by the minority leader; that the time from 1:35 p.m. until 1:45 p.m. be controlled by the majority leader; and that at 1:45 p.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 574.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

At 6 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 12 noon on tomorrow.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2007

Ms. MARIA CANTWELL, from the State of Washington, called the Senate to order at 12 noon, the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Ms. CANTWELL led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, February 17, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARIA CANTWELL, a Senator from the State of Washington, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Ms. CANTWELL took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 574

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the motion, by Mr. REID, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 574) to express the sense of Congress on Iraq; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

DISTURBANCE IN THE GALLERY

There was a disturbance in gallery No. 8 (a man standing and speaking in a loud voice).

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore directed the Sergeant at Arms to restore order in the gallery (No. 8).

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 574

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 574.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

The hour of 1:45 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Thursday, February 15, 2007, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 574.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 15, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---

yeas... 56, nays... 34

[Rollcall Vote No. 51 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 34

Alexander, Allard, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Lieberman, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 574.

Mr. REID withdrew his pending motion.

PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND A CONDITIONAL RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 67) providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; and

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to concurrent resolution, with no intervening action or debate.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

On motion by Ms. SNOWE,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 47, nays... 33

[Rollcall Vote No. 52 Leg.]

YEAS --- 47

Akaka, Baucus, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thomas, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 33

Alexander, Allard, Bayh, Bunning, Coburn, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hutchison, Inhofe, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Roberts, Sessions, Smith, Snowe, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

So the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. CARDIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

On motion by Mr. TESTER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The following morning business occurred on today:

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND
JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 676. A bill to provide that the Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank or the Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank may serve on the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 677. A bill to improve the grant program for secure schools under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 678. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to ensure air passengers have access to necessary services while on a grounded air carrier and are not unnecessarily held on a grounded air carrier before or after a flight, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 679. A bill to provide a comprehensive strategy for stabilizing Iraq and redeploying United States troops from Iraq within one year; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CARPER, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 680. A bill to ensure proper oversight and accountability in Federal contracting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 681. A bill to restrict the use of offshore tax havens and abusive tax shelters to inappropriately avoid Federal taxation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. REID, Mr. WARNER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. GREGG, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs.

MURRAY, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. REED, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. TESTER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BAYH, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 682. A bill to award a congressional gold medal to Edward William Brooke III in recognition of his unprecedented and enduring service to our Nation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S.J. Res. 3. A joint resolution to specify an expiration date for the authorization of use of military force under the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 and to authorize the continuing presence of United States forces in Iraq after that date for certain military operations and activities; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 614

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 614, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to double the child tax credit for the first year, to expand the credit dependent care services, to provide relief from the alternative minimum tax, and for other purposes.

S. 641

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] were added as cosponsors of S. 641, a bill to express the sense of Congress that no funds should be cut off or reduced for American troops in the field which would result in undermining their safety or their ability to complete their assigned missions.

HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT
RESOLUTIONS REFERRED

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

H.R. 342. To designate the United States courthouse located at 555 Independence Street in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as the "Rush Hudson Limbaugh, Sr. United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 547. To facilitate the development of markets for biofuels and Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel fuel through research and development and data collection; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 20. Concurrent resolution calling on the Government of the United Kingdom to immediately establish a full, independent, and public judicial inquiry into the murder of Northern Ireland defense attorney Patrick Finucane, as recommended by Judge Peter Cory as part of the Weston Park Agreement, in order to move forward on the Northern Ireland peace process; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H. Con. Res. 63. Concurrent resolution disapproving of the decision of the President announced on January 10, 2007, to deploy more than 20,000 additional United States combat troops to Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL S. 184

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that, on Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at 11:30 a.m., the Senate proceed to consider bill S. 184.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 184

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 184) to provide improved rail and surface transportation security.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed to consider bill S. 184, which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 184:

HARRY REID, RUSSELL D. FEINGOLD, D.K. INOUE, JACK REED, SHERRON BROWN, RON WYDEN, KEN SALAZAR, JOE BIDEN, MARY LANDRIEU, JOHN F. KERRY, DICK DURBIN, BYRON L. DORGAN, H.R. CLINTON, BILL NELSON, FRANK R. LAUTENBERG, B.A. MIKULSKI, PATTY MURRAY.

DESIGNATING THE "MICKEY
MANTLE POST OFFICE BUILDING"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 171) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Commerce Street in Commerce, Oklahoma, as the "Mickey Mantle Post Office Building".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "GERALD R. FORD, JR. POST OFFICE BUILDING"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 49) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 North Frontage Road West in Vail, Colorado, as the "Gerald R. Ford, Jr. Post Office Building".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "GALE W. MCGEE POST OFFICE"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 335) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 152 North 5th Street in Laramie, Wyoming, as the "Gale W. McGee Post Office".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "LANE EVANS POST OFFICE BUILDING"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 521) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at

2633 11th Street in Rock Island, Illinois, as the "Lane Evans Post Office Building".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "SCIPIO A. JONES POST OFFICE BUILDING"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 433) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1700 Main Street in Little Rock, Arkansas, as the "Scipio A. Jones Post Office Building".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "SERGEANT LEA ROBERT MILLS BROOKSVILLE AVIATION BRANCH POST OFFICE"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 514) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16150 Aviation Loop Drive in Brooksville, Florida, as the "Sergeant Lea Robert Mills Brooksville Aviation Branch Post Office."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "SERGEANT HENRY YBARRA III POST OFFICE BUILDING"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 577) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3903 South Congress Avenue in Austin, Texas, as the "Sergeant Henry Ybarra III Post Office Building".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CERTAIN BILLS DISCHARGED AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR, EN BLOC

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the following bills; and that they bill placed on the calendar:

S. 194. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 North Frontage Road West in Vail, Colorado, as the "Gerald R. Ford, Jr. Post Office Building".

S. 219. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 152 North 5th Street in Laramie, Wyoming, as the "Gale W. McGee Post Office".

S. 412. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2633 11th Street in Rock Island, Illinois, as the "Lane Evans Post Office Building".

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED; RESOLUTION AGREED TO

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 81) recognizing the 45th anniversary of John Hershel Glenn, Jr.'s historic achievement in becoming the first United States astronaut to orbit the Earth.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

After debate,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 69) recognizing the African-American spiritual as a national treasure.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 976) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for small businesses, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of, which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO REPORT DURING ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding an adjournment of the Senate, committees be authorized to file reports from 10 a.m. until 12 noon on Thursday, February 22, 2007.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS DURING ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding an adjournment or recess of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, the majority leader, and the minority leader be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or Interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, upon recommendation of the minority leader, pursuant to Section 2(b) of Public Law 98-183, as amended by Public Law 103-419, had appointed Gail Heriot, of California, to the United States Commission on Civil Rights.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

JAPAN-UNITED STATES FRIENDSHIP COMMISSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 94-118, Section 4(a)(3), had appointed Ms. MURKOWSKI to the Japan-United States Friendship Commission.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

UNITED STATES-CHINA ECONOMIC SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106-398, as amended by Public Law 108-7, in accordance with the qualifications specified under section 1238(b)(3)(E) of Public Law 106-398, and upon the recommendation of the minority leader, in consultation with the chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Finance, had appointed the following individual to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Dennis Shea, of Virginia.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2007, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 26, 2007; and that, on Monday, February 26, 2007, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved.

Ordered further, That, on Monday, February 26, 2007, upon conclusion of the reading of Washington's Farewell Address, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,
At 3:27 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, and pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 67, until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 26, 2007.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2007

Mr. MARK L. PRYOR, from the State of Arkansas, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. PRYOR led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, February 26, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK L. PRYOR, a Senator from the State of Arkansas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. PRYOR took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Saturday, February 17, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Saturday, February 17, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

READING OF WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that, pursuant to the order of January 24, 1901, as modified by the order of Monday, February 5, 2007, Washington's Farewell Address would be read by the

Senator heretofore designated for that purpose;

Whereupon

The address was read by Mr. CORKER, from the State of Tennessee.

Upon conclusion of the address,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Saturday, February 17, 2007,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE SUBMITTED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of Saturday, February 17, 2007, the following report of a committee was submitted on February 22, 2007:

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

S. 4. A bill to make the United States more secure by implementing unfinished recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to fight the war on terror more effectively, to improve homeland security, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 683. A bill to amend section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 to ensure that operating and capital assistance is provided for certain previously assisted public housing dwelling units; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DORGAN:

S. 684. A bill to clarify the authority of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the management of the elk population located in the Theodore Roosevelt National Park; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 685. A bill to establish an expedited procedure for congressional consideration of health care reform legislation; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. REED, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. DODD, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 686. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historical Trail; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 2

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

S. 4

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 4, a bill to make the United States more secure by implementing unfinished recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to fight the war on terror more effectively, to improve homeland security, and for other purposes.

S. 21

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 21, a bill to expand access to preventive health care services that help reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce abortions, and improve access to women's health care.

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 22, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 55

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 55, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the individual alternative minimum tax.

S. 57

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 57, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 119

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 119, a bill to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts, and for other purposes.

S. 133

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 133, a bill to promote the national security and stability of the economy of the United States by reducing the dependence of the United States on oil through the use of alternative fuels and new technology, and for other purposes.

S. 161

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 161, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to be made automatically by law each year in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans.

S. 179

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 179, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to establish the position of Deputy Secretary of Defense for Management, and for other purposes.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 185, a bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States.

S. 206

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 206, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 242

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 242, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the importation of prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 254

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 254, a bill to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi.

S. 261

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 261, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 336

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 336, a bill to require the Secretary of the Army to operate and maintain as a system the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal dispersal barriers, and for other purposes.

S. 340

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 340, a bill to improve agricultural job opportunities, benefits, and security for aliens in the United States and for other purposes.

S. 380

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 380, a bill to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

S. 388

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 388, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a national standard in accordance with which nonresidents of a State may carry concealed firearms in the State.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 423, a bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2007, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.

S. 442

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 442, a bill to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders.

S. 450

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 464

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr.

ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 464, a bill to amend title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to improve the requirements regarding advance directives in order to ensure that an individual's health care decisions are complied with, and for other purposes.

S. 466

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 466, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of an end-of-life planning consultation as part of an initial preventive physical examination under the Medicare program.

S. 495

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 495, a bill to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information.

S. 496

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 496, a bill to reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] were added as cosponsors of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 561

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 561, a bill to repeal the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the expansion of the adoption credit and adoption assistance programs.

S. 563

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] and the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] were added as cosponsors of S. 563, a bill to extend the deadline by which State identification documents shall comply with certain minimum standards and for other purposes.

S. 573

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 573, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic

Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 576

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] were added as cosponsors of S. 576, a bill to provide for the effective prosecution of terrorists and guarantee due process rights.

S. 577

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 577, a bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to add a provision relating to reporting and recordkeeping for positions involving energy commodities.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] were added as cosponsors of S. 579, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 588

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 588, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the Medicare caps on graduate medical education positions for States with a shortage of residents.

S. 644

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 644, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recodify as part of that title certain educational assistance programs for members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces, to improve such programs, and for other purposes.

S. 664

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] were added as cosponsors of S. 664, a bill to provide adequate funding for local governments harmed by Hurricane Katrina of 2005 or Hurricane Rita of 2005.

S. 682

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER],

the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 682, a bill to award a congressional gold medal to Edward William Brooke III in recognition of his unprecedented and enduring service to our Nation.

SENATE RESOLUTION 33

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] and the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 33, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should expand its relationship with the Republic of Georgia by commencing negotiations to enter into a free trade agreement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

NATO PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. STABENOW in the chair) announced that the VICE PRESIDENT, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a-1928d, as amended, had appointed Mr. BIDEN as chairman of the Senate Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly during the 110th Congress.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE BRITISH-AMERICAN INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the majority leader, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, as amended, had appointed Mr. LEAHY as chairman of the Senate Delegation to the British-American Interparliamentary Group during the 110th Congress.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 976) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax

relief for small businesses, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Friday, February 16, 2007, and read the first time on Saturday, February 17, 2007; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 12:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the first 30 minutes therein be controlled by the minority leader or his designee; that the second 30 minutes therein be controlled by the minority leader, or his designee; and that the time until 12:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled between the majority and minority.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

Ordered further, That, at 2:15 p.m. on tomorrow, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 184; that the time for debate until 2:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate; and that, at 2:30 p.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 184.

Ordered further, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the quorum relative to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 184 be waived.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 5:12 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2007

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. TESTER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, February 27, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. TESTER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business until 12:30 p.m. Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-758. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, the report of draft legislation to authorize construction of a classical Chinese Garden on the grounds of the National Arboretum; to the

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-759. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its 2007 compensation program adjustments; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-760. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's decision to conduct a public-private competition including ocean terminal operations and maintenance services in Norfolk, Virginia; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-761. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's decision to conduct a public-private competition including administrative support services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-762. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emergency Acquisitions" (DFARS Case 2006-D036), received on February 22, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-763. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notification Requirements for Critical Safety Items" (DFARS Case 2004-D008), received on February 22, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-764. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Berry Amendment Restrictions - Clothing Materials and Components Covered" (DFARS Case 2006-D031), received on February 22, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-765. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Kenya; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-766. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Morocco; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-767. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import

Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Canada; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-768. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the undermining of democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe that was declared in Executive Order 13288 of March 6, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-769. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's 2007 Report on Foreign Policy-Based Export Controls; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-770. A communication from the Director of the Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Management Official Interlocks" (RIN3064-AD13), received on February 22, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-771. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Global Terrorism Sanctions Regulations" (31 CFR Part 594), received on February 22, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-772. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 1461), received on February 22, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-773. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Corrections to the Export Administration Regulations and to the Defense Priorities and Allocations System Regulation" (RIN0694-AD88), received on February 22, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-774. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "North Korea: Imposition of New Foreign Policy Controls" (RIN0694-AD97), received on February 22, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-775. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 2783), received on February 22, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-776. A communication from the Office Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Export and Import of Nuclear Materials; Exports to Libya Restricted" (RIN3150-A102), received on February 22, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-777. A communication from the Chief Operating Officer and President, Resolution Funding Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Corporation's system of internal controls and the 2006 Audited Financial Statements; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-778. A communication from the Chief Operating Officer and President, Financing Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Corporation's system of internal controls and the 2006 Audited Financial Statements; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-779. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a contract entered into with a private security screening company to provide screening services; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-780. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Inseason Adjustment to the 2007 A and B Season Allowances of Pollock in Statistical Area 620 in the Gulf of Alaska" (ID No. 010807A), received on February 22, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-781. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Inseason Adjustment to the 2007 Aleutian Islands Atka Mackerel Total Allowable Catch Amounts" (ID No. 010807B), received on February 22, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-782. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone

Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel Lottery in Areas 542 and 543" (ID No. 011107A), received on February 22, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-783. A communication from the Director, Office of Acquisition Management and Procurement Executive, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-784. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 610 in the Gulf of Alaska" (ID No. 011107F), received on February 22, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-785. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's biennial report relative to the regulatory status of certain open safety recommendations; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-786. A communication from the Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Service's report relative to Preservation Technology and Training for fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-787. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Performance Profiles of Major Energy Producers 2005"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-788. A communication from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule Designating the Western Great Lakes Population of Gray Wolves as a Distinct Population Segment; Removing the Western Great Lakes Distinct Population Segment of the Gray Wolf From the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife" (RIN1018-AU54), received on February 16, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-789. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Withdrawal of Proposed Rule to List *Lepidium Papilliferum* (Slickspot Peppergrass)" (RIN1018-AU99), received on February 16, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-790. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Revised Format for Materials Being Incorporated by Reference for North Dakota" (FRL No. 8274-6), received on February 23, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-791. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 8273-7), received on February 23, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-792. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL No. 8281-3), received on February 23, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-793. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Halosulfuron-methyl; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8113-8), received on February 23, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-794. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Orthosulfamuron; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8113-4), received on February 23, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-795. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sethoxydim; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8115-8), received on February 23, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-796. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State Operating Permit Programs; West Virginia; Amendment to the

Definitions of a 'Major Source' and 'Volatile Organic Compound'" (FRL No. 8280-8), received on February 23, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-797. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Director, Tennessee Valley Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Board's conflict-of-interest policy; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-798. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, a bill entitled "The Next Generation Air Transportation System Financing Reform Act of 2007"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-799. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance on Tax Treatment of Cross Licensing Arrangements" (Rev. Proc. 2007-23), received on February 16, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-800. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bureau of Labor Statistics Price Indexes for Department Stores - December 2006" (Rev. Rul. 2007-11), received on February 16, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-801. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Obsoleting Income Rulings" (Rev. Rul. 2007-14), received on February 22, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-802. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the number of projects that will be conducted under the Medicare Hospital Gainssharing Demonstration; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-803. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addition to the Certification to the Congress; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-804. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Study on Donor Advised Funds and Supporting Organizations" (Notice 2007-21), received on February 16, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-805. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "Electronic Payment Option for User Fee Charges for Form 8802" (Rev. Proc. 2007-22), received on February 16, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-806. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 181 - Deduction for Qualified Film and Television Production Costs" ((RIN1545-BF95)(TD 9312)), received on February 16, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-807. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Announcement: Compliance Resolution Program for Employees Other Than Corporate Insiders for Additional 2006 Taxes Arising Under Section 409A Due to the Exercise of Stock Rights" (Announcement 2007-18), received on February 16, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-808. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Payroll Taxes on Deferred Compensation" (Rev. Rul. 2007-12), received on February 16, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-809. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Ruling: 2007 Prevailing State Assumed Interest Rates" (Rev. Rul. 2007-10), received on February 16, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-810. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - March 2007" (Rev. Rul. 2007-15), received on February 21, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-811. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "LMSB Tier II Issue - Field Directive on the Examination of IRC Section 172(f) Specified Liability Losses #1 - Industry Directive" (LMSB-04-02070-009), received on February 21, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-812. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Investor Control and General Public" (Rev. Rul. 2007-13),

received on February 21, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-813. A communication from the Chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, proposed legislation to authorize appropriations for the Board for fiscal years 2008 and 2009; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-814. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Alternative Fuel Vehicle program report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-815. A communication from the Chief Operating Officer, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, (3) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Agency; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-816. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a quarterly report relative to the obligations and outlays of fiscal year 2004, 2005, and 2006 funds; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-817. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to post-liberation Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-818. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Rule Relating to Amendments to Safe Harbor for Distributions from Terminated Individual Account Plans and Termination of Abandoned Individual Account Plans to Require Inherited Individual Retirement Plans for Missing Nonspouse Beneficiaries" (RIN1210-AB16), received on February 15, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-819. A communication from the Ombudsman, Energy Employees Compensation Program, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Ombudsman's Annual Report for 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-820. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-821. A communication from the Interim Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mortality Assumptions" (RIN1212-AB08), received on February 22, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-822. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Labeling: Nutrient Content Claims, Expansion of the Nutrient Content Claim 'Lean'" ((RIN0910-ZA27)(Docket No. 2004P-0183)), received on February 22, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-823. A communication from the Interim Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interesting Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (Docket No. 2006N-0335), received on February 22, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-824. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to preventing loss of life due to extreme indoor temperatures; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-825. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's annual report on the administration of the Government in the Sunshine Act for 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-826. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's annual report relative to its compliance with the Sunshine Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-827. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, (6) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on February 22, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-828. A communication from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period ending September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-829. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors, United States Postal Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's annual report relative to its compliance with the Sunshine Act for 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-830. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period ending September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-831. A communication from the Deputy Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Sunshine Act Report for 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-832. A communication from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Organization's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-833. A communication from the President and CEO, Inter-American Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Organization's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-834. A communication from the Controller, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, two reports relative to federal financial management; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-835. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on category rating for calendar year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-836. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Director of National Intelligence, received on February 22, 2007; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-837. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicability of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act" (RIN1105-AB22), received on February 16, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-838. A communication from the Staff Director, United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the appointment of members to the Alabama Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-839. A communication from the Staff Director, United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the appointment of members to the

Mississippi Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-840. A communication from the Clerk of Court, United States Court of Federal Claims, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Court's Annual Report for the year ended September 30, 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-841. A communication from the Regulatory Management Specialist, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Consular Notification for Aliens Detained Prior to an Order of Removal" (RIN1653-AA53), received on February 22, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-842. A communication from the Under Secretary and Director, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Implement Priority Document Exchange Between Intellectual Property Offices" (RIN0651-AB75), received on February 22, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-843. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-844. A communication from the Public Printer, Government Printing Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Great Leaders/Great Solutions"; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-845. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Home Schooling and Educational Institution" (RIN2900-AM37), received on February 16, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-846. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Priority for Partial Grants to States for Construction or Acquisition of State Home Facilities" (RIN2900-AM42), received on February 16, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-847. A communication from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the initiation of a standard competition of the Communications Operations and Maintenance function at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-848. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower

and Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Army National Guard and Army Reserve; to the Committee on Armed Services.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of a committee was submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 316. A bill to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 687. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a business credit against income for the purchase of fishing safety equipment; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAHAM:

S. 688. A bill for the relief of Griselda Lopez Negrete; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 689. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 690. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to authorize the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to waive the prohibition on duplication of certain disaster relief assistance; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. CONRAD:

S. 691. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the benefits under the Medicare program for beneficiaries with kidney disease, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. OBAMA:

S. 692. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a Hospital Quality Report Card Initiative to report on health care quality in Veterans Affairs hospitals; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 693. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Automated Defibrillation in Adam's Memory Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. REED, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 694. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of light motor vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 695. A bill to amend the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949 to allow for certain claims of nationals of the United States against Turkey, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 696. A bill to establish an Advanced Research Projects Administration-Energy to initiate high risk, innovative energy research to improve the energy security of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 697. A bill to establish the Steel Industry National Historic Site in the State of Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 698. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and enhance educational assistance for survivors and dependents of veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. Res. 86. A resolution designating March 1, 2007, as "Siblings Connection Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 87. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should declare lung cancer a public health priority and should implement a comprehensive interagency program to reduce the lung cancer mortality rate by at least 50 percent by 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 5

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 5, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research.

S. 23

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 23, a bill to promote renewable fuel and energy security of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 223

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 223, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 242

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 242, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the importation of prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 316, a bill to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market.

S. 329

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 394

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 394, a bill to amend the Humane Methods of Livestock Slaughter Act of 1958 to ensure the humane slaughter of nonambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 415

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 415, a bill to amend the Revised Statutes of the United States to prevent the use of the legal system in a manner that extorts money from State and local governments, and the Federal Government, and inhibits such governments' constitutional actions under the first, tenth, and fourteenth amendments.

S. 433

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 433, a bill to state

United States policy for Iraq, and for other purposes.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

S. 442

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 442, a bill to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders.

S. 547

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 547, a bill to establish a Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security for Management, and for other purposes.

S. 558

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 558, a bill to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services.

S. 561

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 561, a bill to repeal the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the expansion of the adoption credit and adoption assistance programs.

S. 562

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 562, a bill to provide for flexibility and improvements in elementary and secondary education, and for other purposes.

S. 575

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 575, a bill to authorize appropriations for border and transportation security personnel and technology, and for other purposes.

S. 583

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 583, a bill to create a competitive grant program for States to enable the States to award salary bonuses to highly qualified elementary school or secondary school teachers who teach, or commit to teach, for at

least 3 academic years in a school served by a rural local educational agency.

S. 584

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 584, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rehabilitation credit and the low-income housing credit.

S. 594

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 594, a bill to limit the use, sale, and transfer of cluster munitions.

S. 601

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 601, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require broker reporting of customer's basis in securities transactions, and for other purposes.

S. 609

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 609, a bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] were added as cosponsors of S. 626, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 634

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 634, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 655

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 655, a bill to amend the Congressional Charter of The American National Red Cross to modernize its governance structure, to enhance the ability of the board of governors of The American National Red Cross to support the critical mission of The American Red Cross in the 21st century, and for other purposes.

S. 684

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 684, a bill to clarify the authority of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the management of the elk population located in the Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

SENATE RESOLUTION 33

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 33, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should expand its relationship with the Republic of Georgia by commencing negotiations to enter into a free trade agreement.

SENATE RESOLUTION 84

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 84, a resolution observing February 23, 2007, as the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade in the British Empire, honoring the distinguished life and legacy of William Wilberforce, and encouraging the people of the United States to follow the example of William Wilberforce by selflessly pursuing respect for human rights around the world.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 27, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in open and closed sessions to receive testimony on current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the sessions of the Senate on Tuesday, February 27, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of the hearing is to evaluate the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2007.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Tuesday, February 27, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "America's Energy Future: Bold Ideas, Practical Solutions".

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the

Senate on Tuesday, February 27, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a nomination hearing.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at 10 a.m. in SD-430.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Strengthening Our Criminal Justice System: The John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act of 2007" on Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at 2 p.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at 2 p.m. in the Cannon Caucus Room, to hear the legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:24 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:18 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 184 WITHDRAWN

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That the motion, by Mr. REID, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 184) to provide improved rail and surface transportation security, be withdrawn.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 4

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 4) to make the United States more secure by implementing unfinished recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to fight the war on terror more effectively, to improve homeland security, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. BINGAMAN presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed to consider bill S. 4, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII

of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 4:

J. LIEBERMAN, RUSSELL D. FEINGOLD, BEN CARDIN, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., BYRON L. DORGAN, AMY KLOBUCHAR, DANIEL K. AKAKA, MARIA CANTWELL, JOHN KERRY, KEN SALAZAR, BEN NELSON, CARL LEVIN, JACK REED, CHUCK SCHUMER, JEFF BINGAMAN, BARBARA BOXER, DICK DURBIN, MARK PRYOR.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived; that, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the pending motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 4 at 2:30 p.m.; and that the time until 2:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 4.

Pending debate,

MOTION RELATIVE TO BILL S. 184 WITHDRAWN

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 184 was withdrawn.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 4

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. BINGAMAN on today, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 4.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 97, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 53 Leg.]

YEAS --- 97

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln,

Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 4.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 4 ON TOMORROW

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN,

Ordered, That, upon conclusion of morning business on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 4) to make the United States more secure by implementing unfinished recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to fight the war on terror more effectively, to improve homeland security, and for other purposes.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 4

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 4.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for 10 minutes each; that the first 30 minutes therein be controlled by the majority party; that the second 30 minutes therein be controlled by the minority party; and that upon conclusion of morning business, the Senate proceed to consider bill S. 4, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

At 5:23 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, February 28, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with

accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-849. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the Government of Cuba's destruction of two unarmed U.S.-registered civilian aircraft on February 24, 1996; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-850. A communication from the Assistant Secretary (Community Planning and Development), Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the first Annual Homeless Assessment Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-851. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's Grant and Legislative Request for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-852. A communication from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Implementing the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (February 2007)"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-853. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, the report of legislation that authorizes the Secretary to use expedited procedures to promulgate rules establishing energy conservation standards; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-854. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations and Leasing in the Outer Continental Shelf and Oil Spill Financial Responsibility for Offshore Facilities - Civil Penalties" (RIN1010-AD39) received on February 27, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-855. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations and Leasing in the Outer Continental Shelf - Incorporate API RP 65 for Cementing Shallow Water Flow Zones" (RIN1010-AD19) received on February 27, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-856. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tennessee Federal Regulatory Program" (RIN1029-AC50) received on

February 27, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-857. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Statute of Limitations on Assessment Concerning Certain Individual Filing Income Tax Returns With the USVI" (Notice 2007-19) received on February 26, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-858. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Announcement and Report Concerning Advance Pricing Agreements" (Notice 2007-31) received on February 26, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-859. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Housing Cost Amounts Eligible for Exclusion or Deduction" (Notice 2007-25) received on February 26, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-860. A communication from the Acting Regulations Officer, Office of Disability and Income Security Programs, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Optometrists as 'Acceptable Medical Sources' to Establish a Medically Determinable Impairment" (RIN0960-AG05) received on February 27, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-861. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the authorization of the use of funds in Peacekeeping Operations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-862. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the exports that fall under the Arms Export Control Act considered eligible for approval by the Administration; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-863. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the military personnel and civilian contractors involved in the anti-narcotics campaign in Colombia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-864. A communication from the U.S. Global Aids Coordinator, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Power of Partnerships"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-865. A communication from the Director, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electrical Standard" (RIN1218-AB95) received on February 27, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-866. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a proposal for a human resources demonstration project within the National Nuclear Security Administration; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-867. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-19, "Lower Georgia Avenue Job Training Center Funding Authorization Temporary Act of 2007" received on February 27, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-868. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-18, "Exploratory Committee Regulation Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on February 27, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-869. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-17, "Ballpark Hard and Soft Costs Cap Temporary Act of 2007" received on February 27, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-870. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "25 CFR Part 61 Preparation of Rolls of Indiana" (RIN1076-AE44) received on February 27, 2007; to the Committee on Indian Affairs

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, without amendment:

S. Res. 89. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007, and October 1, 2007, through September 30, 2008, and October 1, 2008, through February 28, 2009.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 699. A bill to prevent the fraudulent use of social security account numbers by allowing the sharing of social security data among agencies of the United States for identity theft prevention and immigration enforcement purposes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SMITH, Mr. REID, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. ENZI, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 700. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide a tax credit to individuals who enter into agreements to protect the habitats of endangered and threatened species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 701. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a temporary oil profit fee and to use the proceeds of the fee collected to provide a Strategic Energy Fund and expand certain energy tax incentives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 702. A bill to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to State courts to develop and implement State courts interpreter programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 703. A bill to expand the definition of immediate relative for purposes of the Immigration and Nationality Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 704. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit manipulation of caller identification information; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. THOMAS, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 705. A bill to amend the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act to establish a governmentwide policy requiring competition in certain executive agency procurements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 706. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the MA Regional Plan Stabilization Fund; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 707. A bill to provide all low-income students with the same opportunity to receive a Pell Grant by suspending the tuition sensitivity provision in the Pell Grant program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 708. A bill to promote labor force participation of older Americans, with the goals of increasing retirement security, reducing the projected shortage of experienced workers, maintaining future economic growth, and improving the Nation's fiscal outlook; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 709. A bill to promote labor force participation of older Americans, with the goals of increasing retirement security, reducing the projected shortage of experienced workers, maintaining future economic growth, and improving the Nation's fiscal outlook; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 710. A bill to reauthorize the programs for the Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 711. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to expand the contribution base for universal service, establish a separate account within the universal service fund to support the deployment of broadband service in unserved areas of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 712. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equalize the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and to provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr.

PRYOR, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 713. A bill to ensure dignity in care for members of the Armed Forces recovering from injuries; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 714. A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to ensure that all dogs and cats used by research facilities are obtained legally; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. KERRY, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 715. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide expedited disaster assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. KOHL):

S. 716. A bill to establish a Consortium on the Impact of Technology in Aging Health Services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 717. A bill to repeal title II of the REAL ID Act of 2005, to restore section 7212 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, which provides States additional regulatory flexibility and funding authorization to more rapidly produce tamper- and counterfeit-resistant driver's licenses, and to protect privacy and civil liberties by providing interested stakeholders on a negotiated rulemaking with guidance to achieve improved 21st century licenses to improve national security; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 718. A bill to optimize the delivery of critical care medicine and expand the critical care workforce; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. REED):

S. 719. A bill to amend section 10501 of title 49, United States Code, to exclude solid waste disposal from the jurisdiction of the Surface Transportation Board; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. Res. 88. A resolution honoring the extraordinary achievements of Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. Res. 89. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007, and October 1, 2007, through September 30, 2008, and October 1, 2008, through February 28, 2009; from the Committee on Rules and Administration; placed on the calendar.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. Res. 90. A resolution commending students who participated in the United States Senate Youth Program between 1962 and 2007; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 91. A resolution designating March 2, 2007, as "Read Across America Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Con. Res. 14. A concurrent resolution commemorating the 85th anniversary of the founding of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, a leading association for the 1,300,000 United States citizens of Greek ancestry and Philhellenes in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 4

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 4, a bill to make the United States more secure by implementing unfinished recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to fight the war on terror more effectively, to improve homeland security, and for other purposes.

S. 130

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 130, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend reasonable cost contracts under Medicare.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States.

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] were added as cosponsors of S. 185, supra.

S. 211

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services, volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 241

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 241, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements to protect natural resources of units of the National Park System through collaborative efforts on land inside and outside of units of the National Park System.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 294, a bill to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 311

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] were added as cosponsors of S. 311, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

S. 336

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 336, a bill to require the Secretary of the Army to operate and maintain as a system the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal dispersal barriers, and for other purposes.

S. 378

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 378, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, and for other purposes.

S. 413

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 413, a bill to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 and the Revised Statutes of the United States to prohibit financial holding companies and national banks from engaging, directly or indirectly, in real estate brokerage or real estate management activities, and for other purposes.

S. 415

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 415,

a bill to amend the Revised Statutes of the United States to prevent the use of the legal system in a manner that extorts money from State and local governments, and the Federal Government, and inhibits such governments' constitutional actions under the first, tenth, and fourteenth amendments.

S. 431

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 431, a bill to require convicted sex offenders to register online identifiers, and for other purposes.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

S. 450

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 485

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 485, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish an economy-wide global warming pollution emission cap-and-trade program to assist the economy in transitioning to new clean energy technologies, to protect employees and affected communities, to protect companies and consumers from significant increases in energy costs, and for other purposes.

S. 535

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 535, a bill to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and an Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Investigative Office in the Civil Rights Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and for other purposes.

S. 548

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 548, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor.

S. 558

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 558, a bill to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services.

S. 576

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 576, a bill to provide for the effective prosecution of terrorists and guarantee due process rights.

S. 578

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve requirements under the Medicaid program for items and services furnished in or through an educational program or setting to children, including children with developmental, physical, or mental health needs, and for other purposes.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 597

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 597, a bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

S. 634

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 634, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 644

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 644, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recodify as part of that title certain educational assistance programs for members

of the reserve components of the Armed Forces, to improve such programs, and for other purposes.

S. 659

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 659, a bill to amend section 1477 of title 10, United States Code, to provide for the payment of the death gratuity with respect to members of the Armed Forces without a surviving spouse who are survived by a minor child.

S. 661

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] were added as cosponsors of S. 661, a bill to establish kinship navigator programs, to establish guardianship assistance payments for children, and for other purposes.

S. 678

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of S. 678, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to ensure air passengers have access to necessary services while on a grounded air carrier and are not unnecessarily held on a grounded air carrier before or after a flight, and for other purposes.

S. 694

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] were added as cosponsors of S. 694, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of light motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 78

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 78, a resolution designating April 2007 as "National Autism Awareness Month" and supporting efforts to increase funding for research into the causes and treatment of autism and to improve training and support for individuals with autism and those who care for individuals with autism.

SENATE RESOLUTION 82

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 82, a resolution designating August 16, 2007 as "National Airborne Day".

SENATE RESOLUTION 84

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 84, a resolution observing February

23, 2007, as the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade in the British Empire, honoring the distinguished life and legacy of William Wilberforce, and encouraging the people of the United States to follow the example of William Wilberforce by selflessly pursuing respect for human rights around the world.

SENATE RESOLUTION 86

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 86, a resolution designating March 1, 2007, as "Siblings Connection Day".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 28, 2007, at 10:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the sessions of the Senate on Wednesday, February 28, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the sessions of the Senate on Wednesday, February 28, 2007, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 28, 2007, at 9:45 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Comprehensive Immigration Reform" on Wednesday, February 28, 2007 at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 28, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate for a hearing on Wednesday, February 28, 2007, beginning at 10 a.m.

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

The Joint Economic Committee be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing in Room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, Wednesday, February 28, 2007, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet Wednesday, February 28, 2007, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Dirksen 628.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:25 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 494. An act to provide for the conditional conveyance of any interest retained by the United States in St. Joseph Memorial Hall in St. Joseph, Michigan.

H.R. 644. An act to facilitate the provision of assistance by the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the cleanup and economic redevelopment of brownfields.

H.R. 755. An act to require annual oral testimony before the Financial Services Committee of the Chairperson or a designee of the Chairperson of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, relating to their efforts to promote transparency in financial reporting.

H.R. 884. An act to provide for the establishment of the Science and Technology Homeland Security International Cooperative Programs Office, and for other purposes.

H.R. 990. An act to provide all low-income students with the same opportunity to receive a Pell Grant by suspending the tuition sensitivity provision in the Pell Grant program.

H.R. 1066. An act to increase community development investments by depository institutions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1129. An act to provide for the construction, operation, and maintenance of an arterial road in St. Louis County, Missouri.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 47. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a National Medal of Honor Day to celebrate and honor the recipients of the Medal of Honor.

H. Con. Res. 74. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the need for additional research

into the chronic neurological condition hydrocephalus, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

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

H.R. 494. An act to provide for the conditional conveyance of any interest retained by the United States in St. Joseph Memorial Hall in St. Joseph, Michigan; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 644. An act to facilitate the provision of assistance by the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the cleanup and economic redevelopment of brownfields; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 755. An act to require annual oral testimony before the Financial Services Committee of the Chairperson or a designee of the Chairperson of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, relating to their efforts to promote transparency in financial reporting; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 884. An act to provide for the establishment of the Science and Technology Homeland Security International Cooperative Programs Office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 990. To provide all low-income students with the same opportunity to receive a Pell Grant by suspending the tuition sensitivity provision in the Pell Grant program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 1066. An act to increase community development investments by depository institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 74. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the need for additional research into the chronic neurological condition hydrocephalus, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

IMPROVING AMERICA'S SECURITY ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 4) to make the United States more secure by implementing unfinished

recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to fight the war on terror more effectively, to improve homeland security, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Mr. LIEBERMAN, by unanimous consent, withdrew the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Ms. COLLINS) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 275, in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. REID for Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Ms. COLLINS) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) by striking subsection (c) of section 401 and inserting other words (being amendment No. 271).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Ms. COLLINS,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CARPER, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 145, by striking line 21, and inserting certain words (being amendment No. 277).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 279).

Pending debate,

Mrs. FEINSTEIN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside.

Mr. LIEBERMAN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 279 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. DEMINT modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 279, as modified, to

amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States, by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries:

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO ZIMBABWE'S DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES OR INSTITUTIONS—PM 8

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication, stating that the national emergency with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe's democratic processes or institutions is to continue in effect beyond March 6, 2007.

The crisis constituted by the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe's democratic processes or institutions has not been resolved. These actions and policies pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue this national emergency and to maintain in force the sanctions to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 28, 2007.*

IMPROVING AMERICA'S SECURITY ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 4.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 279, as modified, to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mrs. MURRAY) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 285).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. COLLINS,

Ordered, That, at 5:20 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to the following amendments in the following order: amendments numbered 285 and 279, as modified; that the time until 5:20 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for concurrent debate between Mr. INOUE and Mr. DEMINT, or their designees, on the amendments; that no amendments be in order to either amendment prior to the votes; and that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the votes.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 285 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 58, nays... 37

[Rollcall Vote No. 54 Leg.]

YEAS --- 58

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Cochran, Conrad, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Hagel, Harkin, Hutchison, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 37

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Snowe, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 279, as modified, to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 94, nays... 2

[Rollcall Vote No. 55 Leg.]

YEAS --- 94

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Snowe, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 2

Smith, Specter.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 277 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 281).

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE
PRESIDENT

SENATE DELEGATION TO THE
CANADA-U.S. INTERPARLIAMENTARY
GROUP

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the VICE PRESIDENT, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d-276g, as amended, had appointed Mr. CRAPO as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group conference during the 110th Congress.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE
PRESIDENT

SENATE DELEGATION TO THE MEXICO-
U.S. INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the VICE PRESIDENT, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h-276k, as amended, had appointed Mr. CORNYN as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group conference during the 110th Congress.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE
PRESIDENT

SENATE DELEGATION TO THE NATO
PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the VICE PRESIDENT, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 1928a-1928d, as amended, had appointed Mr. SMITH as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly during the 110th Congress.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT
PRO TEMPORE

SENATE DELEGATION TO THE BRITISH-
AMERICAN INTERPARLIAMENTARY
GROUP

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, as amended, had appointed Mr. COCHRAN as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the British-American Interparliamentary Group conference during the 110th Congress.

DESIGNATING "SIBLINGS
CONNECTION DAY"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 86) designating March 1, 2007, as "Siblings Connection Day".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMENDING PARTICIPANTS OF
UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH
PROGRAM

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 90) commending students who participated in the United States Senate Youth Program between 1962 and 2007, submitted today by Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. COCHRAN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "READ ACROSS
AMERICA DAY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 91) designating March 2, 2007, as "Read Across America Day", submitted today by Mr. REED (for himself and Ms. COLLINS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business; that the first 30 minutes therein be controlled by the minority party; that the second 30 minutes therein be controlled by the majority party; and that upon conclusion of morning

business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 4.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:37 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2007

Mr. ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CASEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 1, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., a Senator from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CASEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business. Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-871. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the (34) reports relative to vacancy announcements that have occurred within the Department since October 23, 2001 as well as (10) reports of revisions to selected reports submitted on the same date, received on February 28, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-872. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "12 CFR Part 701 - General Lending Maturity Limit and Other Financial Services" (RIN3133-AD30) received on February 28, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-873. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the development of a comprehensive plan for the facilities at the Idaho National Laboratory; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-874. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the use of funds under section 1113 of the Social Security Act; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-875. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Depreciation of MACRS Property Acquired in a Like-Kind Exchange for an Involuntary Conversion" ((RIN1545-BF37)(TD 9314)) received on February 28, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-876. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of OMB Guidance on Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension" (2 CFR Part 376) received on February 28, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-877. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Letter Report: Comparative Analysis of Actual Cash Collection to the Revised Revenue Estimate Through the 3rd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2006"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 84. A bill to establish a United States Boxing Commission to administer the Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-28).

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

Report to accompany S. 184, A bill to provide improved rail and surface transportation security (Rept. No. 110-29).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

H. Con. Res. 44. A concurrent resolution honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 98th anniversary.

S. Res. 78. A resolution designating April 2007 as "National Autism Awareness Month" and supporting efforts to increase funding for research into the causes and treatment of autism and to improve training and support for individuals with autism and those who care for individuals with autism.

S. Res. 84. A resolution observing February 23, 2007, as the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade in the British Empire, honoring the distinguished life and legacy of William Wilberforce, and encouraging the people of the United States to follow the example of William Wilberforce by selflessly pursuing respect for human rights around the world.

S. Con. Res. 10. A concurrent resolution honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 98th anniversary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND
JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 720. A bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to authorize the Governor of a State, territory, or possession of the United States to order that the National flag be flown at half-staff in that State, territory, or possession in the event of the death of a member of the Armed Forces from that State, territory, or possession who dies while serving on active duty; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HAGEL,

Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 721. A bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. KYL):

S. 722. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to jointly conduct a study of certain land adjacent to the Walnut Canyon National Monument in the State of Arizona; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 723. A bill to provide certain enhancements to the Montgomery GI Bill Program for certain individuals who serve as members of the Armed Forces after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 724. A bill to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 725. A bill to amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to reauthorize and improve that Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. BROWN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 726. A bill to amend section 42 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation and shipment of certain species of carp; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. AKAKA, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. LOTT, Mr. SMITH, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 727. A bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. 728. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Army to carry out restoration projects along the Middle Rio Grande; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 729. A bill to better provide for compensation for certain persons injured in

the course of employment at the Rocky Flats site in Colorado; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 730. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to protect voting rights and to improve the administration of Federal elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. WEBB, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. BUNNING):

S. 731. A bill to develop a methodology for, and complete, a national assessment of geological storage capacity for carbon dioxide, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 732. A bill to empower Peace Corps volunteers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 733. A bill to promote the development of health care cooperatives that will help businesses to pool the health care purchasing power of employers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 734. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the rate of the tentative minimum tax for noncorporate taxpayers to 24 percent; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. KYL):

S. 735. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the terrorist hoax statute; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. SMITH):

S. 736. A bill to provide for the regulation and oversight of laboratory tests; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. OBAMA:

S. 737. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 in order to measure, compare, and improve the quality of voter access to polls and voter services in the administration of Federal elections in the States; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 738. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Office of International Trade, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. KERRY, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 739. A bill to provide disadvantaged children with access to dental services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 740. A bill to establish in the Department of Commerce an Under Secretary for United States Direct Investment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 741. A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to establish a grant program to ensure waterfront access for commercial fishermen, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. REID):

S. 742. A bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reduce the health risks posed by asbestos-containing products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. THOMAS):

S. 743. A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to modify the individuals eligible for associate membership in the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America, Incorporated; considered and passed.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 744. A bill to provide greater public safety by making more spectrum available to public safety, to establish the Public Safety Interoperable Communications Working Group to provide standards for public safety spectrum needs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 745. A bill to provide for increased export assistance staff in areas in which the President declared a major disaster as a result of Hurricane Katrina of 2005 and Hurricane Rita of 2005; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DODD, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. CRAPO):

S.J. Res. 4. A joint resolution to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the United States Government regarding Indian

tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. Res. 92. A resolution calling for the immediate and unconditional release of soldiers of Israel held captive by Hamas and Hezbollah; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. Con. Res. 15. A concurrent resolution authorizing the Rotunda of the Capitol to be used on March 29, 2007, for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the Tuskegee Airmen; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. Con. Res. 16. A concurrent resolution calling on the Government of Uganda and the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) to recommit to a political solution to the conflict in northern Uganda and to recommence vital peace talks, and urging immediate and substantial support for the ongoing peace process from the United States and the international community; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 22, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 93

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 93, a bill to authorize NTIA to borrow against anticipated receipts of the Digital Television and Public Safety Fund to initiate migration to a national IP-enabled emergency network capable of

receiving and responding to all citizen activated emergency communications.

S. 117

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 117, a bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and services for members of the Armed Forces, veterans of the Global War on Terrorism, and other veterans, to require reports on the effects of the Global War on Terrorism, and for other purposes.

S. 206

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 206, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 214

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 214, a bill to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys.

S. 225

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 225, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the number of individuals qualifying for retroactive benefits from traumatic injury protection coverage under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance.

S. 335

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 335, a bill to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from using private debt collection companies, and for other purposes.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to prohibit the import, export, and sale of goods made with sweatshop labor, and for other purposes.

S. 388

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 388, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a national standard in accordance with which nonresidents of a State may carry concealed firearms in the State.

S. 394

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 394, a bill to amend the Humane Methods of Livestock Slaughter Act of 1958 to ensure the humane slaughter of nonambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 442

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 442, a bill to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders.

S. 450

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 496

At the request of Mr. VINOVOICH, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 496, a bill to reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965.

S. 535

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 535, a bill to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and an Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Investigative Office in the Civil Rights Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and for other purposes.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 558

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 558, a bill to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services.

S. 563

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 563, a bill to extend the deadline by which State identification documents shall comply with certain minimum standards and for other purposes.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS]

was added as a cosponsor of S. 571, a bill to withdraw normal trade relations treatment from, and apply certain provisions of title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 to, the products of the People's Republic of China.

S. 576

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 576, a bill to provide for the effective prosecution of terrorists and guarantee due process rights.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] were added as cosponsors of S. 579, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 616

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 616, a bill to promote health care coverage parity for individuals participating in legal recreational activities or legal transportation activities.

S. 617

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 617, a bill to make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available at a discount to certain veterans.

S. 634

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 634, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 652

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 652, a bill to extend certain trade preferences to certain least-developed countries, and for other purposes.

S. 671

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 671, a bill to exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from the numerical limitations on immigrant visas.

S. 699

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was

added as a cosponsor of S. 699, a bill to prevent the fraudulent use of social security account numbers by allowing the sharing of social security data among agencies of the United States for identity theft prevention and immigration enforcement purposes, and for other purposes.

S. 713

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to ensure dignity in care for members of the Armed Forces recovering from injuries.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 3

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 3, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that it is the goal of the United States that, not later than January 1, 2025, the agricultural, forestry, and working land of the United States should provide from renewable resources not less than 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States and continue to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, feed, and fiber.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 1, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on Afghanistan.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the sessions of the Senate on Thursday, March 1, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 1, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet for a hearing on Thursday, March 1, 2007, at 10 a.m. in SD-406.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Thursday, March 1, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on

Thursday, March 1, 2007 at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 1, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

The Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security be authorized to meet on Thursday, March 1, 2007, at 3 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS

The Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 1, 2007, at 2 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 556. An act to ensure national security while promoting foreign investment and the creation and maintenance of jobs, to reform the process by which such investments are examined for any effect they may have on national security, to establish the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 52. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of American Heart Month.

At 12:12 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 49. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 North Frontage Road in West Vail, Colorado, as the "Gerald R. Ford, Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 335. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 152 North 5th Street in Laramie, Wyoming, as the "Gale W. McGee Post Office".

H.R. 433. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1700 Main Street in Little Rock, Arkansas, as the "Scipio A. Jones Post Office Building".

H.R. 514. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at

16150 Aviation Loop Drive in Brooksville, Florida, as the "Sergeant Lea Robert Mills Brooksville Aviation Branch Post Office".

H.R. 521. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2633 11th Street in Rock Island, Illinois, as the "Lane Evans Post Office Building".

H.R. 577. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3903 South Congress Avenue in Austin, Texas, as the "Sergeant Henry Ybarra III Post Office Building".

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 6:14 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 800. An act to amend the National Labor Relations Act to establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, to provide for mandatory injunctions for unfair labor practices during organizing efforts, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

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

H.R. 556. An act to ensure national security while promoting foreign investment and the creation and maintenance of jobs, to reform the process by which such investments are examined for any effect they may have on national security, to establish the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 52. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of American Heart Month; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

IMPROVING AMERICA'S SECURITY ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. OBAMA in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 4) to make the United States more secure by implementing unfinished recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to fight the war on terror more effectively, to improve homeland security, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 281, proposed by Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, and

Ms. CANTWELL), to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Ms. COLLINS), to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SUNUNU to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 121, after line 2, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 291).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SUNUNU to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 361, after line 13, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 292).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. COLLINS,

Ordered, That amendment No. 277 be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 292 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

Ordered, That the pending amendments be laid aside; that he be recognized to propose an amendment, and speak thereon; and that, following remarks by him, the following be recognized to speak in the following order: Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. COLEMAN.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. BIDEN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 377, after line 22, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 298).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SALAZAR (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 290).

Mr. SALAZAR modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 290, as modified, to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. WARNER) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 280).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN,

Ordered, That, at 3 p.m., the Senate recess until 4 p.m.; that, at 4 p.m., the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 298; that there be 45 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Mr. SCHUMER and Mr. LIEBERMAN, or their designees; that no amendments be in order thereto prior to a vote; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 280 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. BINGAMAN, by unanimous consent, withdrew his pending amendment No. 281.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 280 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified, At 3:01 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 4 p.m.

AT 4 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. KLOBUCHAR in the chair) called the Senate to order.

IMPROVING AMERICA'S SECURITY ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 4.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 298 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. COLLINS to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Ms. COLLINS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to table.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 58, nays... 38

[Rollcall Vote No. 56 Leg.]

YEAS --- 58

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Carper, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kyl, Landrieu, Lieberman, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Voinovich, Warner, Wyden.

NAYS --- 38

Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Boxer, Cardin, Casey, Clinton, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Nelson (FL), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse.

So the motion to table was agreed to.

On motion by Ms. COLLINS to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 280 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. GRAHAM) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 215, by striking all beginning on line 6 through line 7 on page 219, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 314).

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN to amend the language of the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) proposed to be stricken by the pending amendment on page 215, by striking all beginning on line 22 through line 7 on page 219, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 315).

On motion by Mrs. McCASKILL to amend the pending amendment on page 1, by striking all after "Sec." on line 3, and inserting certain words (being amendment No. 316).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. CONRAD) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 313).

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES BY COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 89) authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007, and October 1, 2007, through September 30, 2008, and October 1, 2008, through February 28, 2009.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MODIFYING ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP IN THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANDERS in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 743) to amend title 36, United States Code, to modify the individuals eligible for associate membership in the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America, Incorporated, introduced on today by Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr.

BUNNING, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. THOMAS), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CALLING FOR A POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT IN NORTHERN UGANDA

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 16) calling on the Government of Uganda and the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) to recommit to a political solution to the conflict in northern Uganda and to recommence vital peace talks, and urging immediate and substantial support for the ongoing peace process from the United States and the international community, submitted today by Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. McCAIN), and at the desk; and

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF A NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR DAY

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 47) supporting the goals and ideals of a National Medal of Honor Day to celebrate and honor the recipients of the Medal of Honor, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 800) to amend the National Labor Relations Act to establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, to provide for mandatory injunctions for unfair labor practices during organizing efforts, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. DURBIN asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of bill S. 4; that the time until 10 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for concurrent debate on amendments numbered 292 and 280 between Mr. SUNUNU and Mr. SALAZAR, or their designees; that no amendment be in order to either amendment prior to the vote; that, at 10 a.m., the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 292, with no further intervening action or debate; that, upon disposition of said amendment, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 280; and that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the votes.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

At 7:40 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2007

Mr. SHERROD BROWN, from the State of Ohio, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. BROWN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 2, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a Senator from the State of Ohio, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. BROWN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 800) to amend the National Labor Relations Act to establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, to provide for mandatory injunctions for unfair labor practices during organizing efforts, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

IMPROVING AMERICA'S SECURITY ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 4) to make the United States more secure by implementing unfinished recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to fight the war on terror more effectively, to improve homeland security, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 313, proposed by Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. CONRAD), to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Ms. COLLINS), to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Ms. LANDRIEU to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 233 after "the Secretary" on line 11, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 321).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Ms. LANDRIEU to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title XV, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 295).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. VITTER) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title XV, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 296).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ALLARD to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 272).

Pending debate,

The hour of 10 a.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 292, proposed by Mr.

SUNUNU, to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 82, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 57 Leg.]

YEAS --- 82

Akaka, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 280, proposed by Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. WARNER), to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 82, nays... 1

[Rollcall Vote No. 58 Leg.]

YEAS --- 82

Akaka, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller,

Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 1

Coburn.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 272 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. MCCONNELL, by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated: Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. VITTER), amendment No. 305; Mr. CORNYN, amendment No. 310; Mr. CORNYN, amendment No. 311; Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. VITTER), amendment No. 312; Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. VITTER), amendment No. 317; Mr. KYL, amendment No. 318; Mr. KYL, amendment No. 319; Mr. KYL, amendment No. 320; Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. HATCH), amendment No. 300; Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KYL, and Mr. CORNYN), amendment No. 309.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 309 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. THUNE to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 308).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title XV, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 326).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Ms. COLLINS) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title XV, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 327).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CARDIN to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 328).

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 746. A bill to establish a competitive grant program to build capacity in veterinary medical education and expand the workforce of veterinarians engaged in public health practice and biomedical research; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 747. A bill to terminate the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 748. A bill to establish the African Burial Ground International Memorial Museum and Educational Center in New York, New York, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mr. BURR):

S. 749. A bill to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names,

or commercial names; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 750. A bill to authorize to be appropriated \$1,800,000 for fiscal year 2008 to acquire real property and carry out a military construction project at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 751. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to modify certain administrative eligibility rules relating to children born in the United States to Medicaid-eligible mothers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 752. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the implementation of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program for Endangered Species in the Central and Lower Platte River Basin and to modify the Pathfinder Dam and Reservoir; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. REED, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 753. A bill to enhance scientific research and competitiveness through the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mr. COBURN):

S. 754. A bill to streamline and simplify the travel procedures used by Department of Defense personnel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 755. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require States to provide diabetes screening tests under the Medicaid program for adult enrollees with diabetes risk factors, to ensure that States offer a comprehensive package of benefits under that program for individuals with diabetes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 329

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 644

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 644, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recodify as part of that title certain educational assistance programs for members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces, to improve such programs, and for other purposes.

S. 721

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 721, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

AUTHORITY FOR APPOINTMENT
OF A COMMITTEE OF ESCORT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

Ordered, That the President of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort His Majesty King Abdullah II bin Al Hussein, King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan into the House Chamber for a joint meeting at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2007.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 1:30 P.M. ON MONDAY,
MARCH 5, 2007, AND FOR
PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 1:30 p.m. on Monday, March 5, 2007; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 3 p.m. with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, at 3 p.m., the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 4.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

At 1:02 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 1:30 p.m. on Monday, March 5, 2007.

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 1:30 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, March 5, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, March 2, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, March 2, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Friday, March 2, 2007,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-15. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of West Virginia relative to supporting the U.S. troops participating in the War on Terror; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9

Whereas, the United States is at war against terrorists who would take our lives and

property in the name of their extremist beliefs; and

Whereas, American troops are currently in harm's way defending American freedom in locations across the globe, including Iraq and Afghanistan; and

Whereas, many of those servicemen and women are West Virginian citizens or friends or relatives of West Virginian citizens; and

Whereas, leaders in Washington, D.C., should do all that is in their power to fund and support American soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines, with special emphasis placed on providing adequate body armor for all military personnel in harm's way; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate: That the Senate hereby expresses its full support for United States troops participating in the War on Terror; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Department of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives and West Virginia's congressional delegation.

POM-16. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine relative to memorializing Congress to repeal the REAL ID Act of 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas, the federal REAL ID Act of 2005 mandates an unfunded national driver's license on the people of Maine and was passed as a rider on military spending bill; and

Whereas, implementation of the REAL ID Act of 2005 will cost Maine taxpayers approximately \$185 million; and

Whereas, the REAL ID Act of 2005 national database will invite theft of identity and invasion of privacy; and

Whereas, the REAL ID Act of 2005 will impose inconveniences and higher taxes on Mainers with no attendant benefit such as protections from terrorism; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Maine State Legislature refuses to implement the REAL ID Act of 2005, and we thereby protest the treatment by Congress and the President as agents of the Federal Government; and be it further

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the Congress of the United States repeal the REAL ID Act of 2005; and be it further

Resolved, That official copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the

United States; the Honorable Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security; the Honorable John E. Baldacci, Governor of the State of Maine; the Honorable Richard Cheney, President of the United States Senate; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; and each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments and an amendment to the title:

S. 385. A bill to improve the interoperability of emergency communications equipment (Rept. No. 110-30).

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 509. A bill to provide improved aviation security, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-31).

By Mr. DODD, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. 763. An original bill to provide the resources to protect public transportation from terrorism (Rept. No. 110-32).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. DODD:

S. 756. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of Defense to address the equipment reset and other equipment needs of the National Guard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 757. A bill to create a national set of effective voluntary national expectations for mathematics and science education in kindergarten through grade 12, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. 758. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Alta-Hualapai Site to the city of Las Vegas, Nevada, for the development of a cancer treatment facility; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WEBB:

S. 759. A bill to prohibit the use of funds for military operations in Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 760. A bill to provide certain counties with the ability to receive television broadcast signals of their choice; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. INOUE, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ENZI, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ENSIGN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SMITH, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. CARPER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BROWN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 761. A bill to invest in innovation and education to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy; read the first time.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 762. A bill to include dehydroepiandrosterone as an anabolic steroid; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 763. An original bill to provide the resources to protect public transportation from terrorism; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; placed on the calendar.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 764. A bill to amend title XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to permit States the option of coverage of legal immigrants under the Medicaid Program and the State children's health insurance program (SCHIP); to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S.J. Res. 5. A joint resolution proclaiming Casimir Pulaski to be an honorary citizen of the United States posthumously; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. BOXER (for Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Ms.

CANTWELL, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. STABENOW)):

S. Res. 93. A resolution supporting the goals of "International Women's Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. WARNER, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 94. A resolution honoring the employees of the Department of Homeland Security on the 4th anniversary of the Department; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 206

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 206, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 261

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 261, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 320

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 320, a bill to provide for the protection of paleontological resources on Federal lands, and for other purposes.

S. 329

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 369

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 369, a bill to provide for a medal of appropriate design to be awarded by the President to the next of kin or other representative of those individuals killed as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

S. 402

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] and the Senator from Wyoming

[Mr. ENZI] were added as cosponsors of S. 402, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for qualified timber gains.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] were added as cosponsors of S. 430, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

S. 450

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 465

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 465, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act and title III of the Public Health Service Act to improve access to information about individuals' health care options and legal rights for care near the end of life, to promote advance care planning and decision making so that individuals' wishes are known should they become unable to speak for themselves, to engage health care providers in disseminating information about and assisting in the preparation of advance directives, which include living wills and durable powers of attorney for health care, and for other purposes.

S. 481

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 481, a bill to recruit and retain more qualified individuals to teach in Tribal Colleges or Universities.

S. 486

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 486, a bill to

establish requirements for lenders and institutions of higher education in order to protect students and other borrowers receiving educational loans.

S. 505

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 505, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the above-the-line deduction for teacher classroom supplies and to expand such deduction to include qualified professional development expenses.

S. 513

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 513, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to revive previous authority on the use of the Armed Forces and the militia to address interference with State or Federal law, and for other purposes.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 546

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 546, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to make available additional amounts to address funding shortfalls in the State Children's Health Insurance Program for fiscal year 2007.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 597

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 597, a bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of S. 626, a bill to

amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 634

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] and the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 634, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 649

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 649, a bill to require the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to conduct an independent safety assessment of the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant.

S. 651

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 651, a bill to help promote the national recommendation of physical activity to kids, families, and communities across the United States.

S. 661

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 661, a bill to establish kinship navigator programs, to establish guardianship assistance payments for children, and for other purposes.

S. 682

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 682, a bill to award a congressional gold medal to Edward William Brooke III in recognition of his unprecedented and enduring service to our Nation.

S. 694

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 694, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of light motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 699

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 699, a bill to prevent the fraudulent use of social security account numbers by allowing the sharing of social security data among agencies of the

United States for identity theft prevention and immigration enforcement purposes, and for other purposes.

S. 726

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 726, a bill to amend section 42 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation and shipment of certain species of carp.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 727, a bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education.

S. 739

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 739, a bill to provide disadvantaged children with access to dental services.

S. 744

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 744, a bill to provide greater public safety by making more spectrum available to public safety, to establish the Public Safety Interoperable Communications Working Group to provide standards for public safety spectrum needs, and for other purposes.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to establish a competitive grant program to build capacity in veterinary medical education and expand the workforce of veterinarians engaged in public health practice and biomedical research.

S. 749

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 749, a bill to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 4, a joint resolution to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the United States Government regarding Indian tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 3

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 3, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that it is the goal of the United States that, not later than January 1, 2025, the agricultural, forestry, and working land of the United States should provide from renewable resources not less than 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States and continue to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, feed, and fiber.

SENATE RESOLUTION 65

At the request of Mr. DODD, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 65, a resolution condemning the murder of Turkish-Armenian journalist and human rights advocate Hrant Dink and urging the people of Turkey to honor his legacy of tolerance.

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 65, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 65, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 65, *supra*.

SENATE RESOLUTION 92

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 92, a resolution calling for the immediate and unconditional release of soldiers of Israel held captive by Hamas and Hezbollah.

AUTHORITY FOR A COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet on Monday, March 5, 2007 at 2:30 p.m.

IMPROVING AMERICA'S SECURITY ACT

Pursuant to the order of Friday, March 2, 2007, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WEBB in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 4) to make the United States more secure by implementing unfinished recommendations of the 9/11

Commission to fight the war on terror more effectively, to improve homeland security, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 317, proposed Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. VITTER), to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Ms. COLLINS), to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. KERRY, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. CASEY) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 49, striking all beginning on line 12 through line 7 on page 106, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 335).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 64, after line 2, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 336).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 59, after line 9, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 337).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SUNUNU, and Mr. GRASSLEY) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) by striking section 803, and

inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 342).

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, following remarks by Mr. DEMINT, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Carl Joseph Artman, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior; that there be 10 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon between the chairman and tanking member of the Committee on the Indian Affairs; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the confirmation of the nomination; that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; that the President then be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

IMPROVING AMERICA'S SECURITY ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 4.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 342 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 328 be modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 342 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. COBURN to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 106, after line 6, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 325).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. SESSIONS to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 347).

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that, at 11:30 a.m. on tomorrow, the Senate vote in relation to the following amendments in the following order: amendment No. 316; amendment No. 315, as may be amended; amendment No. 342; and amendment No. 314.

Mr. REID further asked unanimous consent that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate between said votes.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 347 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

HONORING THE EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 94) honoring the employees of the Department of Homeland Security on the 4th anniversary of the Department, submitted today by Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. WARNER and Ms. COLLINS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 761) to invest in innovation and education to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy, introduced today by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. INOUE, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ENZI, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ENSIGN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SMITH, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. CARPER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CRAIG, Mr.

KOHL, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BROWN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. DURBIN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the majority control the first 30 minutes therein, and the minority leader, or his designee, control the second 30 minutes therein; that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 4; that, at 12 noon, the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 314; and that the majority leader then be recognized.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:22 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2007

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. TESTER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 6, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. TESTER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 761) to invest in innovation and education to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy, introduced on yesterday by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. INOUE, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ENZI, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ENSIGN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SMITH, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. CARPER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BROWN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. OBAMA), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business.
Pending debate,

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 765. A bill to establish a grant program to improve high school graduation rates and prepare students for college and work; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DODD, Mr. FEINGOLD, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 766. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies of victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 767. A bill to increase fuel economy standards for automobiles and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 768. A bill to increase fuel economy standards for automobiles and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. ALLARD):

S. 769. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that participants in the Troops to Teachers program may teach at a range of eligible schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 770. A bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to permit participating households to use food stamp benefits to purchase nutritional supplements providing vitamins or minerals, and for other purposes; to the

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 771. A bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to improve the nutrition and health of schoolchildren by updating the definition of "food of minimal nutritional value" to conform to current nutrition science and to protect the Federal investment in the national school lunch and breakfast programs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 772. A bill to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LOTT, and Mr. SUNUNU):

S. 773. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 774. A bill to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to permit States to determine State residency for higher education purposes and to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 775. A bill to establish a National Commission on the Infrastructure of the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 776. A bill to amend the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 to include certain former nuclear weapons program workers in the Special Exposure Cohort under the energy employees occupational illness compensation program;

to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 777. A bill to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 778. A bill to amend title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in order to authorize the Secretary of Education to award competitive grants to eligible entities to recruit, select, train, and support Expanded Learning and After-School Fellows that will strengthen expanded learning initiatives, 21st century community learning center programs, and after-school programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 779. A bill to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 780. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit the unlawful acquisition and use of confidential customer proprietary network information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 781. A bill to extend the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to collect Do-Not-Call Registry fees to fiscal years after fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. 782. A bill to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "Thad Cochran United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 783. A bill to adjust the boundary of the Barataria Preserve Unit of the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve in the State of Louisiana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 784. A bill to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 to require commercial nuclear power plant operators to transfer spent nuclear fuel from the spent nuclear fuel pools of the operators into spent nuclear fuel dry casks at independent spent fuel storage installations of the operators that are licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, to convey to the Secretary of Energy title to all such transferred spent nuclear fuel, to provide for the transfer to the Secretary of the independent spent fuel storage installation

operating responsibility of each plant together with the license granted by the Commission for the installation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 785. A bill to amend title 4 of the United States Code to limit the extent to which States may tax the compensation earned by nonresident telecommuters; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 786. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to foster efficient markets and increase competition and transparency among packers that purchased livestock from producers; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 95. A resolution designating March 25, 2007, as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself, Mr. BOND, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DODD, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. Res. 96. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Harriett Woods will

be remembered as a pioneer in women's politics; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mrs. McCASKILL, Mr. BOND, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 97. A resolution relative to the death of Thomas F. Eagleton, former United States Senator for the State of Missouri; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. Res. 98. A resolution providing for members on the part of the Senate of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 329

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 453

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 453, a bill to prohibit deceptive practices in Federal elections.

S. 507

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 507, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for reimbursement of certified midwife services and to provide for more equitable reimbursement rates for certified nurse-midwife services.

S. 513

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 513, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to revive previous authority on the use of the Armed Forces and the militia to address interference with State or Federal law, and for other purposes.

S. 527

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 527, a bill to make amendments to the Iran, North Korea, and Syria Nonproliferation Act.

S. 535

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 535, a bill to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and an Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Investigative Office in the Civil Rights Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and for other purposes.

S. 573

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 573, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 578

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve requirements under the Medicaid program for items and services furnished in or through an educational program or setting to children, including children with developmental, physical, or mental health needs, and for other purposes.

S. 613

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 613, a bill to enhance the overseas stabilization and reconstruction capabilities of the United States Government, and for other purposes.

S. 623

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 623, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the licensing of comparable and interchangeable biological products, and for other purposes.

S. 624

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] were added as cosponsors of S. 624, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers.

S. 625

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 625, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S. 634

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 634, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 637, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Chattahoochee Trace National Heritage Corridor in Alabama and Georgia, and for other purposes.

S. 661

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 661, a bill to establish kinship navigator programs, to establish guardianship assistance payments for children, and for other purposes.

S. 667

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 667, a bill to expand programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse and neglect prevention, and early identification of developmental and health delays, including potential mental health concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 675

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr.

GRAHAM] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 675, a bill to provide competitive grants for training court reporters and closed captioners to meet requirements for realtime writers under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

S. 676

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 676, a bill to provide that the Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank or the Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank may serve on the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation.

S. 691

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the benefits under the Medicare program for beneficiaries with kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 694

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 694, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of light motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 713

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to ensure dignity in care for members of the Armed Forces recovering from injuries.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 746, a bill to establish a competitive grant program to build capacity in veterinary medical education and expand the workforce of veterinarians engaged in public health practice and biomedical research.

S. 756

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 756, a bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of Defense to address the equipment reset and other equipment needs of the National Guard, and for other purposes.

S. 761

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 761, a bill to invest in innovation and education to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 5, a joint resolution proclaiming Casimir Pulaski to be an honorary citizen of the United States posthumously.

SENATE RESOLUTION 92

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 92, a resolution calling for the immediate and unconditional release of soldiers of Israel held captive by Hamas and Hezbollah.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,
NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in SH-216, Senate Hart Office Building. The subject of this committee hearing will be "Child Nutrition and the School Setting."

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on care, living conditions, and administration of outpatients at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE,
AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at 10:30 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of the hearing is to review the Corporate Average Fuel Economy Program.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at 2:15 p.m. to hold a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION,
LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at 10 a.m. in SD-430.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Preserving Prosecutorial Independence: Is the Department of Justice Politicizing the Hiring and Firing of U.S. Attorneys?—Part

II" on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in the Cannon Caucus Room, to hear the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON
INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 6, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:40 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 122. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional recycling project and in the Cucamonga Valley Water District recycling project.

H.R. 247. An act to designate a Forest Service trail at Waldo Lake in the Willamette National Forest in the State of Oregon as a national recreation trail in honor of Jim Weaver, a former Member of the House of Representatives.

H.R. 276. An act to designate the Piedras Blancas Light Station and the surrounding public land as an Outstanding Natural Area to be administered as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 299. An act to adjust the boundary of Lowell National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

H.R. 376. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the battlefields and related sites of the First and Second Battles of Newtonia, Missouri, during the Civil War as part of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield or designating the battlefields and related sites as a separate unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 467. An act to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the A&B Irrigation District in the State of Idaho.

H.R. 497. An act to authorize the Marion Park Project, a committee of the Palmetto Conservation Foundation, to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the

District of Columbia, and its environs to honor Brigadier General Francis Marion.

H.R. 807. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the feasibility and suitability of establishing a memorial to the Space Shuttle Columbia in the State of Texas and for its inclusion as a unit of the National Park System.

H.R. 903. An act to provide for a study of options for protecting the open space characteristics of certain lands in and adjacent to the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in Colorado, and for other purposes.

H.R. 995. An act to amend Public Law 106-348 to extend the authorization for establishing a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

H.R. 1047. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum located in St. Louis, Missouri, as a unit of the National Park System.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 122. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional recycling project and in the Cucamonga Valley Water District recycling project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 247. An act to designate a Forest Service trail at Waldo Lake in the Willamette National Forest in the State of Oregon as a national recreation trail in honor of Jim Weaver, a former Member of the House of Representatives; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 276. An act to designate the Piedras Blancas Light Station and the surrounding public land as an Outstanding Natural Area to be administered as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 299. An act to adjust the boundary of Lowell National Historical Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 376. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the battlefields and related sites of the First and Second Battles of Newtonia, Missouri, during the Civil War as part of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield or designating the battlefields and related sites

as a separate unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 467. An act to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the A & B Irrigation District in the State of Idaho; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 497. An act to authorize the Marion Park Project, a committee of the Palmetto Conservation Foundation, to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia, and its environs to honor Brigadier General Francis Marion; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 807. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the feasibility and suitability of establishing a memorial to the Space Shuttle Columbia in the State of Texas and for its inclusion as a unit of the National Park System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 903. An act to provide for a study of options for protecting the open space characteristics of certain lands in and adjacent to the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 995. An act to amend Public Law 106-348 to extend the authorization for establishing a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1047. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum located in St. Louis, Missouri, as a unit of the National Park System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

IMPROVING AMERICA'S SECURITY ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 4) to make the United States more secure by implementing unfinished recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to fight the war on terror more effectively, to improve homeland security, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 347, proposed Mr. SESSIONS, to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Ms. COLLINS), to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HATCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mrs. LINCOLN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 69, by striking "0.45 percent" on lines 19 and 20, and inserting in lieu thereof "0.75 percent" (being amendment No. 333).

Pending debate,

Mr. COBURN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside.

Mr. LIEBERMAN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 333 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. COBURN to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 345).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. COBURN to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 106, after line 6, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 301).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. COBURN,

Ordered, That his amendments numbered 345 and 301 be laid aside.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 333 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 219, after line 7, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 352).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DEMINT,

Ordered, That Mr. VITTER, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. ENZI, Mr.

HATCH, and Mr. GRAHAM be added as cosponsors to amendment No. 314.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 352 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. COBURN to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in title XV, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 294).

Pending debate,

The hour of 12 noon having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 314, proposed by Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. GRAHAM), to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 51, nays... 46

[Rollcall Vote No. 60 Leg.]

YEAS --- 51

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 46

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Domenici, Ensign, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 294 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

RECESS

The hour of 12:30 p.m. having arrived,
Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:16 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Administration be discharged from the further consideration of the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 15) authorizing the Rotunda of the Capitol to be used on March 29, 2007, for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the Tuskegee Airmen.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

IMPROVING AMERICA'S SECURITY ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 4.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 294 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. LIEBERMAN, by unanimous consent, withdrew amendment No. 352.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 294 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN (for Mr. MENENDEZ) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 219, after line 7, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 354).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DODD, and Mr. OBAMA) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 286).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. COBURN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. SCHUMER) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 69, striking all beginning on line 15 through line 2 on page 70, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 338).

On motion by Mr. OBAMA,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pending debate,

Mr. KYL, by unanimous consent, modified his amendment No. 317.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 338 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. KYL to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 174, striking all beginning on line 1 through line 18 on page 175, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 357).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN,

Ordered, That, at 4:10 p.m., there be a period of 90 minutes for concurrent debate on amendment No. 335, amendment No. 338, and amendment No. 333, equally divided and controlled for debate between the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. LEAHY; that no amendments be in order to said amendments, prior to votes thereon; that, at 5:30 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to said amendments; that there be 2 minutes for debate prior to each vote in "stacked" sequence; and that the Senate vote in relation to the amendments in the following order:

amendment No. 335, amendment No. 338, and amendment No. 333.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The Senate proceeded to a period of concurrent debate on amendment No. 335, amendment No. 338, and amendment No. 333.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 333 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 372

Mr. ROCKEFELLER asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 372) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; that an amendment be deemed proposed by Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. BOND), and agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Ms. COLLINS objected.

IMPROVING AMERICA'S SECURITY ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 4.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 333 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ENSIGN to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 389, after line 13, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 363).

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 335, proposed by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. KERRY, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. MARTINEZ), to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 56, nays... 43

[Rollcall Vote No. 61 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Byrd, Carper, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Craig, Crapo, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Inouye, Klobuchar, Kohl, Leahy, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Sessions, Shelby, Snowe, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 43

Allard, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cornyn, DeMint, Dole, Durbin, Feinstein, Graham, Gregg, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Levin, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Reid, Schumer, Smith, Specter, Stabenow, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 338 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN,

Ordered, That the next votes in "stacked" sequence each be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 338 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 59, nays... 40

[Rollcall Vote No. 62 Leg.]

YEAS --- 59

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Byrd, Carper, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd,

Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Klobuchar, Kohl, Leahy, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Salazar, Sanders, Sessions, Shelby, Snowe, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 40

Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Cornyn, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Gregg, Hutchison, Kennedy, Kerry, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Levin, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Rockefeller, Schumer, Smith, Specter, Stabenow, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Ms. COLLINS,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. COBURN,

Ordered, That on rollcall vote No. 62, his vote be changed from "yea" to "nay", thus changing the result to yeas 58, nays 41.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 333 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 49, nays... 50

[Rollcall Vote No. 63 Leg.]

YEAS --- 49

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Brownback, Byrd, Carper, Cochran, Coleman, Conrad, Craig, Crapo, Dodd, Dorgan, Enzi, Feingold, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Inouye, Klobuchar, Kohl, Leahy, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Specter, Stevens, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 50

Alexander, Allard, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Durbin, Ensign, Feinstein, Graham, Gregg, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Levin, Lieberman, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Schumer, Snowe, Stabenow, Sununu, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 363 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. KYL, by unanimous consent, modified his amendment No. 357.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 363 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. COBURN,

Ordered, That his amendment No. 345 be the pending question; and that Mr. MCCAIN be added as a cosponsor.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on amendment No. 345 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

HONORING THOMAS F. EAGLETON,
FORMER UNITED STATES
SENATOR FOR THE STATE OF
MISSOURI

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 97) relative to the death of Thomas F. Eagleton, former United States Senator for the State of Missouri, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. BOND, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr.

HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PROVIDING FOR MEMBERS ON THE
PART OF THE SENATE OF THE
JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING
AND THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF
CONGRESS ON THE LIBRARY

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 98) providing for members on the part of the Senate of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library, submitted today by Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then resume consideration of bill S. 4; that the

question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 316; that the time until 10 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for concurrent debate between Mrs. MCCASKILL and Ms. COLLINS, or their designees, on amendment No. 316 and amendment No. 342; that no amendment be in order to be proposed to either amendment prior to the votes; that, at 10 a.m., the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 316; that, upon disposition of said amendment, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 342; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the votes; and that, following said vote, the Senate recess, subject to the call of the chair, for the joint meeting to hear an address by the King of Jordan.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:43 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, and pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 97 as a further mark of respect for the late Senator Thomas Eagleton, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, March 7, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

IMPROVING AMERICA'S SECURITY
ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 4) to make the United States more secure by implementing unfinished recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to fight the war on terror more effectively, to improve homeland security, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 345, proposed by Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. KYL), to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the votes ordered to occur at 10 a.m. today instead occur later today.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 345 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 315 be withdrawn; and that amendment No. 316, proposed by Mrs. MCCASKILL thereto, be modified to reflect first-degree status.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 345 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN,

Ordered, That, at 10:40 a.m., the Senate recess subject to the call of the chair.

Ordered further, That, at 1:30 p.m., that the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 316, as modified; that there be 15 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, at 1:45 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to said amendment, as modified; that, upon disposition of the amendment, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 342; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the votes; and that no amendment be in order to be proposed to either amendment prior to the votes.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 345 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified, At 10:43 a.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) declared the Senate recessed subject to the call of the chair.

AT 12:04 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. KLOBUCHAR in the chair) called the Senate to order.

IMPROVING AMERICA'S SECURITY ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 4.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 345 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 361, after line 20, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 383).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BIDEN to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 384).

Pending debate,

The hour of 1:30 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 316, as modified, to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MCCASKILL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 51, nays... 48

[Rollcall Vote No. 64 Leg.]

YEAS --- 51

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE),

Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 48

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 342, proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. COBURN), to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. COLLINS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 46, nays... 53

[Rollcall Vote No. 65 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner

NAYS --- 53

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Cornyn, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CORNYN,

Ordered, That on rollcall vote 65, his vote be changed from "nay" to "yea," thus changing the result to yeas 47, nays 52.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 384 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. LIEBERMAN asked unanimous consent that Mr. BUNNING be recognized to propose an amendment; that he be recognized to speak for 5 minutes thereon; that, following remarks by him, the amendment be laid aside; that Mr. SCHUMER be recognized to propose 3 amendments; that he be recognized to speak for 5 minutes thereon; that, following remarks by him, Mr. KERRY be recognized to speak for 10 minutes in tribute to former Senator Thomas Eagleton; that, following remarks by him, Mr. GRAHAM be recognized to speak for 15 minutes; that, following remarks by him, the pending amendment be laid aside; that Mr. WYDEN be recognized to propose an amendment; that he and Mr. BOND be recognized to speak for 10 minutes thereon; that, following remarks by them, Mr. KYL be recognized to speak for 15 minutes; and that, following remarks by him, Ms. LANDRIEU be recognized to speak for 10 minutes in tribute.

Ms. COLLINS objected.

Ms. COLLINS asked a question as to the presence of a quorum.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore directed the roll to be called to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

Pending the ascertainment of a quorum,

Mr. BUNNING asked unanimous consent that the quorum call be withdrawn.

Ms. COLLINS objected.

Pending the further ascertainment of a quorum,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. COLLINS,

Ordered, That the quorum call be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 384 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN,

Ordered, That Mr. BUNNING be recognized to propose an amendment; that he be recognized to speak for 5 minutes thereon; that, following remarks by him, the amendment be laid aside; that Mr. SCHUMER be recognized to propose 3 amendments; that he be recognized to speak for 5 minutes thereon; that, following remarks by him, Mr. ALLARD and Mr. CORNYN be recognized to speak for 10 minutes; that, following remarks by them, Mr. KERRY be recognized to speak for 10 minutes in tribute to former Senator

Thomas Eagleton; that, following remarks by him, Mr. GRAHAM be recognized to speak for 15 minutes; that, following remarks by him, the pending amendment be laid aside; that Mr. WYDEN be recognized to propose an amendment; that he and Mr. BOND be recognized to speak for 10 minutes thereon; that, following remarks by them, Mr. KYL be recognized to speak for 15 minutes; and that, following remarks by him, Ms. LANDRIEU be recognized to speak for 10 minutes in tribute.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 384 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. BUNNING to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 334).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

On motion by Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. KYL) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 366).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SCHUMER to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 203, by striking all beginning on line 12 through line 18, page 305, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 367).

Mr. SCHUMER modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 367, as modified, to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

On motion by Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. BOND, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by

inserting certain words (being amendment No. 348).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. BURR) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 389).

Pending debate,

Mr. MCCONNELL called for the regular order with respect to amendment No. 312.

Whereupon,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 312, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. CORNYN), to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. MCCONNELL, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 312, as modified, to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending amendment No. 312, as modified, which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 312, as modified, to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill:

JOHN CORNYN, JON KYL, MIKE CRAPO, JOHN ENSIGN, SAXBY CHAMBLISS, JUDD GREGG, RICHARD BURR, JIM BUNNING, SAM BROWNBACK, MITCH MCCONNELL, CRAIG THOMAS, TOM COBURN, WAYNE ALLARD, JIM DEMINT, JOHN THUNE, PAT ROBERTS, LINDSEY GRAHAM.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 312, as modified, to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. STEVENS, by unanimous consent, to lay amendment No. 345 on the table.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. STEVENS,

Ordered, That, at 6:15 p.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to lay amendment No. 345 on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 312, as modified, to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments and motion were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. INOUE, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. SMITH, and Ms. SNOWE) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 299).

Pending debate,

Ms. LANDRIEU, by unanimous consent, modified her amendment No. 295.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 299 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The hour of 6:15 p.m. having arrived,

The question recurring on agreeing to the motion, by Mr. STEVENS, to lay amendment No. 345 on the table.

On motion by Ms. COLLINS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 71, nays... 25

[Rollcall Vote No. 66 Leg.]

YEAS --- 71

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Cochran, Conrad, Craig, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 25

Alexander, Allard, Brownback, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Inhofe, Isakson, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Sessions, Thomas, Thune.

So the motion to table was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 299 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. GRASSLEY asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose an amendment.

Mr. LIEBERMAN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 299 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for 10 minutes each.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-878. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Capital Investment Plan for fiscal years 2008-2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-879. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's 2007 annual report relative to the regulatory status of each safety recommendation on the National Transportation Safety Board's Most Wanted List; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-880. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones (including 6 regulations beginning with CGD09-06-174)" (RIN1625-AA00) received on March 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-881. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; Waters Surrounding M/V TONG CHENG, HI" (RIN1625-AA87) received on March 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-882. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Biscayne Bay, Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Miami River, and Miami Beach Channel, Miami-Dade County, FL (CGD07-07-010)" (RIN1625-AA09) received on March 1, 2007; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-883. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Savannah River, Savannah, GA (CGD07-05-138)" (RIN1625-AA11) received on March 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-884. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operations (including 6 regulations beginning with CGD07-05-097)" (RIN1625-AA01) received on March 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-885. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mariner Licensing and Documentation Program Restructuring and Centralization; Correction" (RIN1625-ZA09) received on March 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-886. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Amendments" (RIN1625-AA36) received on March 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-887. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments; Marine Safety Center Address Change" (RIN1625-ZA12) received on March 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-888. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rates for Pilotage on the Great Lakes" (RIN1625-AB05) received on March 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-889. A communication from the Acting Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's carryover balances for fiscal year ended September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-890. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, the report of proposed legislation relative to the repeal

of subtitle J of Title IX of the Energy Policy Act of 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-891. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the review of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway between Palacios Point and Port O'Connor, Texas, by the Army Corps of Engineers; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-892. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Priorities List" (FRL No. 8283-7) received on March 2, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-893. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Amendments to VOC and NOx Emission Control Areas and VOC Control Regulations" (FRL No. 8282-9) received on March 2, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-894. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nonattainment New Source Review" ((RIN2060-AM59)(FRL No. 8283-9)) received on March 2, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-895. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Bird Conservation, Migratory Bird Program, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Permits; Take of Migratory Birds by the Armed Forces" (RIN1018-AI92) received on March 1, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-896. A communication from the Chief of the Federal Duck Stamp Office, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Contest Regulations" (RIN1018-AU94) received on March 1, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-897. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the activities of the Board during fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-898. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Moore v. Commissioner, T.C. Memo 2006-171" (AOD: 2007-02) received on March 1, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-899. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Corporate Reorganizations; Additional Guidance on Distribution Under Sections 368(a)(1)(D) and 354(b)(B)" ((RIN1545-BG29)(TD 9313)) received on March 1, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-900. A communication from the U.S. Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2007 Trade Policy Agenda and 2006 Annual Report on the Trade Agreements Program; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-901. A communication from the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-902. A communication from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Women, Minorities, and Persons With Disabilities in Science and Engineering: 2007"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-903. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, proposed legislation to make improvements to the Civil Service Retirement System and the Federal Employees' Retirement System; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-904. A communication from the Chairman, Labor Member, and Management Member of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's annual report for calendar year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MARTINEZ:

S. 787. A bill to impose a 2-year moratorium on implementation of a proposed rule relating to the Federal-State financial partnerships under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SUNUNU (for himself, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. SMITH):

S. 788. A bill to authorize the Moving to Work Charter program to enable public housing agencies to improve the effectiveness of Federal housing assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 789. A bill to prevent abuse of Government credit cards; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 790. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to permit the simplified summer food programs to be carried out in all States and by all service institutions; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. COLEMAN, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 791. A bill to establish a collaborative program to protect the Great Lakes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 792. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to modify the definition of governmental plan with respect to Indian tribal governments; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 793. A bill to provide for the expansion and improvement of traumatic brain injury programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 794. A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option to expand or add coverage of pregnant women under the Medicaid and State children's health insurance programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 795. A bill to assist aliens who have been lawfully admitted in becoming citizens of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BUNNING (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BAYH, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 796. A bill to amend title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide that exchange-rate misalignment by any foreign nation is a countervailable export subsidy, to amend the Exchange Rates and International Economic Policy Coordination Act of 1988 to clarify the definition of manipulation with respect to currency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. WEBB):

S. 797. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Star-Spangled Banner Trail in the States of Maryland and Virginia and the District of Columbia as a National Historic Trail; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. LEVIN, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 798. A bill to establish the Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. INOUE, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. DODD):

S. 799. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide individuals with disabilities and older Americans with equal access to community-based attendant services and supports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 800. A bill to establish the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in the State of New York, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 801. A bill to designate a United States courthouse located in Fresno, California, as the "Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CRAPO:

S. 802. A bill to provide for the implementation of the Owyhee Initiative Agreement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KOHL, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 803. A bill to repeal a provision enacted to end Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 804. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to improve the administration of elections for Federal office,

and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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

S. 805. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa in the effort to achieve internationally recognized goals in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other major diseases and the reduction of maternal and child mortality by improving human health care capacity and improving retention of medical health professionals in sub-Saharan Africa, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 806. A bill to give consumers tools to protect themselves from ID theft by allowing them to prevent unauthorized access to their credit reports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. Res. 99. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that United States military assistance to Pakistan should be guided by demonstrable progress by the Government of Pakistan in achieving certain objectives related to counterterrorism and democratic reforms; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BAYH, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SALAZAR, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DODD, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. Res. 100. A resolution designating the week beginning March 12, 2007, as "National Safe Place Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS] were added as cosponsors of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States.

S. 231

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 231, a bill to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

S. 261

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 261, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 305

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 305, a bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to make it unlawful for a packer to own, feed, or control livestock intended for slaughter.

S. 312

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 312, a bill to authorize the Marion Park Project and Committee of the Palmetto Conservation Foundation to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia and its environs to honor Brigadier General Francis Marion.

S. 329

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] were added as cosponsors of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 359

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 359, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide additional support to students.

S. 368

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 368, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 377

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] and the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 377, a bill to

establish a United States-Poland parliamentary youth exchange program, and for other purposes.

S. 398

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 398, a bill to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to identify and remove barriers to reducing child abuse, to provide for examinations of certain children, and for other purposes.

S. 404

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 404, a bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to require the implementation of country of origin labeling requirements by September 30, 2007.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 430, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 432

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 432, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for kidney disease education services under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 438

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 438, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit the marketing of authorized generic drugs.

S. 474

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 474, a bill to award a congressional gold medal to Michael Ellis DeBakey, M.D.

S. 479

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 479, a bill to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.

S. 494

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 494, a bill to endorse further enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and to

facilitate the timely admission of new members to NATO, and for other purposes.

S. 513

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD] were added as cosponsors of S. 513, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to revive previous authority on the use of the Armed Forces and the militia to address interference with State or Federal law, and for other purposes.

S. 558

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 558, a bill to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 593

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 593, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a grant program to provide supportive services in permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 624

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 624, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers.

S. 625

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 625, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 625, *supra*.

S. 651

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 651, a bill to help promote the national recommendation of physical activity to kids, families, and communities across the United States.

S. 655

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 655, a bill to amend the Congressional Charter of The American National Red Cross to modernize its governance structure, to enhance the ability of the board of governors of The American National Red Cross to support the critical mission of The American Red Cross in the 21st century, and for other purposes.

S. 658

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 658, a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to improve the process for listing, recovery planning, and delisting, and for other purposes.

S. 667

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 667, a bill to expand programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse and neglect prevention, and early identification of developmental and health delays, including potential mental health concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 675

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 675, a bill to provide competitive grants for training court reporters and closed captioners to meet requirements for realtime writers under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

S. 709

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 709, a bill to promote labor force participation of older Americans, with the goals of increasing retirement security, reducing the projected shortage of experienced workers, maintaining future economic growth, and improving the Nation's fiscal outlook.

S. 713

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to ensure dignity in care for members of the Armed Forces recovering from injuries.

S. 761

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 761, a bill to invest in innovation and education to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy.

S. 764

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 764, a bill to amend title XIX and XXI of the Social

Security Act to permit States the option of coverage of legal immigrants under the Medicaid Program and the State children's health insurance program (SCHIP).

S. 766

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 766, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies of victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 771

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 771, a bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to improve the nutrition and health of schoolchildren by updating the definition of "food of minimal nutritional value" to conform to current nutrition science and to protect the Federal investment in the national school lunch and breakfast programs.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 779

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] and the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 779, a bill to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the

Senate on Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 7, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet for a hearing on Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at 3 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at 2 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

The Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations be authorized to meet on Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at 10 a.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:31 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 399. An act to designate the United States Courthouse to be constructed in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse".

H.R. 544. An act to designate the United States courthouse at South Federal Place in Santa Fe, New Mexico, as the "Santiago E. Campos United States Courthouse".

H.R. 584. An act to designate the Federal building located at 400 Maryland Avenue Southwest in the District of Columbia as the "Lyndon Baines Johnson Department of Education Building".

H.R. 987. An act to endorse further enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and to facilitate the

timely admission of new members to NATO, and for other purposes.

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

S. Con. Res. 15. Concurrent resolution authorizing the Rotunda of the Capitol to be used on March 29, 2007, for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the Tuskegee Airmen.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 62. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a National Children and Families Day, in order to encourage adults in the United States to support and listen to children and to help children throughout the Nation achieve their hopes and dreams, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

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

H.R. 399. An act to designate the United States Courthouse to be constructed in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 62. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a National Children and Families Day, in order to encourage adults in the United States to support and listen to children and to help children throughout the Nation achieve their hopes and dreams, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

IMPROVING AMERICA'S SECURITY ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 4.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 299 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill:

J. LIEBERMAN, CHUCK SCHUMER, ROBERT MENENDEZ, PATTY MURRAY, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, B.A. MIKULSKI, CHRISTOPHER

DODD, JOE BIDEN, DEBBIE STABENOW, HARRY REID, PATRICK LEAHY, DICK DURBIN, JEFF BINGAMAN, H.R. CLINTON, BILL NELSON, TOM CARPER, JACK REED.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 299 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the bill S. 4.

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill S. 4; which was stated, as follows:

J. LIEBERMAN, CHUCK SCHUMER, ROBERT MENENDEZ, PATTY MURRAY, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, B.A. MIKULSKI, CHRISTOPHER DODD, JOE BIDEN, DEBBIE STABENOW, HARRY REID, PATRICK LEAHY, DICK DURBIN, JEFF BINGAMAN, H.R. CLINTON, BILL NELSON, TOM CARPER, JACK REED.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 299 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL SAFE PLACE WEEK"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 100) designating the week beginning March 12, 2007, as "National Safe Place Week", submitted today by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BAYH, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SALAZAR, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DODD, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. FEINGOLD), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes; that the first 30 minutes therein be controlled by the minority, and the second 30 minutes therein be controlled by the majority; and that, following morning business, the Senate then resume consideration of bill S. 4.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:43 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2007

Mr. ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Reverend Brian C. Mentzer, of Riverdale Baptist Church, Upper Marlboro, Maryland, offered a prayer, and Mr. CASEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 8, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., a Senator from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CASEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business. Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Ms Evans, one of his secretaries:

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF
THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH
RESPECT TO IRAN THAT WAS
DECLARED ON MARCH 15, 1995—PM 9

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication, stating that the Iran emergency declared on March 15, 1995, is to continue in effect beyond March 15, 2007.

The crisis between the United States and Iran constituted by the actions and policies of the Government of Iran that led to the declaration of a national emergency on

March 15, 1995, has not been resolved. The actions and policies of the Government of Iran are contrary to the interests of the United States in the region and pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to Iran and maintain in force comprehensive sanctions against Iran to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 8, 2007.*

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of a committee was submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment:

S. 655. A bill to amend the Congressional Charter of The American National Red Cross to modernize its governance structure, to enhance the ability of the board of governors of The American National Red Cross to support the critical mission of The American Red Cross in the 21st century, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND
JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 807. A bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 to provide that manure shall not be considered to be a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. REID, Mr. OBAMA, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 808. A bill to provide grants to recruit new teachers, principals, and other school leaders to, and retain and support current and returning teachers, principals, and other school leaders employed in, public elementary and public secondary schools, and to help higher education, in areas impacted by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SUNUNU (for himself, Mrs. DOLE, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. THUNE, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 809. A bill to amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 to exempt qualified public housing agencies from the requirement of preparing an annual public housing agency plan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 810. A bill to establish a laboratory science pilot program at the National Science Foundation; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 811. A bill to establish the Sacramento River National Recreation Area in the State of California; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 812. A bill to prohibit human cloning and protect stem cell research; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 813. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an above-the-line deduction for attorney fees and costs in connection with civil claim awards; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 814. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the deduction of attorney-advanced expenses and court costs in contingency fee cases; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 815. A bill to provide health care benefits to veterans with a service-connected disability at non-Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities that receive payments under the Medicare program or the TRICARE program; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 816. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase tax benefits for parents with children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 817. A bill to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide additional authorizations for certain National Heritage Areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 818. A bill to expand the middle class, reduce the gap between the rich and the poor, keep our promises to veterans, lower the poverty rate, and reduce the Federal deficit by repealing tax breaks for the wealthiest one percent and eliminating unnecessary Cold War era defense spending, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SMITH, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 819. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 820. A bill to establish demonstration projects to provide at-home infant care benefits; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. CARDIN, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 821. A bill to amend section 402 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to provide for an extension of eligibility for supplemental security income through fiscal year 2010 for refugees, asylees, and certain other humanitarian immigrants; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 822. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve and extend certain energy-related tax provisions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DODD, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 823. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to facilitating the development of microbicides for preventing transmission of HIV/AIDS and other diseases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 824. A bill to amend Public Law 106-348 to extend the authorization for establishing a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 825. A bill to provide additional funds for the Road Home Program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 826. A bill to posthumously award a Congressional gold medal to Alice Paul, in recognition of her role in the women's suffrage movement and in advancing equal rights for women; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 827. A bill to establish the Freedom's Way National Heritage Area in the States of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 828. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make cost-share payments for on-farm energy production under the environmental quality incentives program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BOND, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mrs. DOLE):

S. 829. A bill to reauthorize the HOPE VI program for revitalization of severely distressed public housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 830. A bill to improve the process for the development of needed pediatric medical devices; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 831. A bill to authorize States and local governments to prohibit the investment of State assets in any company that has a qualifying business relationship with Sudan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. DODD):

S.J. Res. 6. A joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Walter E. Massey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. DODD):

S.J. Res. 7. A joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Roger W. Sant as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. DODD):

S.J. Res. 8. A joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Patricia Q. Stonesifer as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. REED, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CARPER, Mr. AKAKA,

Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. INOUE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S.J. Res. 9. A joint resolution to revise United States policy on Iraq; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. REID:

S. Res. 101. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that no action should be taken to undermine the safety of the Armed Forces of the United States or impact their ability to complete their assigned or future missions; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 140

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 140, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communications services.

S. 221

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 221, a bill to amend title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to livestock and poultry contracts.

S. 231

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 231, a bill to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

S. 326

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special period of limitation when uniformed services retirement pay is reduced as result of award of disability compensation.

S. 358

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 358, a bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic

information with respect to health insurance and employment.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 430, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 430, *supra*.

S. 457

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 457, a bill to extend the date on which the National Security Personnel System will first apply to certain defense laboratories.

S. 507

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 507, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for reimbursement of certified midwife services and to provide for more equitable reimbursement rates for certified nurse-midwife services.

S. 527

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 527, a bill to make amendments to the Iran, North Korea, and Syria Nonproliferation Act.

S. 558

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] were added as cosponsors of S. 558, a bill to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services.

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 558, *supra*.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 590

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the investment tax credit with respect

to solar energy property and qualified fuel cell property, and for other purposes.

S. 591

At the request of Mr. SMITH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 591, a bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to adjust for inflation the allowable amounts of financial resources of eligible households and to exclude from countable financial resources certain retirement and education accounts.

S. 600

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 600, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish the School-Based Health Clinic program, and for other purposes.

S. 609

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] were added as cosponsors of S. 609, a bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

S. 625

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 625, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S. 645

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 645, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to provide an alternate sulfur dioxide removal measurement for certain coal gasification project goals.

S. 691

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the benefits under the Medicare program for beneficiaries with kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 699

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 699, a bill to prevent the fraudulent use of social security account numbers by allowing the sharing of social security data among agencies of the United States for identity theft prevention and immigration enforcement purposes, and for other purposes.

S. 713

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to ensure dignity in care for members of the Armed Forces recovering from injuries.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] were added as cosponsors of S. 746, a bill to establish a competitive grant program to build capacity in veterinary medical education and expand the workforce of veterinarians engaged in public health practice and biomedical research.

S. 761

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] and the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] were added as cosponsors of S. 761, a bill to invest in innovation and education to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy.

S. 779

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 779, a bill to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

S. 796

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 796, a bill to amend title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide that exchange-rate misalignment by any foreign nation is a countervailable export subsidy, to amend the Exchange Rates and International Economic Policy Coordination Act of 1988 to clarify the definition of manipulation with respect to currency, and for other purposes.

S. 804

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 804, a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to improve the administration of elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 92

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 92, a resolution calling for the immediate and unconditional release of soldiers of Israel held captive by Hamas and Hezbollah.

SENATE RESOLUTION 95

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 95, a resolution designating March 25, 2007, as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 8, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 8, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Thursday, March 8, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Perspectives on the 2007 Trade Agenda."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet to hold a hearing on Afghanistan on Thursday, March 8, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 8, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, March 8, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, March 8, 2007, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen room 226.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate for a hearing entitled "Small Business Solutions for Combating Climate Change," on Thursday, March 8, 2007, beginning at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 8, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

The Joint Economic Committee be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing in room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, Thursday, March 8, 2007, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the

Senate on March 8, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a business meeting and hearing.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:54 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House had passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 569. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for sewer overflow control grants.

H.R. 710. An act to amend the National Organ Transplant Act to provide that criminal penalties do not apply to paired donations of human kidneys, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 569. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for sewer overflow control grants; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

IMPROVING AMERICA'S SECURITY ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. OBAMA in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 4) to make the United States more secure by implementing unfinished recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to fight the war on terror more effectively, to improve homeland security, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 299, proposed by Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. INOUE, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. SMITH, and Ms. SNOWE), to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN and Ms. COLLINS), to the bill.

Mr. LIEBERMAN called for the regular order with respect to amendment No. 291.

Whereupon,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 291, proposed by Mr. SUNUNU, to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF CERTAIN BILLS AND
RESOLUTIONS

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that, on Monday, March 12, 2007, at 3 p.m., the Senate proceed to consider the following: S.J. Res. 9, S. Res. 101, S. Con. Res. 7, S. Res. 70, S. 641; that there be 6 hours, equally divided and controlled, for concurrent debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that no amendments or motions be in order; that, on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, there be an additional 6 hours, equally divided and controlled, for concurrent debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in "stacked" sequence in the order above; and that all occur without intervening action or debate.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that, on Monday, March 12, 2007, at 3 p.m., the Senate proceed to consider the following: S.J. Res. 9, S. Res. 101, S. Con. Res. 7, S. Res. 70, S. 641; that there be 6 hours, equally divided and controlled, for concurrent debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that no amendments or motions be in order; that, on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, there be an additional 6 hours, equally divided and controlled, for concurrent debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in "stacked" sequence in the order above; that each bill, joint resolution, concurrent resolution, and Senate resolution be passed or agreed to with a minimum of 60 yeas votes; and that all occur without intervening action or debate.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

IMPROVING AMERICA'S SECURITY
ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 4.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 291 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of John Alfred Jarvey, of Iowa, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa and Sara Elizabeth Lioi, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio; that the Senate immediately vote on confirmation of said nominations in "stacked" sequence; that there

be 2 minutes for debate prior to each vote in "stacked" sequence; that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; and that the Senate resume its legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

IMPROVING AMERICA'S SECURITY
ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 4.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 291 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

JOINT RESOLUTION READ THE
FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANDERS in the chair) laid before the Senate the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 9) to revise United States policy on Iraq, introduced today by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. REED, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CARPER, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. INOUE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the joint resolution be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the joint resolution would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:15 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:15 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then resume consideration of bill S. 4; that the time until 9:30 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, at 9:30 a.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 312; and that the quorum under rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate be waived.

Ordered further, That, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, Senators be authorized to "file" second-degree amendments until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 8:29 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:15 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2007

Mr. SHERROD BROWN, from the State of Ohio, called the Senate to order at 9:15 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. BROWN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, March 9, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a Senator from the State of Ohio, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. BROWN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Journal of the proceedings of the
Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The morning hour being deemed expired,
and the times for the recognition of the two
leaders being reserved.

IMPROVING AMERICA'S SECURITY
ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as
modified,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid
before the Senate its pending business, viz,
the bill (S. 4) to make the United States more
secure by implementing unfinished
recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to
fight the war on terror more effectively, to
improve homeland security, and for other
purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the
bill.

The question being on agreeing to
amendment No. 291, proposed by Mr.
SUNUNU, to amendment No. 275 (in the
nature of a substitute), as amended, to the
bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid
before the Senate the motion, presented by
Mr. MCCONNELL on Wednesday, March 7,
2007, to bring to a close debate on
amendment No. 312, as modified, to
amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a
substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The quorum under the rule having been
waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of
the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated
the question to be: Is it the sense of the
Senate that debate shall be brought to a
close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 46, nays... 49

[Rollcall Vote No. 68 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Alexander, Allard, Bayh, Bennett, Bond,
Bunning, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman,
Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint,
Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley,
Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl,
Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski,
Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter,
Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter,
Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 49

Akaka, Baucus, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer,
Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey,
Clinton, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold,
Feinstein, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry,
Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy,
Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez,
Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE),
Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar,
Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Webb,
Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-
fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn
not having voted in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to reconsider the
vote disagreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the
table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid
before the Senate the motion, presented by
Mr. REID on Wednesday, March 7, 2007, to
bring to a close debate on amendment No.
275 (in the nature of a substitute), as
amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The quorum under the rule having been
waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of
the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated
the question to be: Is it the sense of the
Senate that debate shall be brought to a
close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 69, nays... 26

[Rollcall Vote No. 69 Leg.]

YEAS --- 69

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett,
Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd,
Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton,
Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Dole,
Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein,
Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry,
Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy,
Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez,
McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski,
Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE),
Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar,
Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Stabenow,
Stevens, Tester, Thune, Voinovich, Warner, Webb,
Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 26

Allard, Bunning, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran,
Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Ensign, Enzi,
Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison,
Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby,
Specter, Sununu, Thomas, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of
the Senators duly chosen and sworn having
voted in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN to reconsider
the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the
table.

The question being on agreeing to
amendment No. 291 to amendment No. 275
(in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to
the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request
of Mr. LIEBERMAN,

Ordered, That the motion to bring to a
close debate on bill S. 4, presented by Mr.
REID on Wednesday, March 7, 2007, be
withdrawn; that, on Tuesday, March 13,
2007, the time for debate on amendment No.
275 (in the nature of a substitute), as
amended, pursuant to rule XXII of the
Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded;
that the Senate vote in "stacked" sequence on
the pending germane amendments; that, upon
disposition of amendment No. 275 (in the
nature of a substitute), as amended, the bill,
as may be amended, be read the third time;
and that the Senate vote on passage of the
bill, as may be amended.

Ordered further, That, a motion to proceed
be in order, notwithstanding the provisions of
rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the
Senate.

The question being on agreeing to
amendment No. 291 to amendment No. 275
(in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to
the bill.

JOINT RESOLUTION READ THE
SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON
THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an
adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE
in the chair) laid before the Senate the joint
resolution (S.J. Res. 9) to revise United States
policy on Iraq, introduced on yesterday by
Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr.
SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BIDEN, Mr.
LEVIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. REED,
Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs.
BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr.
CARPER, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr.
BAYH, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BROWN, Ms.
CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr.
DORGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. INOUE, Ms.
KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr.
LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. LINCOLN,
Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms.
MIKULSKI, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr.
SANDERS, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr.
WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN), and read the
first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. BROWN objected to the further
proceedings on the joint resolution.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that,
pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the
Standing Rules of the Senate, the joint
resolution would be placed on the calendar.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY
LEADER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE
RECORDS OF CONGRESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 101-509, had reappointed Guy Rocha, of Nevada, to the Advisory Committee on the records of Congress.

IMPROVING AMERICA'S SECURITY
ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 4.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 291 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. DORGAN raised a point of order, viz, that the following pending amendments, en bloc, violate provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, are not germane, and therefore are not in order: amendment No. 291, amendment No. 312, amendment No. 348; amendment No. 366; amendment No. 334; amendment No. 384; amendment No. 363; amendment No. 286; amendment No. 354; amendment No. 301; amendment No. 347; amendment No. 317, as amended; amendment No. 328, as modified; amendment No. 327; amendment No. 326; amendment No. 308; amendment No. 309; amendment No. 300; amendment No. 320; amendment No. 319; amendment No. 318; amendment No. 311; amendment No. 310; amendment No. 305; amendment No. 272; amendment No. 296; amendment No. 295, as modified; amendment No. 313; amendment No. 290, as modified.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the amendments not in order.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 299 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-905. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant

to law, the report of a rule entitled "Membership in a Registered Futures Association" (RIN3038-AC29) received on March 7, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-906. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conflicts of Interest in Self-Regulation and Self-Regulatory Organizations" (RIN3038-AC28) received on March 7, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-907. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Advertising by Commodity Pool Operators, Commodity Trading Advisors, and the Principals Thereof" (RIN3038-AC35) received on March 7, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-908. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Entry of Certain Cement Products from Mexico Requiring a Commerce Department Import License" (RIN1505-AB68) received on March 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-909. A communication from the Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, the report of proposed legislation entitled "National Park Centennial Challenge Fund Act"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-910. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, the report of proposed legislation entitled "Nuclear Fuel Management and Disposal Act"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-911. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Operating Permits Program; State of Missouri" (FRL No. 8284-8) received on March 7, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-912. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Iowa; Interstate Transport of Pollution" (FRL No. 8285-1) received on March 7, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-913. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator,

Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Kansas; Interstate Transport of Pollution" (FRL No. 8286-3) received on March 7, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-914. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL No. 8286-1) received on March 7, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-915. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Polymer of 2-Ethyl-2-(Hydroxymethyl)-1,3-Propanediol, Oxirane, Methyloxirane, 1,2-Epoxyalkanes; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 8116-9) received on March 7, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-916. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prothioconazole; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8113-6) received on March 7, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-917. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State-Administered Programs" (RIN1890-AA13) received on March 7, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-918. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Rule Relating to Time and Order of Issuance of Domestic Relations Orders" (RIN1210-AB15) received on March 7, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 377. A bill to establish a United States-Poland parliamentary youth exchange

program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-33).

S. 494. A bill to endorse further enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and to facilitate the timely admission of new members to NATO, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-34).

S. 676. A bill to provide that the Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank or the Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank may serve on the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation (Rept. No. 110-35).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 832. A bill to provide for the sale of approximately 25 acres of public land to the Turnabout Ranch, Escalante, Utah, at fair market value; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 833. A bill to make the United States competitive in a global economy; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 834. A bill to require annual testimony before Congress by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, relating to efforts to promote transparency in financial reporting; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. CORKER):

S. 835. A bill to redesignate the Federal building located at 167 North Main Street in Memphis, Tennessee, as the "Clifford Davis and Odell Horton Federal Building"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 836. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for sewer overflow control grants; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 837. A bill to develop a generation of school leaders who are committed to, and effective in, increasing student achievement and to ensure that all low-income, under-performing schools are led by effective school leaders who are well-prepared to foster student success; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. Res. 102. A resolution supporting the goals of "International Women's Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. VITTER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. Res. 103. A resolution commending the Kingdom of Lesotho, on the occasion of International Women's Day, for the enactment of a law to improve the status of married women and ensure the access of married women to property rights; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. Res. 104. A resolution commending the national explosives detection canine team program for 35 years of service to the safety and security of the transportation systems within the United States; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. Con. Res. 17. A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Capitol grounds for Live Earth Concert; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Con. Res. 18. A concurrent resolution honoring the life of Ernest Gallo; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 169

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 169, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to clarify Federal authority relating to land acquisition from willing sellers for the majority of the trails in the System, and for other purposes.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 430, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the

functions of the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 573

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 573, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 626, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 659

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 659, a bill to amend section 1477 of title 10, United States Code, to provide for the payment of the death gratuity with respect to members of the Armed Forces without a surviving spouse who are survived by a minor child.

S. 725

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 725, a bill to amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to reauthorize and improve that Act.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 727, a bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education.

S. 793

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] were added as cosponsors of S. 793, a bill to provide for the expansion and improvement of traumatic brain injury programs.

S. 831

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 831, a bill to authorize States and local governments to prohibit the investment of State assets in any company that has a qualifying business relationship with Sudan.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY]

was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 5, a joint resolution proclaiming Casimir Pulaski to be an honorary citizen of the United States posthumously.

SENATE RESOLUTION 82

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 82, a resolution designating August 16, 2007 as "National Airborne Day".

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:30 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 700. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to extend the pilot program for alternative water source projects.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 700. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to extend the pilot program for alternative water source projects; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill, previously received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, and remaining undisposed of, was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 987. An act to endorse further enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and to facilitate the timely admission of new members to NATO, and for other purposes.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS OF "INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY"

On the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. LINCOLN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 102) supporting the goals of "International Women's Day", submitted today by Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. STABENOW), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMENDING THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO

On the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 103) commending the Kingdom of Lesotho, on the occasion of International Women's Day, for the enactment of a law to improve the status of married women and ensure the access of married women to property rights, submitted today by Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. VITTER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. COLEMAN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "SANTIAGO E. CAMPOS UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE"

On the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 544) to designate the United States courthouse at South Federal Place in Santa Fe, New Mexico, as the "Santiago E. Campos United States Courthouse", received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, March 7, 2007, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUILDING"

On the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 584) to designate the

Federal building located at 400 Maryland Avenue Southwest in the District of Columbia as the "Lyndon Baines Johnson Department of Education Building", received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, March 7, 2007, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "RUSH HUDSON LIMBAUGH, SR., UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Ordered, That the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 342) to designate the United States courthouse located at 555 Independence Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as the "Rush Hudson Limbaugh, Sr., United States Courthouse".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2:30 P.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2007, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2:30 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2007; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

At 1:11 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2:30 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2007.

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 2:30 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 12, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, March 9, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, March 9, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Friday, March 9, 2007,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 838. A bill to authorize funding for eligible joint ventures between United States and Israeli businesses and academic persons, to establish the International Energy Advisory Board, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 839. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude amounts received as a military basic housing allowance from consideration as income for purposes of the low-income housing credit and qualified residential rental projects; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 840. A bill to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize assistance for domestic and foreign programs and centers for the treatment of victims of torture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 841. A bill for the relief of Alfredo Plascencia Lopez and Maria Del Refugio Plascencia; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 842. A bill to authorize to be appropriated \$9,200,000 for fiscal year 2008 to acquire real property and carry out military construction projects at Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 843. A bill to provide for the establishment of a national mercury monitoring program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 844. A bill to provide for the protection of unaccompanied alien children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 845. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to expand and intensify programs with respect to research and related activities concerning elder falls; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ISAKSON:

S. 846. A bill to amend the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act to improve the compensation system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 21

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] were added as cosponsors of S. 21, a bill to expand access to preventive health care services that help reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce abortions, and improve access to women's health care.

S. 231

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 231, a bill to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

S. 261

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 261, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 329

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 373

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 373, a bill to facilitate and expedite direct refunds to coal producers and exporters of the excise tax unconstitutionally imposed on coal exported from the United States.

S. 376

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 376, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to establish a fact-finding Commission to extend the study of a prior Commission to investigate and determine facts and circumstances surrounding the relocation, internment, and deportation to Axis countries of Latin Americans of Japanese descent from December 1941 through February 1948, and the impact of those actions by the United

States, and to recommend appropriate remedies, and for other purposes.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

S. 450

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 474

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 474, a bill to award a congressional gold medal to Michael Ellis DeBakey, M.D.

S. 505

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 505, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the above-the-line deduction for teacher classroom supplies and to expand such deduction to include qualified professional development expenses.

S. 513

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 513, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to revive previous authority on the use of the Armed Forces and the militia to address interference with State or Federal law, and for other purposes.

S. 558

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 558, a bill to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 579, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 625

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 625, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S. 634

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 634, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 663

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 663, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the statutory designation of beneficiaries of the \$100,000 death gratuity under section 1477 of title 10, United States Code, and to permit members of the Armed Forces to designate in writing their beneficiaries of choice in the event of their death while serving on active duty.

S. 691

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 691, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the benefits under the Medicare program for beneficiaries with kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 713

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] were added as cosponsors of S. 713, a bill to ensure dignity in care for members of the Armed Forces recovering from injuries.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] were added as cosponsors of S. 727, a bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance

premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 787

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 787, a bill to impose a 2-year moratorium on implementation of a proposed rule relating to the Federal-State financial partnerships under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

S. 815

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 815, a bill to provide health care benefits to veterans with a service-connected disability at non-Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities that receive payments under the Medicare program or the TRICARE program.

S. 823

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 823, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to facilitating the development of microbicides for preventing transmission of HIV/AIDS and other diseases, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 4, a joint resolution to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the United States Government regarding Indian tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 82

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 82, a resolution designating August 16, 2007 as "National Airborne Day".

SENATE RESOLUTION 95

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 95, a resolution designating March 25, 2007, as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy".

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 720. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for State water pollution control revolving funds, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 720. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for State water pollution control revolving funds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER JOINT RESOLUTION
S.J. RES. 9

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 9) to revise United States policy on Iraq.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed to consider S.J. Res. 9, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider S.J. Res. 9:

HARRY REID, CARL LEVIN, DICK DURBIN, BYRON L. DORGAN, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., BARBARA BOXER, EDWARD M. KENNEDY, PATRICK LEAHY, JAY ROCKEFELLER, PATTY MURRAY, JACK REED, DEBBIE STABENOW, H.R. CLINTON, JEFF BINGAMAN, B.A. MIKULSKI, BEN CARDIN, ROBERT MENENDEZ.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

Mr. REID thereupon withdrew the motion to proceed.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 214

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 214) to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed to consider bill S. 214, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII

of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 214:

HARRY REID, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, MARIA CANTWELL, TED KENNEDY, ROBERT C. BYRD, KENT CONRAD, MAX BAUCUS, TOM HARKIN, KEN SALAZAR, TOM CARPER, JEFF BINGAMAN, PATRICK LEAHY, PATTY MURRAY, DICK DURBIN, JIM WEBB, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

Mr. REID thereupon withdrew the motion to proceed.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT
PRO TEMPORE
U.S.-CHINA INTERPARLIAMENTARY
GROUP

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276n, as amended, had appointed Mr. INOUE as Chairman of the U.S.-China Interparliamentary Group conference during the 110th Congress.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE
PRESIDENT
CANADA-U.S. INTERPARLIAMENTARY
GROUP CONFERENCE

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d-276g, as amended, had appointed Ms. KLOBUCHAR as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group conference during the 110th Congress.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 4; that the time until 11:45 a.m. be equally divided and controlled between Mr. LIEBERMAN and Mr.

COBURN for concurrent debate on amendments numbered 294 and 325; that, at 11:45 a.m., the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 294; that, upon conclusion of said vote, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 325, with no intervening action or debate; and that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between said votes.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:05 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2007

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. TESTER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, March 13, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. TESTER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-919. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 7351), received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-920. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Five-Year ITS Program Plan"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-921. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 in the Gulf of Alaska" (ID No. 011707G), received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-922. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Increase the Trip Limit in the Commercial Hook-and-Line Fishery for King Mackerel in the Florida East Coast" (ID No. 010507D), received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-923. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure for Commercial King Mackerel Run-Around Gillnet Fishery in the Southern Florida West Coast Zone" (ID No. 010507C), received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-924. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels 60 Feet Length Overall and Using Pot Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID No. 012507A), received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-925. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for

Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Rule to Reduce Overfishing of Atlantic Sea Scallops in the 2007 Fishing Year by Modifying Elephant Trunk Access Area Management Measures" (RIN0648-AV05), received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-926. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Emergency Rule to Supersede the Previously Published 2007 Summer Flounder Specifications" (RIN0648-AT60), received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-927. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Amendment 16-4; Pacific Coast Salmon Fishery" (RIN0648-AU57), received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-928. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2006-2007 Pacific Mackerel Annual Specifications; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Fisheries Off West Coast States" (RIN0648-AU27), received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-929. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2007 Specifications for the Atlantic Bluefish Fishery" (RIN0648-AT67), received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-930. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement Management Measures for Caribbean Closures and Dehooking Requirements for the Atlantic Shark Fishery" (ID No. 082305E), received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-931. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries,

Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Processor Vessels Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID No. 020907G), received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-932. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the Gulf of Alaska" (ID No. 020907F), received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-933. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 610 of the Gulf of Alaska" (ID No. 020807B), received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-934. A communication from the Commandant, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, the report of a legislative proposal to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for the United States Coast Guard; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-935. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-936. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Renewable Energy Resource Assessment Information for the United States"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-937. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Efficiency Program for Certain Commercial and Industrial Equipment: Efficiency Standards for Commercial Heating, Air-Conditioning, and Water-Heating Equipment" ((RIN1904-AB16)(RIN1904-AB17)(RIN1904-AB44)), received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-938. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of proposed legislation to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-939. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to navigation improvements to the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway from High Island to Brazos River; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-940. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, Office of Administration and Resources Management, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Agency's competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-941. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an ecosystem restoration project on the Snake River; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-942. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Mangoes from India" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0121), received on March 12, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-943. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Karnal Bunt; Regulated Areas" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0149), received on March 12, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-944. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's proposed fiscal year 2008 budget; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-945. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-946. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-947. A communication from the Director of Selective Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Director's Annual Report

for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-948. A communication from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Program Acquisition Unit Cost and Procurement Unit Cost for the Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-949. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to assistance provided by the Department for civilian sporting events in support of essential security and safety at such events; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-950. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the approved retirement of Admiral John B. Nathman, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-951. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary for Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bureau's Annual Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-952. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Emergency Oil and Gas Guaranteed Loan Program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-953. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Emergency Steel Loan Guarantee Program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-954. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inseason Action to Close the Small Coastal Shark Fishery in the Gulf of Mexico Region" (ID No. 013107D), received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-955. A communication from the Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Services Surveys: BE-125, Quarterly Survey of Transactions in Selected Services and Intangible Assets with Foreign Persons" (RIN0691-AA61), received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-956. A communication from the Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Services Surveys: BE-120, Benchmark Survey of Transactions in Selected Services and Intangible Assets with

Foreign Persons" (RIN0691-AA60), received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-957. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Non-American Fisheries Act Crab Vessels Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the Inshore Component in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (ID No. 012307C), received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-958. A communication from the Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Services Surveys: BE-185, Quarterly Survey of Financial Services Transactions Between U.S. Financial Services Providers and Foreign Persons" (RIN0691-AA62), received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-959. A communication from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of significant unresolved issues with the Department of Energy's design and construction projects; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-960. A communication from the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's carryover balances; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-961. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility near Aiken, South Carolina; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-962. A communication from the Board of Trustees, National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on its operations and financial condition; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-963. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "LMSB Tier II Issue - Field Directive on the Examination of IRC Section 172(f) Specified Liability Losses Number 1 - Industry Directive" (Document Number: LMSB-04-0206-009), received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-964. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2007 Census Count"

(Notice 2007-23), received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-965. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2007-26 - 2007-32); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-966. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inter-country Adoption - Reporting on Non-Convention and Convention Adoptions of Emigrating Children" (RIN1400-AC20), received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-967. A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the current military, diplomatic, political, and economic measures that are being or have been undertaken to complete our mission in Iraq successfully; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-968. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on U.S. Government Assistance to and Cooperative Activities with Central and Eastern Europe; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-969. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the petition filed on behalf of workers from General Atomics in La Jolla, California, requesting their addition to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-970. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the petition filed on behalf of workers from Monsanto Chemical Company in Dayton, Ohio, requesting their addition to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-971. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-972. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Administrator, received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-973. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and

Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of General Counsel, received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-974. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of an acting officer for the position of Deputy Secretary, received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-975. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the petition filed on behalf of workers from the Allied Chemical Corporation Plant in Metropolis, Illinois, requesting their addition to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-976. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the petition filed on behalf of workers from the Harshaw Harvard-Denison Plant in Cleveland, Ohio, requesting their addition to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-977. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Planning of Evaluation and Policy Development, received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-978. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-979. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network" (RIN0906-AA62), received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-980. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Claims Collection" (RIN0991-AB18), received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-981. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human

Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Salary Offset" (RIN0991-AB19), received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-982. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Reprocessed Single-Use Devices; Requirement for Submission of Validation Data; Withdrawal" (Docket No. 2006N-0335), received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-983. A communication from the Director, Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Reprocessed Single-Use Device; Requirements for Submission of Validation Data" (Docket No. 2006N-0335), received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-984. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Letter Report: Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A For Fiscal Years 2004 Through 2006, as of March 31, 2006"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-985. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2006 Annual Report on Advisory Neighborhood Commissions"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-986. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the implementation and effectiveness of the direct-hire authority to attract candidates with unusually high qualifications to the Federal acquisition workforce; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-987. A communication from the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's quarterly report for the period ending December 31, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-988. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's Strategic Plan for 2006-2011 and its Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-989. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory

Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance Budget for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-990. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel and Designated Reporting Official, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a change in previously submitted reported information for the position of Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, received on March 8, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-991. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Office of Management and Administration, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 847. A bill to extend the period of time during which a veteran's multiple sclerosis is to be considered to have been incurred in, or aggravated by, military service during a period of war; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 848. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide improved benefits for veterans who are former prisoners of war; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 849. A bill to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. DOLE):

S. 850. A bill to improve sharing of immigration information among Federal, State, and local law enforcement officials, to improve State and local enforcement of immigration laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. BAYH, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 851. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a higher education opportunity credit in place of

existing education tax incentives; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 852. A bill to deauthorize the project for navigation, Tenants Harbor, Maine; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 853. A bill to deauthorize the project for navigation, Northeast Harbor, Maine; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 854. A bill to modify the project for navigation, Union River, Maine; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 855. A bill to deauthorize a certain portion of the project for navigation, Rockland Harbor, Maine; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 856. A bill to terminate authorization for the project for navigation, Rockport Harbor, Maine; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 857. A bill to redesignate the project for navigation, Saco River, Maine, as an anchorage area; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. INOUE, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 858. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the transportation fringe benefit to bicycle commuters; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 859. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to award funds to study the feasibility of constructing dedicated ethanol pipelines to increase the energy, economic, and environmental security of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BAYH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 860. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States the option to provide Medicaid coverage for low-income individuals infected with HIV; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 861. A bill to designate the Federal building located at 131 East 4th Street in Davenport, Iowa, as the "James A. Leach Federal Building"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 862. A bill to designate the Federal building located at 210 Walnut Street in Des Moines, Iowa, as the "Neal Smith Federal Building"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 863. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraud in connection with major disaster or emergency funds; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BUNNING (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. 864. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 865. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Army to carry out a project for the mitigation of shore damages attributable to the project for navigation, Saco River, Maine; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 866. A bill to provide for increased planning and funding for health promotion programs of the Department of Health and Human Services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. KERRY):

S. 867. A bill to adjust the boundary of Lowell National Historical Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. KERRY):

S. 868. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 5

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 5, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research.

S. 21

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 21, a bill to expand access to preventive health care services that help reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce abortions, and improve access to women's health care.

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 22, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 261

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] were added as cosponsors of S. 261, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 311

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 311, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

S. 474

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 474, a bill to award a congressional gold medal to Michael Ellis DeBakey, M.D.

S. 522

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 522, a bill to safeguard the economic health of the United States and the health and safety of the United States citizens by improving the management, coordination, and effectiveness of domestic and international intellectual property rights enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] were added as cosponsors of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to

determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 573

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 573, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 585

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 585, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue coins in commemoration of Native Americans and the important contributions made by Indian tribes and individual Native Americans to the development of the United States and the history of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 615

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 615, a bill to provide the nonimmigrant spouses and children of nonimmigrant aliens who perished in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks an opportunity to adjust their status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, and for other purposes.

S. 627

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 627, a bill to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to improve the health and well-being of maltreated infants and toddlers through the creation of a National Court Teams Resource Center, to assist local Court Teams, and for other purposes.

S. 718

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 718, a bill to optimize the delivery of critical care medicine and expand the critical care workforce.

S. 721

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 721, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 727, a bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education.

S. 771

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 771, a bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to improve the nutrition and health of schoolchildren by updating the definition of "food of minimal nutritional value" to conform to current nutrition science and to protect the Federal investment in the national school lunch and breakfast programs.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 803, a bill to repeal a provision enacted to end Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 815

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 815, a bill to provide health care benefits to veterans with a service-connected disability at non-Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities that receive payments under the Medicare program or the TRICARE program.

S. 827

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 827, a bill to establish the Freedom's Way National Heritage Area in the States of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and for other purposes.

S. 831

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 831, a bill to authorize States and local governments to prohibit the investment of State assets in any company that has a qualifying business relationship with Sudan.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR], the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 5, a joint resolution proclaiming Casimir Pulaski to be an honorary citizen of the United States posthumously.

SENATE RESOLUTION 95

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 95, a resolution designating March 25, 2007, as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, at 3 p.m. to hold a nominations hearing.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions and House Committee on Education and Labor be authorized to meet for a joint hearing on the No Child Left Behind Act during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at 10 a.m. in room 2175 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Judicial Nominations" on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 226.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 13, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT TO GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. for a hearing entitled, A Review of U.S. International Efforts to Secure Radiological Materials.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:48 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 342. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 555 Independence Street in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as the "Rush Hudson Limbaugh, Sr. United States Courthouse".

H.R. 544. An act to designate the United States courthouse at South Federal Place in Santa Fe, New Mexico, as the "Santiago E. Campos United States Courthouse".

H.R. 584. An act to designate the Federal building located at 400 Maryland Avenue Southwest in the District of Columbia as the "Lyndon Baines Johnson Department of Education Building".

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore

At 5:54 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 85. An act to provide for the establishment of centers to encourage demonstration and commercial application of advanced energy methods and technologies.

H.R. 1068. An act to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991.

H.R. 1126. An act to reauthorize the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 85. An act to provide for the establishment of centers to encourage demonstration and commercial application of advanced energy methods and technologies; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1068. An act to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1126. An act to reauthorize the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

IMPROVING AMERICA'S SECURITY ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 4) to make the United States more secure by implementing unfinished recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to fight the war on terror more effectively, to improve homeland security, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for concurrent debate on amendments numbered 294 and 325.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 294, proposed by Mr. COBURN, to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate, On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 60, nays... 38

[Rollcall Vote No. 70 Leg.]

YEAS --- 60

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 38

Alexander, Allard, Brownback, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Leahy, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Obama, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 325, proposed by Mr. COBURN, to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 66, nays... 31

[Rollcall Vote No. 71 Leg.]

YEAS --- 66

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brownback, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Crapo, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feinstein, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Voinovich, Warner, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 31

Allard, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Kyl, Martinez, McCaskill, Nelson (FL), Sessions, Smith, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Webb.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 299, proposed by Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. INOUE, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. SMITH, and Ms. SNOWE), to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:34 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

IMPROVING AMERICA'S SECURITY
ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 4.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 299 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN,

Ordered, That the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 357.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 357, proposed by Mr. KYL, to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN (for Mr. FEINGOLD) to amend the pending amendment on page 1, by striking all beginning with "(1) DATA-MINING.—" through "(c) Reports on Data Mining Activities by Federal Agencies.—" on page 2, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 441).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 357, as amended.

The amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 299 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN,

Ordered, That the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 337.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 337, proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON), to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. LIEBERMAN, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 337, as modified.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN (for Mr. ENSIGN) to amend the pending amendment, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 448).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 337, as modified and amended.

The amendment, as modified and amended, was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 389 be the pending question.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 389, proposed by Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. WYDEN), to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. LIEBERMAN, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 389, as modified.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 367, as modified, proposed by Mr. SCHUMER, to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Senate having agreed to amendment No. 448 to amendment No. 337, as modified, the amendment be modified to reflect first-degree status; and that the amendment, as thus modified, be agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 367, as modified, to

amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. LIEBERMAN, by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was modified, as indicated, and agreed to: Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. LIEBERMAN), amendment No. 423, as modified; Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Ms. COLLINS), amendment No. 424, as modified; Mr. ROCKEFELLER, amendment No. 340; Mr. KERRY, amendment No. 307; Mrs. MURRAY, amendment No. 358, as modified; Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. COBURN), amendment No. 359, as modified; Mr. CARDIN, amendment No. 394; Mr. DODD, amendment No. 415; Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. COLEMAN), amendment No. 371, as modified.

Mr. LIEBERMAN, by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was modified, as indicated, and agreed to: Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. AKAKA, and Ms. COLLINS), amendment No. 293, as modified; Mr. COLEMAN, amendment No. 341; Mrs. FEINSTEIN, amendment No. 323; Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. COBURN), amendment No. 368; Mr. AKAKA, amendment No. 392; Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. CARDIN), amendment No. 332, as modified; Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS), amendment No. 391; Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. DODD), amendment No. 431; Mr. BYRD, amendment No. 404; Mr. PRYOR, amendment No. 388, as modified; Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN), amendment No. 411, as modified; Ms. LANDRIEU, amendment No. 456; Mr. COLEMAN, amendment No. 414, as modified; Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. LIEBERMAN), amendment No. 412, as modified.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the following amendments having been ruled out of order of Friday, March 9, 2007, the amendments be modified, as indicated, and agreed to: amendment No. 291; amendment No. 290, as modified; amendment No. 348; and amendment No. 354, as modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 367, as modified, to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. LIEBERMAN withdrew amendments numbered 321 and 336.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 367, as modified, to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN,

Ordered, That the pending amendment (No. 367) be further modified, and agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 383, proposed by Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN), to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, there be 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. REID.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 383 to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Ms. COLLINS to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Ms. COLLINS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 73, nays... 25

[Rollcall Vote No. 72 Leg.]

YEAS --- 73

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kyl, Landrieu, Leahy, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Wyden.

NAYS --- 25

Bayh, Biden, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Carper, Casey, Dodd, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Levin, Lieberman, McCaskill, Menendez, Obama, Reed, Reid, Specter, Whitehouse.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 275 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

Pursuant to the order of today,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall the bill, as amended, pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 60, nays... 38

[Rollcall Vote No. 73 Leg.]

YEAS --- 60

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dole, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 38

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN to reconsider the vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. COLLINS,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT
PRO TEMPORE
U.S.-CHINA INTERPARLIAMENTARY
GROUP

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MENENDEZ in the chair) announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276n, as amended, had appointed Mr. STEVENS as Vice-Chairman of the U.S.-China

Interparliamentary Group conference during the 110th Congress.

PROVIDING FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND
MAINTENANCE OF AN ARTERIAL
ROAD IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY,
MISSOURI

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1129) to provide for the construction, operation, and maintenance of an arterial road in St. Louis County, Missouri, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, February 28, 2007, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider joint resolution S.J. Res. 9; that there be 1 hour, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that the last 20 minutes be equally divided and controlled between the majority and minority leaders, or their designees; that the majority party control the final 10 minutes therein; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider joint resolution S.J. Res. 9.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:54 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, March 14, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER JOINT RESOLUTION S.J. RES. 9

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. REID on Monday, March 12, 2007, that the Senate proceed to consider the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 9) to revise United States policy on Iraq; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Monday, March 12, 2007, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider S.J. Res. 9.

Pursuant to the order of Monday, March 12, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 89, nays... 9

[Rollcall Vote No. 74 Leg.]

YEAS --- 89

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Burr, Byrd, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden

NAYS --- 9

Allard, Bond, Bunning, Coburn, DeMint, Enzi, Hatch, Inhofe, Thomas.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider S.J. Res 9.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, The Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-17. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Florida relative to urging the Senate to fulfill the requests of the 2005 BRAC Commission by restoring federal funds for military construction; to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6008

Whereas, Kansas communities, state officials and the members of the Kansas Congressional Delegation worked hard and the results of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission recommendations were the best news for Kansas in years; and

Whereas, these recommendations are resulting in significant increases in personnel and the missions assigned to Fort Riley, Fort Leavenworth, Forbes Air Force Base and McConnell Air Force Base in Kansas; and

Whereas, the military commands, the troops and their families coming to work on those missions are facing a situation with much of the funding support originally contained in the Federal Continuing Resolution, and many of the key projects in Kansas, now at risk; and

Whereas, the Federal Continuing Resolution adopted by the United States House of Representatives currently provides less than half of the request for the 2005 BRAC Commission and is more than \$3 Billion short of the amount agreed upon in the FY 2007 Defense Authorization Bill; and

Whereas, Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius' Military Council voted on February 7, 2007, to support efforts to restore vital federal military construction funding for Fort Riley, Fort Leavenworth, Forbes Air Force Base and McConnell Air Force Base at this time when these military posts are getting new missions; and

Whereas, projects that are potentially at risk at Fort Riley include a Combat Aviation Brigade complex, which would provide additional housing for troops, headquarters and operations buildings and facilities, hanger expansion and a crash rescue fire station (\$152 Million); essential Runway Improvements (\$17 Million); Division Headquarters and Sustainment Brigade Headquarters buildings and facilities (\$87 Million); a state-of-the-art Battle Command Training Center (\$27 Million); and a Health and Dental Clinic (\$17.5 Million) and a Child Development Center (\$5.7 Million) to serve the thousands of troops and their families moving to Fort Riley; and

Whereas, the project for the Joint Regional Corrections Facility (\$68-\$95 Million) at Fort Leavenworth is also at risk; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas considers the federal funding requested for Fort Riley, Fort Leavenworth, Forbes Air Force Base and McConnell Air Force Base, based on the recommendations of the 2005 BRAC Commission, to be crucially important to the United States of America, as well as to the State of Kansas: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Kansas strongly urges the United

States Senate to fulfill the requests of the 2005 BRAC Commission and the United States Military by restoring federal funds for military construction in the Federal Continuing Resolution to the funding levels agreed upon in the FY 2007 Defense Authorization Bill: and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State is directed to send enrolled copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation.

POM-18. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Florida relative to urging Congress to support a National Catastrophe Insurance Program; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE MEMORIAL

Whereas, during the 2004 and 2005 hurricane seasons, the State of Florida was devastated by eight hurricanes and four tropical storms, causing approximately \$36 billion in estimated gross probable insurance losses, and

Whereas, the hurricanes from the 2004 and 2005 hurricane seasons have produced high winds, coastal storm surges, torrential rainfalls, and flooding resulting in significant damage to Florida and the Gulf Coast states, which has resulted in displacement of policyholders from their dwellings, loss of personal belongings and contents, closing of businesses and financial institutions, and temporary loss of employment and has created numerous health and safety issues within our local communities, and

Whereas, the losses caused by the 2004 and 2005 hurricane seasons have led to dramatic and economically painful increases in property insurance premiums for Florida's citizens and businesses, forcing many to consider relocating outside the state, and

Whereas, in 1992, Hurricane Andrew resulted in approximately \$20.8 billion in insured losses and was previously the costliest catastrophe in the United States, but Hurricane Katrina alone left the Gulf Coast states with an estimated loss of approximately \$35 billion, and

Whereas, natural disasters continually threaten communities across the United States with extreme weather conditions that pose an immediate danger to the lives, property, and security of the residents of those communities, and

Whereas, the insurance industry, state officials, and consumer groups have been striving to develop solutions to insure mega-catastrophic risks, because hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, typhoons, floods, wildfires, ice storms, and other natural

catastrophes continue to affect policyholders across the United States, and

Whereas, on November 16 and 17, 2005, insurance commissioners from Florida, California, Illinois, and New York convened a summit to devise a national catastrophe insurance plan which would more effectively spread insurance risks and help mitigate the tremendous financial damage survivors contend with following such catastrophes: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

(1) That the Legislature urges the Congress of the United States to support a National Catastrophe Insurance Program. Policyholders require a rational insurance mechanism for responding to the economic losses resulting from catastrophic events. The risk of catastrophes must be addressed through a public-private partnership involving individuals, private industry, local and state governments, and the Federal Government. A national catastrophe insurance program is necessary to promote personal responsibility among policyholders; support strong building codes, development plans, and other mitigation tools; maximize the risk-bearing capacity of the private markets; and provide quantifiable risk management through the Federal Government. The program should encompass:

(a) Providing consumers with a private market residential insurance program that provides all-perils protection.

(b) Promoting personal responsibility through mitigation; promoting the retrofitting of existing housing stock; providing individuals with the ability to manage their own disaster savings accounts that, similar to health savings accounts, accumulate on a tax-advantaged basis for the purpose of paying for mitigation enhancements and catastrophic losses; and providing personal income tax deductions for mitigation expenses.

(c) Creating tax-deferred insurance company catastrophe reserves to benefit policyholders. These tax-deferred reserves would build up over time and only be eligible to be used to pay for future catastrophic losses.

(d) Enhancing local and state government's role in establishing and maintaining effective building codes, mitigation education, and land use management; promoting state emergency management, preparedness, and response; and creating state or multistate regional catastrophic risk financing mechanisms such as the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.

(e) Creating a national catastrophe financing mechanism that would provide a quantifiable level of risk management and financing for mega-catastrophes; maximizing the risk-bearing capacity of the private markets; and allowing for aggregate risk

pooling of natural disasters funded through sound risk-based premiums paid in correct proportion by all policyholders in the United States.

(2) That the Legislature urges the Congress to participate in a federal/state issues summit in this state to discuss and develop policy positions on current and emerging issues of state importance that are likely to be considered by Congress to build better working relationships in order to mutually accomplish goals of benefit to Floridians.

(3) That the Legislature urges Congress to provide federal tax exemptions for:

(a) Catastrophe premium equalization deductions charged and held by the state in a segregated account for the benefit of insurers for use in the event of a catastrophe.

(b) The Florida Property and Casualty Joint Underwriting Association.

(4) That the Legislature urges Congress to provide a federal income tax deduction for residential property insurance premiums paid by consumers to offset the dramatic cost of property insurance.

(5) That the Legislature urges Congress to support the National Hurricane Research Initiative, which is intended to foster a better understanding of hurricane prediction, intensity, and mitigation on coastal populations, infrastructure, and the natural environment.

Be it further resolved, That copies of this memorial be dispatched to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-19. A resolution adopted by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners relative to urging the Legislature of the State of Florida, the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation, and the Citizens Property Insurance Corporation to develop and implement rating systems for homeowners insurance; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

POM-20. A resolution adopted by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners relative to urging the Legislature of the State of Florida to prohibit the use of cellular telephones while driving in a school zone at times when reduced speeds are in effect; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

POM-21. A resolution adopted by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners relative to urging the Legislature of the State of Florida to pass legislation providing a sales tax rebate or similar benefit related to the construction of a public-owned stadium for a Major League Baseball franchise; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-22. A resolution adopted by the Miami-Dade County Board of County

Commissioners relative to urging the Legislature of the State of Florida to acknowledge the crisis that now exists related to Florida jails and mentally ill inmates; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-23. A resolution adopted by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners relative to urging Congress and the Legislature of the State of Florida to add crimes against the homeless to existing hate crimes statutes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-24. A resolution adopted by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners relative to urging Congress to reinstate the Federal Assault Weapons Ban; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 869. A bill to reform certain provisions of section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, to make compliance with that section more efficient, with the goal of maintaining United States capital market global competitiveness; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ISAKSON:

S. 870. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the consolidated coverage of home infusion therapy under part B of the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. BUNNING, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 871. A bill to establish and provide for the treatment of Individual Development Accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 872. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the excise tax provisions and income tax credit for biodiesel; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 873. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax incentive to individuals teaching in elementary and secondary schools located in rural or high unemployment areas and to individuals who achieve certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BURR:

S. 874. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a financial

assistance program to facilitate the provision of supportive services for very low-income veteran families in permanent housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 875. A bill to improve energy security of the United States through a 50 percent reduction in the oil intensity of the economy of the United States by 2030 and the prudent expansion of secure oil supplies, to be achieved by raising the fuel efficiency of the vehicular transportation fleet, increasing the availability of alternative fuel sources, fostering responsible oil exploration and production, and improving international arrangements to secure the global oil supply, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARTINEZ:

S. 876. A bill to exclude from admission to the United States aliens who have made investments contributing to the enhancement of the ability of Cuba to develop its petroleum resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 877. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to add human growth hormone to schedule III, to prohibit the sale of prescriptions for controlled substances for illegitimate purposes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 878. A bill to prevent anti-competitive mergers and acquisitions in the oil and gas industry; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. COBURN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 879. A bill to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. BYRD, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 880. A bill to amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to provide for 8 weeks of paid leave for Senate employees giving birth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. SMITH):

S. 881. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 882. A bill to require a pilot program on the facilitation of the transition of members

of the Armed Forces to receipt of veterans health care benefits upon completion of military service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 883. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend loan forgiveness for certain loans to Head Start teachers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 884. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act regarding residential treatment programs for pregnant and parenting women, a program to reduce substance abuse among nonviolent offenders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ISAKSON:

S. 885. A bill to ensure and foster continued patient safety and quality of care by making the antitrust laws apply to negotiations between groups of independent pharmacies and health plans and health insurance issuers in the same manner as such laws apply to collective bargaining by labor organizations under the National Labor Relations Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 886. A bill to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 887. A bill to restore import and entry agricultural inspection functions to the Department of Agriculture; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 105. A resolution designating September 2007 as "Campus Fire Safety Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. COLEMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. DODD, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs.

FEINSTEIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. REED, Mr. ALLARD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BROWN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 106. A resolution calling on the President to ensure that the foreign policy of the United States reflects appropriate understanding and sensitivity concerning issues related to human rights, ethnic cleansing, and genocide documented in the United States record relating to the Armenian Genocide; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. Con. Res. 19. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress on the nuclear program of Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 5

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 5, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research.

S. 26

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 26, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a program demonstrating multiple approaches to Lifelong Learning Accounts, which are portable, worker-owned savings accounts that can be used by workers to help finance education, training, and apprenticeships and which are intended to supplement both public and employer-provided education and training resources, and for other purposes.

S. 80

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 80, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for 8 weeks of paid leave for Federal employees giving birth and for other purposes.

S. 93

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 93, a bill to authorize NTIA to borrow against anticipated receipts of the Digital Television and Public Safety Fund to initiate migration to a national IP-enabled emergency network capable of receiving and responding to all citizen activated emergency communications.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States.

S. 214

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 214, a bill to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys.

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 214, supra.

S. 223

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 223, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 231

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 231, a bill to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 340

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 340, a bill to improve agricultural job opportunities, benefits, and security for aliens in the United States and for other purposes.

S. 469

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

S. 487

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 487, a bill to amend the National Organ Transplant Act to clarify that kidney paired donations shall not be considered to involve the transfer of a human organ for valuable consideration.

S. 500

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 500, a bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of the National Museum of the American Latino to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance of a National Museum of the American Latino in Washington, DC, and for other purposes.

S. 516

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 516, a bill to

amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the option of including combat pay when computing earned income.

S. 545

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 545, a bill to improve consumer access to passenger vehicle loss data held by insurers.

S. 597

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 597, a bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

S. 624

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] were added as cosponsors of S. 624, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers.

S. 644

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 644, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recodify as part of that title certain educational assistance programs for members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces, to improve such programs, and for other purposes.

S. 667

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] and the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] were added as cosponsors of S. 667, a bill to expand programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse and neglect prevention, and early identification of developmental and health delays, including potential mental health concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 682

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ], the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] were added as cosponsors of S. 682, a bill to award a congressional gold medal to Edward William Brooke III in recognition of his unprecedented and enduring service to our Nation.

S. 691

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] were added as cosponsors of S. 691, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the benefits under the Medicare program for beneficiaries with kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 713

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to ensure dignity in care for members of the Armed Forces recovering from injuries.

S. 731

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 731, a bill to develop a methodology for, and complete, a national assessment of geological storage capacity for carbon dioxide, and for other purposes.

S. 747

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 747, a bill to terminate the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and for other purposes.

S. 756

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 756, a bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of Defense to address the equipment reset and other equipment needs of the National Guard, and for other purposes.

S. 761

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 761, a bill to invest in innovation and education to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 803, a bill to repeal a provision enacted to end Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 844

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 844, a bill to provide for the protection of unaccompanied alien children, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 9

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 9, a joint resolution to revise United States policy on Iraq.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 14

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD] were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 14, a concurrent resolution commemorating the 85th anniversary of the founding of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, a leading association for the 1,300,000 United States citizens of Greek ancestry and Philhellenes in the United States.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Wednesday, March 14, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Charting a Course for Health Care Reform: Moving Toward Universal Coverage."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 14, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on the Philippines.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 14, 2007, at 10 a.m., in SD-430.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet to hold a hearing on drug safety during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 14, 2007, at 10:15 a.m., in SD-430.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, March 14, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., for a hearing titled "The Threat of Islamic Radicalism to the Homeland."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Open Government: Reinvigorating the Freedom of Information Act" on Wednesday, March 14, 2007, at 10 a.m., in Dirksen Senate Office Building room 226.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 14, 2007, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on S. 223, The Senate Campaign Disclosure Parity Act.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 3:48 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 429. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York, as the "Hugh L. Carey United States Courthouse".

H.R. 430. An act to designate the United States bankruptcy courthouse located at 271 Cadman Plaza East in Brooklyn, New York, as the "Conrad B. Duberstein United States Bankruptcy Courthouse".

H.R. 478. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 101 Barr Street in Lexington, Kentucky, as the "Scott Reed Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

H.R. 1003. An act to amend the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 to reauthorize the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy.

H.R. 1045. An act to designate the Federal building located at 210 Walnut Street in Des Moines, Iowa, as the "Neal Smith Federal Building".

The message also announced that pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 2081, the minority leader appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the United States Capitol Preservation Commission: Mr. WAMP of Tennessee.

The message further announced that pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 2081, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the United States Capitol Preservation Commission: Mr. OBEY of Wisconsin and Ms. KAPTUR of Ohio.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 429. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York, as the "Hugh L. Carey United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 430. To designate the United States bankruptcy courthouse located at 271 Cadman Plaza East in Brooklyn, New York, as the "Conrad B. Duberstein United States Bankruptcy Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 478. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 101 Barr Street in Lexington, Kentucky, as the "Scott Reed Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 1045. An act to designate the Federal building located at 210 Walnut Street in Des Moines, Iowa, as the "Neal Smith Federal Building"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

The following bill was read, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 399. An act to designate the United States Courthouse to be constructed in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, March 8, 2007, and remaining undisposed of, was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 710. To amend the National Organ Transplant Act to provide that criminal penalties do not apply to paired donations of human kidneys, and for other purposes.

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED; BILL REREFERRED

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 399) to designate the United States Courthouse to be constructed in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse"; and that it be referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to a period of 90 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for 10 minutes each; that the first 30 minutes therein be controlled by the minority; that the second 30 minutes therein be controlled by the majority; and that the remaining 30 minutes be equally divided and controlled by the two leaders, or their designees; and that the time during the adjournment be counted as pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,
At 6:28 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2007

Mr. ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CASEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 15, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., a Senator from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CASEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period of 90 minutes for the transaction of morning business.
Pending debate,

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 95. A resolution designating March 25, 2007, as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy".

S. Res. 96. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Harriett Woods will be remembered as a pioneer in women's politics.

S.J. Res. 5. A joint resolution proclaiming Casimir Pulaski to be an honorary citizen of the United States posthumously.

S. Con. Res. 14. A concurrent resolution commemorating the 85th anniversary of the founding of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, a leading association for the 1,300,000 United States citizens of Greek ancestry and Philhellenes in the United States.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 888. A bill to amend section 1091 of title 18, United States Code, to allow the prosecution of genocide in appropriate circumstances; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 889. A bill to improve acquisition under the Deepwater program of the Coast Guard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 890. A bill to provide for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. COBURN):

S. 891. A bill to protect children and their parents from being coerced into administering a controlled substance in order to attend school, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 892. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the indexing of certain assets for purposes of determining gain or loss; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KYL, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 893. A bill to allow a State to combine certain funds and enter into a performance agreement with the Secretary of Education to improve the academic achievement of

students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 894. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit for the purchase of idling reduction systems for diesel-powered on-highway vehicles; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 895. A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to ensure that every child in the United States has access to affordable, quality health insurance coverage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 896. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Social Security Act to increase the number of primary care physicians and medical residents serving health professional shortage areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BOND, Mrs. CLINTON, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 897. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide more help to Alzheimer's disease caregivers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. BOND, Mrs. CLINTON, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 898. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to fund breakthroughs in Alzheimer's disease research while providing more help to caregivers and increasing public education about prevention; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 899. A bill to amend section 401(b)(2) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding the Federal Pell Grant maximum amount; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 900. A bill to authorize the Boy Scouts of America to exchange certain land in the State of Utah acquired under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. DODD, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BOND, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. REED, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. OBAMA,

Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. BURR):

S. 901. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 902. A bill to provide support and assistance for families of members of the National Guard and Reserve who are undergoing deployment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 903. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Muhammad Yunus, in recognition of his contributions to the fight against global poverty; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 904. A bill to provide additional relief for small business owners ordered to active duty as members of reserve components of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 905. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the taxable income limit on percentage depletion for oil and natural gas produced from marginal properties; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 906. A bill to prohibit the sale, distribution, transfer, and export of elemental mercury, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 907. A bill to establish an Advisory Committee on Gestational Diabetes, to provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. KOHL, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. SMITH):

S. 908. A bill to establish a Consortium on the Impact of Technology in Aging Health Services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. KERRY, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 909. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States, at their

option, to require certain individuals to present satisfactory documentary evidence of proof of citizenship or nationality for purposes of eligibility for Medicaid, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 910. A bill to provide for paid sick leave to ensure that Americans can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. Res. 107. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that no action should be taken to undermine the safety of the Armed Forces of the United States or impact their ability to complete their assigned or future missions; submitted and read.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. Res. 108. A resolution designating the first week of April 2007 as "National Asbestos Awareness Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. Res. 109. A resolution congratulating the University of Alaska Fairbanks rifle team for winning the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Rifle Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. BOND, Mr. KERRY, Mr. WEBB, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. Res. 110. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-United States dialogue and relationship; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr.

DEMINT, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. Con. Res. 20. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that no funds should be cut off or reduced for American Troops in the field which would result in undermining their safety or their ability to complete their assigned mission; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 214

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 214, a bill to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys.

S. 223

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 223, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 254

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 254, a bill to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi.

S. 261

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 261, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 479

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 479, a bill to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.

S. 507

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 507, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for reimbursement of certified midwife services and to provide for more equitable reimbursement rates for certified nurse-midwife services.

S. 527

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 527, a bill to make amendments to the Iran, North Korea, and Syria Nonproliferation Act.

S. 548

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 548, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor.

S. 561

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 561, a bill to repeal the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the expansion of the adoption credit and adoption assistance programs.

S. 584

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD] were added as cosponsors of S. 584, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rehabilitation credit and the low-income housing credit.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 626, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 627

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 627, a bill to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to improve the health and well-being of maltreated infants and toddlers through the creation of a National Court Teams Resource Center, to assist local Court Teams, and for other purposes.

S. 667

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 667, a bill to expand programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse and neglect prevention, and early identification of developmental and health delays, including potential mental health concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 691

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act

to improve the benefits under the Medicare program for beneficiaries with kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 694

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 694, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of light motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 694, supra.

S. 738

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 738, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Office of International Trade, and for other purposes.

S. 766

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 766, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies of victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 779

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 779, a bill to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

S. 791

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 791, a bill to establish a collaborative program to protect the Great Lakes, and for other purposes.

S. 793

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 793, a bill to provide for the expansion and improvement of traumatic brain injury programs.

S. 807

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] were added as cosponsors of S. 807, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 to provide that manure shall not be considered to be a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

S. 821

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 821, a bill to amend section 402 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to provide for an

extension of eligibility for supplemental security income through fiscal year 2010 for refugees, asylees, and certain other humanitarian immigrants.

S. 831

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 831, a bill to authorize States and local governments to prohibit the investment of State assets in any company that has a qualifying business relationship with Sudan.

S. 844

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 844, a bill to provide for the protection of unaccompanied alien children, and for other purposes.

S. 849

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] were added as cosponsors of S. 849, a bill to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes.

S. 852

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 852, a bill to deauthorize the project for navigation, Tenants Harbor, Maine.

S. 853

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 853, a bill to deauthorize the project for navigation, Northeast Harbor, Maine.

S. 854

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 854, a bill to modify the project for navigation, Union River, Maine.

S. 855

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 855, a bill to deauthorize a certain portion of the project for navigation, Rockland Harbor, Maine.

S. 856

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 856, a bill to terminate authorization for the project for navigation, Rockport Harbor, Maine.

S. 857

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 857, a bill to redesignate the project for navigation, Saco River, Maine, as an anchorage area.

S. 882

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] were added as cosponsors of S. 882, a bill to require a pilot program on the facilitation of the transition of members of the Armed Forces to receipt of veterans health care benefits upon completion of military service, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 5, a joint resolution proclaiming Casimir Pulaski to be an honorary citizen of the United States posthumously.

SENATE RESOLUTION 65

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 65, a resolution condemning the murder of Turkish-Armenian journalist and human rights advocate Hrant Dink and urging the people of Turkey to honor his legacy of tolerance.

SENATE RESOLUTION 95

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 95, a resolution designating March 25, 2007, as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REED,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 15, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on the posture of the United States Army in review of the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years defense program.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 15, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of the hearing is to review the U.S. Coast Guard budget.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 15, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a nomination hearing.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 15, 2007 at 4 p.m. in the President's Room, S-216, of the Capitol building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, March 15, 2007, at 10 a.m. to consider the nomination of Gregory B. Cade to be Administrator of the U.S. Fire Administration at the Department of Homeland Security.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, March 15, 2007, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Room 226.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 15, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a Business Meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 15, 2007.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:22 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 985. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify which disclosures of information are protected from prohibited personnel practices; to require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements to the effect that such policies, forms, and agreements are consistent with certain disclosure protections, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1254. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations.

H.R. 1255. An act to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records.

H.R. 1309. An act to promote openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly

referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes.

At 12:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1129. An act to provide for the construction, operation, and maintenance of an arterial road in St. Louis County, Missouri.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 3:37 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the house has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1362. An act to reform acquisition practices of the Federal Government.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to H. Res. 244, resolving that the following Members are hereby elected to the Joint Committee on Printing, to serve with the chair of the Committee on House Administration: Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. EHLERS, and Mr. MCCARTHY of California.

The following Members are hereby elected to the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library, to serve with the chair of the Committee on House Administration: Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mr. EHLERS, and Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3003 note, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, in addition to Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Chairman, appointed on January 12, 2007: Ms. SLAUGHTER of New York, Mr. MCINTYRE of North Carolina, Ms. SOLIS of California, Mr. BUTTERFIELD of North Carolina, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. ADERHOLT of Alabama, Mr. PENCE of Indiana, and Mr. PITTS of Pennsylvania.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 985. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify which disclosures of information are protected from prohibited personnel practices; to require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements to the effect that such policies, forms, and agreements are consistent with certain disclosure protections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1254. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on

contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1255. An act to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1309. An act to promote openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1362. An act to reform acquisition practices of the Federal Government; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the motion to proceed to consider joint resolution S.J. Res. 9 be agreed to; that the Senate proceed to consider, en bloc, said joint resolution, resolution S. Res. 107, and the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 20; that there be 4 hours, equally divided and controlled, for concurrent debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that no amendments or motions be in order thereto; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote, in "stacked" sequence, on the passage of the joint resolution, the question of agreeing to the resolution, and the question of agreeing to the concurrent resolution, with no intervening action or debate; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate between the votes.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the motion to proceed to consider joint resolution S.J. Res. 9 be agreed to; that the Senate proceed to consider, en bloc, said joint resolution, resolution S. Res. 107, and concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 20; that there be 4 hours, equally divided and controlled, for concurrent debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that no amendments or motions be in order thereto; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote, in "stacked" sequence, on the passage of the joint resolution, the question of agreeing to the resolution, and the question of agreeing to the concurrent resolution, with no intervening action or debate; that there be

2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate between the votes; and that if any of the resolutions fails to be passed or agreed to with a minimum of 60 yeas, the vote by which the resolution was passed or agreed to be vitiated, and the resolution be returned to its previous status.

Ordered further, That the last 20 minutes for debate be equally divided and controlled between the majority and minority leaders; and that the majority leader control the final 10 minutes therein.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 214

By unanimous consent on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 2007, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 214) to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys; that the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Ordered further, That there be 6 hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon between Mr. LEAHY and Mr. SPECTER.

Ordered further, That the following be the only amendments in order to be proposed thereto:

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. KYL, relative to the nomination and confirmation of U.S. Attorneys;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. SESSIONS, relative to appropriate qualifications for interim U.S. Attorneys.

Ordered further, That there be 3 hours, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on each amendment; that the text of said amendments be printed in the Record on today; and that said amendments be proposed and debated on Monday, March 19, 2007.

Ordered further, That, when the Senate convenes on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, it immediately resume consideration of bill S. 214; that there be 90 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for concurrent debate between the two leaders, or their designees, on the bill and amendments; that, upon conclusion of debate, but no later than 11:30 a.m., the Senate vote in relation to the amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. KYL; and that, following said vote, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. SESSIONS.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of said amendments, the bill, as amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote passage of the bill, as amended.

Ordered further, That there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote in "stacked" sequence.

Ordered further, That the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 214 be withdrawn.

REVISING UNITED STATES POLICY
ON IRAQ

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SENATE THAT NO ACTION SHOULD
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UNDERMINING THEIR SAFETY OR
THEIR ABILITY TO COMPLETE
THEIR ASSIGNED MISSION

Pursuant to order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) laid before the Senate the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 9) to revise United States policy on Iraq; the resolution (S. Res. 107) expressing the sense of the Senate that no action should be taken to undermine the safety of the Armed Forces of the United States or impact their ability to complete their assigned or future missions; and the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 20) expressing the sense of Congress that no funds should be cut off or reduced for American Troops in the field which would result in undermining their safety or their ability to complete their assigned mission.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions, en bloc.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on passage of joint resolution S.J. Res. 9.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. INHOFE,

Ordered, That time consumed in quorum calls during consideration of pending resolutions be equally counted.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That, if S.J. Res. 9, S. Res. 107, or S. Con. Res. 20 is passed or agreed to with a minimum of 60 yeas votes, the accompanying preamble be agreed to.

The question being on passage of joint resolution S.J. Res. 9.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That upon conclusion of votes in "stacked" sequence, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations, en bloc: the nomination of John Preston Bailey, of Virginia to be District Judge; the nomination of Otis D. Wright, II, of California, to be a District Judge; the nomination of Thomas M. Hardiman, of Pennsylvania, to be a Circuit Court Judge for the Third Circuit; that there be 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on said nominations; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order; that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table, en bloc; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

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The Senate resumed consideration of the joint resolution S.J. Res. 9, resolution S. Res. 107, and concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 20.

The question being on passage of joint resolution S.J. Res. 9.

The joint resolution was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of passage of the joint resolution.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 48, nays... 50

[Rollcall Vote No. 75 Leg.]

YEAS --- 48

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey,

Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 50

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lieberman, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the joint resolution was not passed.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote by which the joint resolution was not passed.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The vote by which the joint resolution was not passed was vitiated, and the joint resolution was returned to the calendar.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That each remaining vote in "stacked" sequence be 10 minutes in duration.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed consideration of resolution S. Res. 107.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the resolution.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 96, nays... 2

[Rollcall Vote No. 76 Leg.]

YEAS --- 96

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 2

Corker, Hatch.

So the resolution was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The accompanying preamble was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed consideration of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 20.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 82, nays... 16

[Rollcall Vote No. 77 Leg.]

YEAS --- 82

Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Mikulski, Murkowski, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Roberts, Salazar, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Wyden.

NAYS --- 16

Akaka, Biden, Bingaman, Byrd, Corker, Dodd, Feingold, Kennedy, Leahy, Menendez, Murray, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Whitehouse.

So the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The accompanying preamble was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

DESIGNATING "GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY: A NATIONAL DAY OF CELEBRATION OF GREEK AND AMERICAN DEMOCRACY"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 95) designating March 25, 2007, as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy".

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS RIFLE TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2007 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 109) congratulating the University of Alaska Fairbanks rifle team for winning the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Rifle Championship, submitted today by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. STEVENS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS GOVERNANCE MODERNIZATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 655) to amend the Congressional Charter of The American National Red Cross to modernize its governance structure, to enhance the ability of the board of governors of The American National Red Cross to support the critical mission of The American Red Cross in the 21st century, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment.

The reported amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

UNITED STATES-POLAND PARLIAMENTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 377) to establish a United States-Poland parliamentary youth exchange program, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

NATO FREEDOM CONSOLIDATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 494) to endorse further enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and to facilitate the timely admission of new members to NATO, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ) to amend the bill on various pages and lines, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 462).

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO SERVICE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 676) to provide that the Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank or the Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank may serve on the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE UNITED KINGDOM TO
ESTABLISH AN INQUIRY INTO THE
MURDER OF PATRICK FINUCANE
TO MOVE FORWARD THE
NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE
PROCESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 20) calling on the Government of the United Kingdom to immediately establish a full, independent, and public judicial inquiry into the murder of Northern Ireland defense attorney Patrick Finucane, as recommended by Judge Peter Cory as part of the Weston Park Agreement, in order to move forward on the Northern Ireland peace process.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the accompanying preamble.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. BIDEN) to amend the preamble, in the ninth clause, by striking "Dial" and inserting "Dail" (being amendment No. 463).

The amendment was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE ON
THE BUDGET TO REPORT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding an adjournment, the Committee on the Budget be authorized to report the concurrent resolution on the budget on tomorrow from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH
19, 2007, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 2007; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to consider bill S. 214, as pursuant to the order of today.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:31 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 2007.

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2007

Mr. MARK L. PRYOR, from the State of Arkansas, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. PRYOR led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, March 19, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK L. PRYOR, a Senator from the State of Arkansas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. PRYOR took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 15, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 15, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

PRESERVING UNITED STATES
ATTORNEY INDEPENDENCE ACT

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 15, 2007,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 214) to amend

chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 15, 2007,

The reported amendment was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

Ordered, That the reported amendment, previously agreed to, be considered original text for purpose of further amendment.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. KYL to further amend the bill on page 2, by striking all beginning on line 1, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 459).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. SESSIONS to further amend the bill on page 2, line 23, by striking the quotation marks and the second period and inserting certain words (being amendment No. 460).

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE
SUBMITTED DURING
ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of March 15, 2007, the following report of committee was submitted on March 16, 2007:

By Mr. CONRAD, from the Committee on the Budget, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 21. An original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-992. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aviation Into-Plane Reimbursement Card" (DFARS Case 2006-D017) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-993. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security-Guard Services Contracts" (DFARS Case 2006-D011) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-994. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protests, Disputes, and Appeals" (DFARS Case 2003-D010) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-995. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Berry Amendment Exceptions - Acquisition of Perishable Food, and Fish, Shellfish, or Seafood" (DFARS Case 2006-D005) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-996. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Free Trade Agreement - El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua" (DFARS Case 2006-D019) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-997. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Radio Frequency Identification" (DFARS Case 2006-D002) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-998. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-999. A communication from the Attorney, Office of General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "Alternative Fuel Transportation Program; Replacement Fuel Goal Modification" (RIN1094-AB67) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1000. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to energy conservation standards; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1001. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Assessment of Potential Impact of Concentrating Solar Power for Electricity Generation"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1002. A communication from the Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a study conducted to assess management practices in the Department; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1003. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the implementation of the Quincy Library Group's forest management proposal; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1004. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf - Update of New and Reaffirmed Documents Incorporated by Reference" (RIN1010-AD24) received on March 14, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1005. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Wisconsin; Cook Composites and Polymers Company" (FRL No. 8285-3) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1006. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Spinosad; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8114-4) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1007. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Thifensulfuron Methyl; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8117-1)

received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1008. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tribenuron Methyl; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8117-2) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1009. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vermont: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 8287-8) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1010. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: Standardized NUHOMS System Revision 9" (RIN3150-AI03) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1011. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, the report of several documents recently issued by the Agency that are related to its regulatory programs; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1012. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Surface Transportation Project Delivery Pilot Program" (RIN2125-AF13) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1013. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Statewide Transportation Planning; Metropolitan Transportation Planning" ((RIN2125-AF09)-(RIN2132-AA82)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1014. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Size and Weight Enforcement Regulations" (RIN2125-AF17) received on March 15, 2007; to the

Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1015. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Construction and Maintenance" (RIN2125-AF18) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1016. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1017. A communication from the Chair, Good Neighbor Environmental Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's annual report relative to environmental protection activities and homeland security activities along the U.S. border with Mexico; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1018. A communication from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to the Congress: Assessing Alternatives to the Sustainable Growth Rate System"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1019. A communication from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to the Congress: Medicare Payment Policy"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1020. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Deaths and Estates" (RIN1400-AC24) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1021. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office Of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, (5) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on March 13, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1022. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of an acting officer for the position of Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1023. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

vacancy and the designation of an acting officer for the position of Deputy Secretary of Labor, received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1024. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnet Schools Assistance Program - Notice of Final Priority" (FR Doc. E7-4272) received on March 14, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1025. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Institute on Disability Rehabilitation Research - Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program - Disability Rehabilitation Research Projects and Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers" (FR Doc. E7-2349) received on March 14, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1026. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnet Schools Assistance Program - Final Regulations" (FR Doc. E7-4270) received on March 14, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1027. A communication from the Director, Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Hematology and Pathology Devices; Classification of Cord Blood Processing Systems and Storage Container" (Docket No. 2007N-0024) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1028. A communication from the Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1029. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2007-2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1030. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report

entitled "The Practice of Merit: A Symposium"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1031. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the approved mileage reimbursement rate per mile for Federal employees; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1032. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the progress made according to section 5 of the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1033. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "5 CPF Part 211: Veteran Preference" (RIN3206-AL00) received on March 14, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1034. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program: Miscellaneous Changes, Corrections, and Clarifications" (RIN3206-AK99) received on March 14, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1035. A communication from the Director, Division for Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Employment in the Senior Executive Service, Restoration to Duty from Uniformed Service or Compensable Injury, Prevailing Rate Systems, Pay Administration (General), and Pay Administration Under the Fair Labor Standards Act; Miscellaneous Changes to Pay and Leave Rules" (RIN3206-AL21) received on March 14, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1036. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of an acting officer for the position of General Counsel, received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1037. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report of the Proceedings of the

Judicial Conference of the United States"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1038. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a planned streamlined competition of military personnel performing air and surface training support functions at the Fleet Composite Squadron Six in Norfolk, VA; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1039. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the status of female members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1040. A communication from the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's annual report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1041. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determination" (72 FR 5197) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1042. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((72 FR 5630)(FEMA-7961)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1043. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Entities to the Entity List" (RIN0694-AD91) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1044. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inflation Adjustment of Civil Money Penalty Amounts" (RIN2501-AD30) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1045. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the financial statements of the Deposit Insurance Fund and the FSLIC Resolution Fund; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1046. A communication from the Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the apportionment of membership on the regional fishery management councils; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1047. A communication from the Vice President, Government Affairs and Communications, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the financial performance of train routes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1048. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Domestic Baggage Liability" (RIN2105-AD62) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1049. A communication from the Secretary, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Maintenance Repair Reimbursement Pilot Program" (RIN2133-AB68) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1050. A communication from the Acting Chief Counsel, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Seaway Regulations and Rules: Periodic Update, Various Categories" (RIN2135-AA24) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1051. A communication from the Acting Chief Counsel, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tariff of Tolls" (RIN2135-AA25) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1052. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. Model AB139 Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-SW-20)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1053. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-

029)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1054. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Columbia Aircraft Manufacturing Models LC41-550FG and LC42-550FG Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-71)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1055. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 777 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-176)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1056. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model CL-600-1A11, CL-600-2A12, and CL-600-2B16 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-201)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1057. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model DHC-8-400 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-007)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1058. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Aircraft Company Models C90A, B200, B200C, B300, and B300C Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-34)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1059. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-200, -300, -400, and -500 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-089)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1060. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca Model Arrius 2B1, 2B1A, and 2B2 Turboshaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NE-38)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1061. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330, A340-200, and A340-300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-059)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1062. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Aircraft Company Models 1900, 1900C, and 1900D Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-67)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1063. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; International Aero Engines AG V2522-A5, V2524-A5, V2527-A5, V2526E-A5, V2527M-A5, V2530-A5, and V2533-A5 Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2003-NE-21)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1064. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Air Tractor, Inc. Models AT-501, AT-502, AT-502A, AT-502B, and AT-503A Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2004-CE-48)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1065. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; BAE Systems Limited Model BAe 146 and Avro 146-RJ Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-133)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1066. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Aircraft Company Model 390 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-47)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1067. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; PZL-Bielsko Model SZD-50-3 'Puchacz' Gliders" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-49)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1068. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 707-100 Long Body, -100B Long Body, -100B Short Body, -E3F, -300, -300B, and -300C Series Airplanes; Model 727-100 and -200 Series Airplanes; Model 737-200, -200C, -300, -400, and -500 Series Airplanes; Model 747-100B, 747-200B, 747-200C, 747-200F, 747-300, 747-400, 747-400D, 747SR, and 747SP Series Airplanes; Model 757-200 and 757-200 PF Series Airplanes; and Model 767-200 and -300 Series Airplanes; Equipped with Observer or Attendant Seats" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-030)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1069. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Model S-61L, N, R, and NM Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2004-SW-23)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1070. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Stemme GmbH and Co. KG Model S10-VT Gliders" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-84)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1071. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 B2 and B4

Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-027)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1072. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model MD-11 and -11F Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-091)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1073. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Withdrawal; Establishment of Class E Airspace; Mineral Point, WI" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AGL-02)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1074. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Creston, IA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ACE-11)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1075. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Williamsburg, KY" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ASO-13)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1076. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Part 95 Instrument Flight Rules(21); Amdt. No. 466" ((RIN2120-AA63)(Docket No. 30538)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1077. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (20); Amdt. No. 3200" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Docket No. 30530)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1078. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (8); Amdt. No. 3201" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Docket No. 30531)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1079. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (3); Amdt. No. 3203" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Docket No. 30533)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1080. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (17); Amdt. No. 3207" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Docket No. 30537)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1081. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (10); Amdt. No. 3205" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Docket No. 30535)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1082. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; B-N Group Ltd. BN-2, BN-2A, BN-2B, BN-2T, and BN-2T-4R Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-44)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1083. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 777-200 and -300 Series Airplanes Equipped with Rolls-Royce Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-203)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1084. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Alpha Aviation Design Limited, Model R2160 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-77)) received on

March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1085. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney Canada PW535A Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NE-35)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1086. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model EMB-145XR Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-058)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1087. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Stemme GmbH and Co. KG Model S10, S10-V, and S10-VT Gliders" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-85)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1088. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F27 Mark 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, and 700 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-236)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1089. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau GmbH Model Duo Discus T Gliders" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-73)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1090. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Correction: Rolls-Royce plc RB211-524 Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2004-NE-19)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1091. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; CFM International, S.A. CFM56 Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NE-37)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1092. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sicma Aero Seat; Third Occupant Seat Assemblies, 133 Series ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NE-40)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1093. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Corporation AE 2100D3 Turboprop Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NE-42)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1094. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model ERJ 170 and ERJ 190 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-135)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1095. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Model F2000EX Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-264)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1096. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Model 206A, B, L, L-1, L-3, and L-4 Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-SW-22)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1097. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness

Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model ERJ 170 and ERJ 190 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-195)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1098. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model CL-600-2B19 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-44)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1099. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-100, 747-100B, 747-100B SUD, 747-200B, 747-200C, 747-200F, 747-300, 747SR, and 747SP Series Airplanes Equipped with General Electric CF6-45 or -50 Series Engines, or Equipped with Pratt and Whitney JT9D-3 and -7 Series Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-262)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1100. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc RB211 Trent 700 Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2004-NE-03)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1101. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; SOCATA - Groupe Aerospatiale TB 20 and TB 21 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-66)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1102. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd and Co. KG Dart 528, 529, 532, 535, 542, and 555 Series Turboprop Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NE-17)) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1103. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone

Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Non-American Fisheries Act Crab Vessels Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the Inshore Component in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (ID No. 021407D) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1104. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the Offshore Component in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (ID No. 021407C) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1105. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the Offshore Component in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (ID No. 021407B) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1106. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Decrease the Commercial Trip Limit for Atlantic Group Spanish Mackerel in the Southern Zone" (ID No. 013107B) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1107. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the Gulf of Alaska" (ID No. 013107A) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1108. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Sablefish Managed Under the Individual Fishing Quota Program" (ID No. 021207I) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1109. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by

Catcher Processor Vessels Using Pot Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID No. 021607K) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1110. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Chiniak Gully Research Area for Vessels Using Trawl Gear" (ID No. 021207C) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1111. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notification of 2007 No-Harvest Guideline for the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Crustaceans Fishery" (ID No. 021207A) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1112. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the Gulf of Alaska" (ID No. 022007A) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1113. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Rock Sole, Flathead Sole, and 'Other Flatfish' by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID No. 021607B) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1114. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Non-Community Development Quota Pollock with Trawl Gear in the Chinook Salmon Savings Areas of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID No. 020507D) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1115. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 610 of the Gulf of Alaska"

(ID No. 020207C) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1116. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID No. 020107F) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 911. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 912. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the incentives for the construction and renovation of public schools; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 913. A bill to clarify that the revocation of an alien's visa or other documentation is not subject to judicial review; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BOND, Mr. BURR, and Mr. SMITH):

S. 914. A bill to authorize the States (and subdivisions thereof), the District of Columbia, territories, and possessions of the United States to provide certain tax incentives to any person for economic development purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. DOLE (for herself and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. 915. A bill to establish a pilot program to provide grants to encourage eligible institutions of higher education to establish and operate pregnant and parenting student services offices for pregnant students, parenting students, prospective parenting students who are anticipating a birth or adoption, and students who are placing or have placed a child for adoption; to the

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CRAPO, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 916. A bill to modify the boundary of the Minidoka Internment National Monument, to establish the Minidoka National Historic Site, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land and improvements of the Gooding Division of the Minidoka Project, Idaho, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 917. A bill to clarify the authority of the Secretary of the Interior with regard to management of elk in Rocky Mountain National Park; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. SMITH) (by request):

S. 918. A bill to authorize appropriations for activities under the Federal railroad safety laws for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 111. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster General that a commemorative stamp be issued honoring the life of Oskar Schindler; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 22, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 43

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 43, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to preserve and protect Social Security benefits of American workers and to help ensure greater congressional oversight of the Social

Security system by requiring that both Houses of Congress approve a totalization agreement before the agreement, giving foreign workers Social Security benefits, can go into effect.

S. 57

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 57, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 67

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 67, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit former members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces are entitled to travel on such aircraft.

S. 117

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 117, a bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and services for members of the Armed Forces, veterans of the Global War on Terrorism, and other veterans, to require reports on the effects of the Global War on Terrorism, and for other purposes.

S. 169

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 169, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to clarify Federal authority relating to land acquisition from willing sellers for the majority of the trails in the System, and for other purposes.

S. 211

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services, volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 261

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 261, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 321

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 321, a bill to

establish pilot projects under the Medicare program to provide incentives for home health agencies to utilize home monitoring and communications technologies.

S. 326

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special period of limitation when uniformed services retirement pay is reduced as result of award of disability compensation.

S. 340

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 340, a bill to improve agricultural job opportunities, benefits, and security for aliens in the United States and for other purposes.

S. 445

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 445, a bill to establish the position of Trade Enforcement Officer and a Trade Enforcement Division in the Office of the United States Trade Representative, to require identification of trade enforcement priorities, and for other purposes.

S. 453

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 453, a bill to prohibit deceptive practices in Federal elections.

S. 496

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 496, a bill to reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965.

S. 502

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 502, a bill to repeal the sunset on the reduction of capital gains rates for individuals and on the taxation of dividends of individuals at capital gains rates.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 573

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 573, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to

improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 593

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 593, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a grant program to provide supportive services in permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 600

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 600, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish the School-Based Health Clinic program, and for other purposes.

S. 602

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 602, a bill to develop the next generation of parental control technology.

S. 623

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 623, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the licensing of comparable and interchangeable biological products, and for other purposes.

S. 624

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 624, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers.

S. 627

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 627, a bill to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to improve the health and well-being of maltreated infants and toddlers through the creation of a National Court Teams Resource Center, to assist local Court Teams, and for other purposes.

S. 659

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 659, a bill to amend section 1477 of title 10, United States Code, to provide for the payment of the death gratuity with respect to members of the Armed Forces without a surviving spouse who are survived by a minor child.

S. 671

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 671, a bill to exempt children of certain

Filipino World War II veterans from the numerical limitations on immigrant visas.

S. 692

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 692, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a Hospital Quality Report Card Initiative to report on health care quality in Veterans Affairs hospitals.

S. 713

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to ensure dignity in care for members of the Armed Forces recovering from injuries.

S. 721

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 721, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 735

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 735, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the terrorist hoax statute.

S. 829

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 829, a bill to reauthorize the HOPE VI program for revitalization of severely distressed public housing, and for other purposes.

S. 844

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 844, a bill to provide for the protection of unaccompanied alien children, and for other purposes.

S. 858

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 858, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the transportation fringe benefit to bicycle commuters.

S. 869

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 869, a bill to reform certain provisions of section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, to make compliance with that section more efficient, with the goal of maintaining United States capital market global competitiveness.

S. 882

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 882, a bill to require a pilot program on the facilitation of the transition of members of the Armed Forces to receipt of veterans health care benefits upon completion of military service, and for other purposes.

S. 890

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 890, a bill to provide for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, and for other purposes.

S. 893

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 893, a bill to allow a State to combine certain funds and enter into a performance agreement with the Secretary of Education to improve the academic achievement of students.

S. 897

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 897, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide more help to Alzheimer's disease caregivers.

S. 902

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 902, a bill to provide support and assistance for families of members of the National Guard and Reserve who are undergoing deployment, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 14

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 14, a concurrent resolution commemorating the 85th anniversary of the founding of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, a leading association for the 1,300,000 United States citizens of Greek ancestry and Philhellenes in the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 106

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 106, a resolution calling on the President to ensure that the foreign policy of the United States reflects appropriate understanding and sensitivity concerning issues related to human rights, ethnic cleansing, and genocide documented in the United States record relating to the Armenian Genocide.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, March 14, 2007, and remaining undisposed of, was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1003. An act to amend the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 to reauthorize the United States

Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

VITIATION OF AMENDMENT NO.

463 TO PREAMBLE OF

H. CON. RES. 20

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 20) calling on the Government of the United Kingdom to immediately establish a full, independent, and public judicial inquiry into the murder of Northern Ireland defense attorney Patrick Finucane, as recommended by Judge Peter Cory as part of the Weston Park Agreement, in order to move forward on the Northern Ireland peace process having been agreed to, the vote agreeing to amendment No. 463 to the preamble thereto be vitiated.

PROCLAIMING CASIMIR PULASKI TO BE AN HONORARY CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES POSTHUMOUSLY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 5) proclaiming Casimir Pulaski to be an honorary citizen of the United States posthumously.

The question being on the passage of the joint resolution; and

No amendment being proposed,

The joint resolution was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass; and that the Senate agree to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMEMORATING THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE AMERICAN HELLENIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 14)

commemorating the 85th anniversary of the founding of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, a leading association for the 1,300,000 United States citizens of Greek ancestry and Philhellenes in the United States.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of bill S. 214, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 15, 2007.

Ordered further, That, upon conclusion of the vote on passage of bill S. 214, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:46 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2007

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. TESTER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 20, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. TESTER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

PRESERVING UNITED STATES ATTORNEY INDEPENDENCE ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 214) to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys; and The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 460, proposed by Mr. SESSIONS, to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That the use of calculators on the Senate floor be permitted during consideration of the pending bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 460 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate following each vote in "stacked" sequence.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 460 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 459, proposed by Mr. KYL, to the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. KYL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 40, nays... 56

[Rollcall Vote No. 79 Leg.]

YEAS --- 40

Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Specter, Stevens, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 56

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Hatch, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Stabenow, Sununu, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 460 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That each of the next 2 votes be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 460 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 47, nays... 50

[Rollcall Vote No. 80 Leg.]

YEAS --- 47

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 50

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

No further amendment being proposed,

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On the question, Shall the bill, as amended, pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 94, nays... 2

[Rollcall Vote No. 81 Leg.]

YEAS --- 94

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 2

Bond, Hagel.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

On motion by Mr. SALAZAR to reconsider the vote on the passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. SALAZAR,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF S. CON. RES. 21 ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

Ordered, That, at 2:15 p.m. on today, the Senate proceed to consider concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:45 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ON THE RESOLUTION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 21) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CONRAD,

Ordered, That there be a period of 3 hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate only, between the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on the Budget; and that, upon conclusion of said period for debate, the majority leader be recognized.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. CRAPO) to amend the concurrent resolution in title II, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 466).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. GREGG, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. DEMINT) to amend the concurrent resolution in title II, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 477).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. CORNYN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CONRAD,

Ordered, That no further amendments be in order to be proposed today; that, when the Senate resumes consideration of the concurrent resolution on tomorrow, there be 42 hours, equally divided and controlled, remaining for debate under the Budget Act;

that it be in order for a minority-party Senator to propose the first amendment on tomorrow; that the majority leader, or his designee, next be recognized to propose an amendment; that no rollcall votes occur prior to 5 p.m. on tomorrow; and that the first vote on tomorrow be in relation to the amendment to be proposed by the majority leader, or his designee.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 477 to the concurrent resolution.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following messages from the President of the United States were transmitted to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries:

REPORT RELATIVE TO HAITI MEETING THE CONDITIONS REGARDING ENFORCEMENT OF CIRCUMVENTION UNDER SECTION 213A(E)(1) OF THE CARIBBEAN BASIN ECONOMY RECOVERY ACT -- PM 10

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Congress of the United States:

The Haitian Hemispheric Opportunity through Partnership Encouragement Act of 2006 (Division D, Title V of Public Law 109-432), amends the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (Title II of the Trade and Development Act of 2000, Public Law 106-200) (CBERA), to make certain products from Haiti eligible for preferential tariff treatment. In accordance with section 213A of CBERA, as amended, I have determined that Haiti meets the eligibility requirements under section 213A(d)(1) of CBERA, as amended, and that Haiti is meeting the conditions regarding enforcement of circumvention under section 213A(e)(1) of CBERA, as amended.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 19, 2007.*

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL SECURITY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND SWEDEN -- PM 11

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with

an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to section 233(e)(1) of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Social Security Amendments of 1977 (42 U.S.C. 433(d)(1)), I transmit herewith the Supplementary Agreement on Social Security between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Sweden. The Supplementary Agreement was signed in Stockholm on June 22, 2004, and is intended to modify certain provisions of the original United States-Sweden Agreement, which was signed May 27, 1985, and that entered into force January 1, 1987.

The United States-Sweden Agreement, as revised by the Supplementary Agreement, remains similar in objective to the social security agreements that are also in force with Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Korea, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. Such bilateral agreements provide for limited coordination between the United States and foreign social security systems to eliminate dual social security coverage and taxation, and to help prevent the loss of benefits that can occur when workers divide their careers between two countries. The United States-Sweden Agreement, as revised by the Supplementary Agreement, contains all provisions mandated by section 233 and other provisions that I deem appropriate to carry out the purposes of section 233, pursuant to section 233(c)(4).

I also transmit for the information of the Congress a report prepared by the Social Security Administration explaining the key points of the Supplementary Agreement with a paragraph-by-paragraph explanation of the provisions of the Supplementary Agreement. Annexed to this report is the report required by section 233(e)(1) of the Social Security Act on the effect of the Supplementary Agreement on income and expenditures of the U.S. Social Security program and the number of individuals affected by the Supplementary Agreement and a composite text of the United States-Sweden Agreement showing the changes that will be made as a result of the Supplementary Agreement. The Department of State and the Social Security Administration have recommended the Supplementary Agreement and related documents to me.

I commend to the Congress the Supplementary Agreement to the United States-Sweden Social Security Agreement and related documents.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 20, 2007.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1117. A communication from the Chairman, Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rail Fuel Surcharges" (STB Ex Parte No. 661) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1118. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the benefits of economic dispatch of generating facilities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1119. A communication from the Office Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Design Basis Threat" (RIN3150-AH60) received on March 19, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1120. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Request for Comments and Interim Guidance Regarding Allocation of Costs Under the Simplified Methods of Accounting Under section 263A" (Notice 2007-29) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1121. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update" (Notice 2007-27) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1122. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bureau of Labor Statistics Price Indexes for Department Stores - January 2007" (Notice 2007-18) received on March 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1123. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, the report of a draft bill entitled "Prescription Drug User Fee Amendments of 2007"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1124. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of the Assets for Independence Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1125. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Law Judge Program - Examining System and Programs for Specific Positions and Examinations (Miscellaneous)" (RIN3206-AK86) received on March 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1126. A communication from the Director, Bureau of Indian Education, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Personnel System Demonstration Projects; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1127. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Snake River Valley Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AB22) received on March 16, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1128. A communication from the Staff Director, United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the appointment of members to the Tennessee Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1129. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the activities and accomplishments of the Joint Executive Committee of the Departments; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-25. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas relative to supporting the National Bio and Agrodefense Facility; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5009

Whereas, Homeland Security Presidential Directive 9 has tasked the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to coordinate "countermeasure research and development of new methods for detection, prevention technologies, agent characterization, and dose relationships for high-consequence agents;" and

Whereas, at present there are no facilities in the United States that have adequate containment, security, equipment and infrastructure to meet the requirements identified in Presidential Directive 9; and

Whereas, to meet this need, the Department of Homeland Security and its federal partners

initiated plans for a National Bio and Agrodefense Facility (NBAF); and

Whereas, the NBAF will enhance protection from both natural and intentional threats by modernizing and integrating high-biosecurity facilities, thus enhancing our nation's capacity to assess potential threats to humans and animals alike; and

Whereas, the Department of Homeland Security is seeking a location to build the \$451 million, 500,000 square foot, NBAF facility; and

Whereas, the State of Kansas pledges its support for the funding and construction of the NBAF to address the needs of Kansas and the nation to protect human and animal health from both naturally occurring and intentionally introduced disease threats; and

Whereas, Kansas is the ideal location for the NBAF. Kansas is a world leader in bioscience, especially in the areas of animal health and vaccines, infectious diseases and food safety, and has an exceptionally well qualified workforce; and

Whereas, two sites in Kansas, one in Manhattan and one in Leavenworth, are actively under consideration by the Department of Homeland Security to site the NBAF facility; and

Whereas, the State of Kansas has already demonstrated its strong support for the siting of the NBAF in Kansas, as Governor Kathleen Sebelius and the Kansas Bioscience Authority have taken the initiative to create a task force of prominent industry leaders, public officials, including the entire Kansas Congressional Delegation, representatives from the Kansas Legislature, producer groups and leaders of prominent academic institutions to lead Kansas' bids for the NBAF; and

Whereas, the State of Kansas has a long-standing commitment of supporting biosecurity research in partnership with the federal government. Most recently, Kansas and the federal government invested \$54 million in the nation's most modern biosecurity laboratory, the Biosecurity Research Institute at Kansas State University: Now, therefore, Be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein, That the Kansas Legislature pledges its support for Kansas State University, the City of Manhattan and the City of Leavenworth in their bids to site the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's National Bio and Agrodefense Facility, and that the Legislature commits to do everything in its power and ability to provide any support necessary in or for the NBAF to be constructed in Kansas; and be it further

Resolved, That the Kansas Legislature strongly encourages the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to consider Kansas' existing building and security infrastructure, and the human resources already in place that

make Kansas a natural fit for the location of this new federal laboratory; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to send enrolled copies of this resolution to President Bush, Vice President Cheney, Secretary Chertoff of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Secretary Johanns of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Secretary Leavitt of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, each member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation and Governor Kathleen Sebelius.

POM-26. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho relative to forest land management; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Whereas, the United States Forest Service administers the management of 39% of the land base in the state of Idaho, and an additional 22% is administered by the United States Bureau of Land Management; and

Whereas, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. Section 471, an 1891 law authorizing the President to establish national forests, the purpose for establishing and administering national forests was to set aside public lands reserved as national forests to be controlled and administered, to the extent practical, in accordance with the Act which provided that "no national forest may be established except to improve and protect the forest, or to secure favorable conditions of water flows, and to furnish a continuous supply of timber for the use and necessities of citizens"; and

Whereas, it has long been the intent and policy of the federal government to hold rural communities harmless from the creation of federal lands and in 1906 the Committee on Public Lands recognized that the presence of federal lands could create a hardship for many counties, as they provided little revenue or commerce at that time; and

Whereas, in 1908 Congress created the Twenty-five Percent Fund Act to pay states and counties 25 percent of receipts collected from national forests and mandated that payments were to be spent on schools and roads, recognizing that viable communities adjacent to the public lands, with adequate roads and schools, were essential for the development and preservation of the national forests; and

Whereas, the federal policy of holding counties harmless from the creation of public lands within counties was reiterated in 1916 with the creation of the Oregon and California Grant Lands under the Chamberlain-Ferris Act, and again in 1937 with passage of the Oregon and California Grant Lands Act; and

Whereas, the forest resources were intended to be managed in such an environmentally responsible manner that they would produce long-term sustainable revenue to share with schools and counties as well as products for the nation; and

Whereas, in 2000, Congress passed the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, commonly known as public law 106-393, which restored historical payment levels previously made to states and counties from the federal government for road and school purposes due to declining levels of actual forest receipts; and

Whereas, the reauthorization of public law 106-393 is pending before the United States Congress and Idaho counties are on record as being strongly supportive of a fully-funded approval of this Act; and

Whereas, recently, federal land managers have been faced with an ever-present funding shortage and rural counties will be faced with higher property taxes or a reduction in services if the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act is not reauthorized and appropriated; and

Whereas, there is continued concern that if the Act is reauthorized and appropriated it may be the last time it occurs and a long-term solution to these issues is necessary; and

Whereas, the state of Idaho is dependent upon healthy national forest system lands for economic benefit, recreation and scenic beauty and it is time to demonstrate a new initiative and commitment to the intent and policy of the federal government to hold counties and schools harmless from the creation of federal lands and construct a path leading to economic stability for rural communities and schools; and

Whereas, transfer of the management of the national forest system lands that are not designated as wilderness, proposed or recommended wilderness, wild and scenic river, or national recreation area, or designated roadless area in Idaho, to the state of Idaho would promote better stewardship of the public lands, provide financial returns to the counties, secure public access, meet Congress's intent to hold rural communities harmless from the creation of federal lands, and fund schools, road and bridge infrastructure which would offset significant tax increases in rural counties in the event the Secure Rural Schools payments are not reauthorized or are allowed to expire following the 2006 reauthorization; and

Whereas, precedent for state administration of federally-owned lands exists in the state of Idaho at the City of Rocks area in southern Idaho and campground-related facilities and land at Lake Cascade; and

Whereas, a transfer of management to the state of Idaho would demonstrate a new initiative and commitment to the intent and policy of the federal government to hold rural counties and schools harmless from the consequences of the reservation of federal lands and construct a process leading to economic stability for rural communities and schools; and

Whereas, lands for which management responsibility is transferred to the state of

Idaho could administered by the Idaho Department of Lands in cooperation with county officials and with cooperative oversight by the United States. Forest Service and state and local government could establish, or use existing natural resource advisory committees composed of a diverse cross-section of the public, with all decisions and actions relating to the lands being required to comply with every federal and state environmental law; and

Whereas, the management of these lands would have to meet the mandates of the Healthy Forest Initiative, the National Fire Plan, and state and county fire mitigation plans. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Fifty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, That we urge the Congress to support federal legislation transferring management of national forest system lands within Idaho to the state of Idaho to be managed for the benefit of the rural counties and schools with the state of Idaho being held harmless from the costs of administration; and be it further

Resolved, That Congress is urged to provide that any transfer of management authority would not affect any rights or authority of the state with respect to fish and wildlife, or repeal or modify any provision of law that permits the state or political subdivisions of the state to share in the revenues from federal lands, or any provision of law that provides that fees or charges collected at particular federal areas be used for or credited to specific purposes or special funds, and be it further

Resolved, That Congress is urged to provide that fees or revenues collected under state management be allocated 75%, or other appropriate percentage, for the benefit of the counties and schools in which the national forest system lands are located and 25%, or other appropriate percentage, for the benefit of the national forest in which the lands administered by the state of Idaho are located to be paid at the end of the year to the Secretary of the Treasury, and that amounts allocated to the counties should not be taken into account for purposes of the Twenty-five Percent Fund pursuant to 16 U.S.C. Section 500; and be it further

Resolved, That Congress is urged to seek a long-term solution to the significant issues that will face rural counties in the event the Secure Rural Schools payments are not reauthorized or are allowed to expire following the 2006 reauthorization; and be it further

Resolved, that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, and the

congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States.

POM-27. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Idaho relative to the authorization of a study of the decline in receipts on national forest system lands; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26

Whereas, it has long been the intent and policy of the federal government to hold rural communities harmless from the creation of federal lands and in 1906 the Committee on Public Lands recognized that the presence of federal lands could create hardship for many counties as they provided little revenue or commerce at that time; and

Whereas, in 1908, the federal government promised rural counties twenty-five percent of all revenues generated from the multiple-use management of the newly created national forests to support public roads and public schools; and

Whereas, in recent decades, the forest resources have not been managed in a manner to produce long-term sustainable revenue to share with schools and counties; and

Whereas, in 2000, Congress passed Public Law 106-393, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act. The Act restored historical payment levels previously made to states and counties from the federal government for road and school purposes because of declining levels of actual forest receipts; and

Whereas, the reauthorization and appropriation of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act is pending before the United States Congress, and Idaho counties are on record as being strongly supportive of a fully funded approval of this Act; and

Whereas, federal land managers continue to be faced with funding shortages. In the event the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act is not reauthorized and appropriated, counties will be faced with higher property taxes or a reduction in services and even if the Act is reauthorized and appropriated, it will likely be the last time, and the state of Idaho must seek a long-term solution; and

Whereas, in 2006, House Joint Memorial No. 21 was adopted by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Fifty-eighth Idaho Legislature to provide one option to address the problem of declining forest receipts by urging Congress to support federal legislation transferring management of National Forest System lands within Idaho to the state of Idaho to be managed for the

benefit of the rural counties and schools. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the members of the First Regular Session of the Fifty-ninth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislative Council is authorized to appoint an interim committee to undertake and complete an assessment of the decline in receipts on National Forest System lands, which have historically been shared with counties, with the goal of the interim committee's recommendations being to develop a federal, bipartisan, long-term solution that addresses sustainable management of federal forest lands to stabilize payments to Idaho's forest counties, which help support roads and schools, and to provide projects that enhance forest ecosystem health and provide employment opportunities, and to improve cooperative relationships among those who use and care about the lands the agencies manage. The Legislative Council shall determine the membership from each house appointed to the interim committee and shall authorize the interim committee to receive input, advice and assistance from interested and affected parties who are not members of the Legislature. As much as is practicable, the interim committee shall work in cooperation and coordination with the state of Idaho, its counties, its school and highway districts, along with the recognized Indian tribes of the state of Idaho. The interim committee is also authorized to retain the services of consultants, within appropriated moneys, who are familiar with forest receipts, and who can provide necessary economic and other research to assist the interim committee and the Legislature in making an informed decision on this most important topic. Now, therefore, be it further

Resolved, That the Idaho legislative interim committee on forest receipts will address National Forest System lands, but only those lands that do not have special designations. The interim committee is directed to formulate a solution that will protect all valid existing rights, existing public access and activities, including hunting, fishing and recreation, and that will not be construed to interfere with treaties or any other obligations to the Indian tribes, commitments to county governments, or the General Mining Law or Taylor Grazing Act. Now, therefore be it further

Resolved, That nonlegislative members of the interim committee may be appointed by the cochairs of the interim committee who are appointed by the Legislative Council. Nonlegislative members of the interim committee shall not be reimbursed from legislative funds for per diem, mileage or other expenses and shall not have voting privileges regarding the interim committee's

recommendations or proposed legislation. Now, therefore, be it further

Resolved, That the interim committee shall report its findings, recommendations and proposed legislation, if any, to the Second Regular Session of the Fifty-ninth Idaho Legislature.

POM-28. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Arizona urging Congress to enact legislation repealing the privacy violations contained in the REAL ID Act of 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE MEMORIAL 1003

Whereas, in May 2005, the United States Congress enacted the REAL ID Act of 2005 (REAL ID Act) as part of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief Act (Public Law 109-13), which was signed by President Bush on May 11, 2005 and which becomes fully effective May 11, 2008; and

Whereas, some of the requirements of the REAL ID Act are that states must issue driver licenses and state identification cards in a uniform format as prescribed by the Department of Homeland Security; must verify the issuance, validity and completeness of all primary documents used to issue a driver license, and provide for their secure storage: must provide fraudulent document recognition training to persons who issue driver licenses or state identification cards; and must issue a driver license or state identification card in a prescribed format if it does not meet the criteria provided for a federally approved license or identification card; and

Whereas, use of the federal minimum standards for state driver licenses and identification cards will be necessary for any type of federally regulated activity for which an identification card must be displayed; and

Whereas, some of the intended privacy requirements of the REAL ID Act, such as the use of common machine-readable technology and state maintenance of a database that can be shared with the United States and agencies of other states may actually make it more likely that a federally required driver license or state identification card or the information about the bearer on which the license or card is based will be stolen, sold or otherwise used for purposes that were never intended or that are criminally related than if the REAL ID Act had not been enacted; and

Whereas, these potential breaches in privacy that could result directly from compliance with the REAL ID Act may violate the right to privacy of thousands of residents of Arizona; and

Whereas, the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, the National

Governors' Association and the National Conference of State Legislatures have estimated that the cost to the states to implement the REAL ID Act will be more than \$11 billion over five years; and

Whereas, the mandate to the states, through federal legislation that provides no funding for its requirements, to issue what is effectively a national identification card appears to be an attempt to commandeer the political machinery of the states and to require them to be agents of the federal government, in violation of the principles of federalism contained in the tenth amendment to the United States Constitution; and

Whereas, some states have enacted legislation that opposes the implementation of the REAL ID Act.

Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, prays:

1. That the Congress of the United States take immediate action to enact legislation to correct the unfunded mandate on the states resulting from the passage of the REAL ID Act of 2005, as outlined in this Memorial.

2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-29. A request by the Board of County Supervisors of the County of Prince William of the State of Virginia for Congress to reimburse the County for the costs of serving illegal immigrants; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 919. A bill to reauthorize Department of Agriculture conservation and energy programs and certain other programs of the Department, to modify the operation and administration of these programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 920. A bill to provide wage parity for certain prevailing rate employees in Rhode Island; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 921. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services

under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 922. A bill to extend the existing provisions regarding the eligibility for essential air service subsidies through fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 923. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the New England National Scenic Trail, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 924. A bill to strengthen the United States Coast Guard's Integrated Deepwater Program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 925. A bill to provide for funding assistance under section 406 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5172) to a State or local government for the acquisition of real property for the purpose of the replacement of certain public facilities based on reasonable reliance of cost estimates provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 926. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the creation of disaster protection funds by property and casualty insurance companies for the payment of policyholders' claims arising from future catastrophic events; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 927. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create Catastrophe Savings Accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 928. A bill to establish a program to provide more protection at lower cost through a national backstop for State natural catastrophe insurance programs to help the United States better prepare for and protect its citizens against the ravages of natural catastrophes, to encourage and promote mitigation and prevention for, and recovery and rebuilding from such catastrophes, to better assist in the financial recovery from such catastrophes, and to develop a rigorous process of continuous improvement; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 929. A bill to streamline the regulation of nonadmitted insurance and reinsurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 930. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit against tax for hurricane and tornado mitigation expenditures; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mrs. DOLE, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 931. A bill to establish the National Hurricane Research Initiative to improve hurricane preparedness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BURR, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 932. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize physical therapists to evaluate and treat Medicare beneficiaries without a requirement for a physician referral, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 933. A bill for the relief of Joseph Gabra and Sharon Kamel; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 934. A bill to amend the Florida National Forest Land Management Act of 2003 to authorize the conveyance of an additional tract of National Forest System land under that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. KERRY, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 935. A bill to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 936. A bill to reform the financing of Senate elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. ALLARD):

S. 937. A bill to improve support and services for individuals with autism and their

families; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DODD, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 938. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to expand college access and increase college persistence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 939. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to simplify and improve the process of applying for student assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 940. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the subpart F exemption for active financing income; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 941. A bill to increase Federal support for Community Health Centers and the National Health Service Corps in order to ensure access to health care for millions of Americans living in medically-underserved areas; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 942. A bill to modify the boundaries for a certain empowerment zone designation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 943. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the period for which the designation of an area as an empowerment zone is in effect; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 944. A bill to require that an independent review of the efficiency and effectiveness of all headquarters offices of the Farm Service Agency of the Department of Agriculture be carried out prior to the closure of any county offices; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 945. A bill to ensure that college textbooks and supplemental materials are available and affordable; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. Res. 112. A resolution designating April 6, 2007, as "National Missing Persons Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. DORGAN):

S. Res. 113. A resolution commending the achievements and recognizing the importance of the Alliance to Save Energy on the 30th anniversary of the incorporation of the Alliance; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 214

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 214, a bill to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys.

S. 284

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 284, a bill to provide emergency agricultural disaster assistance.

S. 292

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 292, a bill to establish a bipartisan commission on insurance reform.

S. 326

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special period of limitation when uniformed services retirement pay is reduced as result of award of disability compensation.

S. 329

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 336

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 336, a bill to require the Secretary of the Army to operate and maintain as a system the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal dispersal barriers, and for other purposes.

S. 340

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 340, a bill to improve agricultural job

opportunities, benefits, and security for aliens in the United States and for other purposes.

S. 358

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 358, a bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment.

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 358, *supra*.

S. 359

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 359, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide additional support to students.

S. 388

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 388, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a national standard in accordance with which nonresidents of a State may carry concealed firearms in the State.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide credit rate parity for all renewable resources under the electricity production credit.

S. 431

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 431, a bill to require convicted sex offenders to register online identifiers, and for other purposes.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

S. 458

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 458, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the treatment of certain physician pathology services under the Medicare program.

S. 474

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] were added as cosponsors of S. 474, a

bill to award a congressional gold medal to Michael Ellis DeBakey, M.D.

S. 519

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 519, a bill to modernize and expand the reporting requirements relating to child pornography, to expand cooperation in combating child pornography, and for other purposes.

S. 558

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 558, a bill to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services.

S. 602

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 602, a bill to develop the next generation of parental control technology.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 604, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to limit increases in the certain costs of health care services under the health care programs of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 625

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 625, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT] were added as cosponsors of S. 626, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 627

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 627, a bill to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to improve the health and well-being of maltreated infants and toddlers through the creation of a National Court Teams Resource Center, to assist local Court Teams, and for other purposes.

S. 638

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 638, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 656

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 656, a bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain nationals of Liberia to that of lawful permanent residence.

S. 664

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] were added as cosponsors of S. 664, a bill to provide adequate funding for local governments harmed by Hurricane Katrina of 2005 or Hurricane Rita of 2005.

S. 667

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 667, a bill to expand programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse and neglect prevention, and early identification of developmental and health delays, including potential mental health concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 678

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 678, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to ensure air passengers have access to necessary services while on a grounded air carrier and are not unnecessarily held on a grounded air carrier before or after a flight, and for other purposes.

S. 719

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 719, a bill to amend section 10501 of title 49, United States Code, to exclude solid waste disposal from the jurisdiction of the Surface Transportation Board.

S. 721

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 721, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 731

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 731, a bill to develop a methodology for, and complete, a national assessment of geological storage capacity for carbon dioxide, and for other purposes.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 778

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 778, a bill to amend title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in order to authorize the Secretary of Education to award competitive grants to eligible entities to recruit, select, train, and support Expanded Learning and After-School Fellows that will strengthen expanded learning initiatives, 21st century community learning center programs, and after-school programs, and for other purposes.

S. 787

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] were added as cosponsors of S. 787, a bill to impose a 2-year moratorium on implementation of a proposed rule relating to the Federal-State financial partnerships under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

S. 791

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 791, a bill to establish a collaborative program to protect the Great Lakes, and for other purposes.

S. 793

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 793, a bill to provide for the expansion and improvement of traumatic brain injury programs.

S. 819

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] were added as cosponsors of S. 819, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes.

S. 823

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 823, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to facilitating the development of microbicides for preventing transmission of HIV/AIDS and other diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 887

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 887, a bill to restore import and entry agricultural inspection functions to the Department of Agriculture.

S. 897

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 897, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to

provide more help to Alzheimer's disease caregivers.

S. 898

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL] were added as cosponsors of S. 898, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to fund breakthroughs in Alzheimer's disease research while providing more help to caregivers and increasing public education about prevention.

S. 902

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 902, a bill to provide support and assistance for families of members of the National Guard and Reserve who are undergoing deployment, and for other purposes.

S. 907

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 907, a bill to establish an Advisory Committee on Gestational Diabetes, to provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 9

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 9, a concurrent resolution celebrating the contributions of the architectural profession during "National Architecture Week".

SENATE RESOLUTION 106

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 106, a resolution calling on the President to ensure that the foreign policy of the United States reflects appropriate understanding and sensitivity concerning issues related to human rights, ethnic cleansing, and genocide documented in the United States record relating to the Armenian Genocide.

SENATE RESOLUTION 110

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 110, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-United States dialogue and relationship.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at 9:30

a.m., in open session to receive testimony on the Air Force in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years defense program.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of this hearing is to promote travel to America, and to examine economic and security concerns.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss innovation in energy technology.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the nomination of Stephen Jeffrey Isakowitz, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Energy.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Realizing a Competitive Education: Identifying Needs, Partnerships and Resources."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at 10 a.m. to hold a hearing on Chad.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Combating War Profiteering: Are We Doing Enough to Investigate and Prosecute Contracting Fraud and Abuse in Iraq?" on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

The Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations be authorized to meet on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., for a hearing entitled "Medicare Doctors Who Cheat on Their Taxes and What Should Be Done About It."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the

Senate on March 20, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST, COMPETITION POLICY AND CONSUMER RIGHTS

The Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights be authorized to meet on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing on "The OX-Sirius Merger: Monopoly or Competition from New Technologies" in room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

The Subcommittee on National Parks be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT AND AGING

The Subcommittee on Retirement and Aging be authorized to meet to hold a hearing on Alzheimer's research during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at 10 a.m. in SH-216.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 3:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 658. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements to protect natural resources of units of the National Park System through collaborative efforts on land inside and outside of units of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 838. An act to provide for the conveyance of the Bureau of Land Management parcels known as the White Acre and Gambel Oak properties and related real property to Park City, Utah, and for other purposes.

H.R. 839. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the feasibility of enlarging the Arthur V. Watkins Dam Weber Basin Project, Utah, to provide additional water for the Weber Basin Project to fulfill the purposes for which that project was authorized.

H.R. 902. An act to facilitate the use for irrigation and other purposes of water produced in connection with development of energy resources.

H.R. 1006. An act to amend the provisions of law relating to the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1021. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study regarding the suitability and feasibility of designating certain historic buildings and areas in Taunton, Massachusetts, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 658. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements to protect natural resources of units of the National Park System through collaborative efforts on land inside and outside of units of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 838. An act to provide for the conveyance of the Bureau of Land Management parcels known as the White Acre and Gambel Oak properties and related real property to Park City, Utah, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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COMMENDING THE
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OF THE ALLIANCE TO SAVE
ENERGY ON THE 30TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE
INCORPORATION OF THE
ALLIANCE

On the request of Ms. STABENOW,
The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution

(S. Res. 113) commending the achievements and recognizing the importance of the Alliance to Save Energy on the 30th anniversary of the incorporation of the Alliance, submitted today by Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. DORGAN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE
PRESIDENT

SENATE DELEGATION TO THE NATO
PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a-1928d, as amended, the Vice President had appointed Mr. CARDIN as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly during the spring session, to be held in Madeira, Portugal in May 2007.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT
PRO TEMPORE

UNITED STATES-CHINA ECONOMIC
SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that, pursuant to Public Law 106-398, as amended by Public Law 108-7, in accordance with the qualifications specified under section 1238(b)(3)(E) of Public Law 106-398, the PRESIDENT pro tempore had appointed Mr. Mark Esper, of Virginia, to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:15 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:15 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 21.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

At 8:06 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:15 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2007

Mr. SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, called the Senate to order at 9:15 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 21, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. WHITEHOUSE took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON
THE BUDGET

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 21) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 477, proposed by Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. GREGG, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. McCAIN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. DEMINT), to the concurrent resolution.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. ENSIGN to amend the concurrent resolution on page 41, striking lines 9 through 11, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 476).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

On motion by Mr. BUNNING (for himself and Mr. ENZI) to amend the concurrent resolution in title II, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 483).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. REID, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. SMITH) to amend the concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by increasing certain sums and decreasing other sums (being amendment No. 486).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT to amend the concurrent resolution in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 489).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

On motion by Mr. ALLARD to amend the concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by decreasing certain sums (being amendment No. 491).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BILL NELSON, and Mr. SALAZAR) to amend the concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by increasing certain sums and

decreasing other sums (being amendment No. 492).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

On motion by Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. COLEMAN) to amend the concurrent resolution in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 480).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CONRAD,

Ordered, That the time from 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. be for debate only between Mr. SCHUMER and Mr. BROWNBACK; that, at 1:30 p.m., Mr. GRASSLEY be recognized to propose two amendments, relative to payment limits and to Smithsonian; that there be a limitation of 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for concurrent debate between Mr. CONRAD and Mr. GRASSLEY thereon; and that no amendments be in order to either amendment during the period for debate.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 480 to the concurrent resolution.

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. GREGG to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. GREGG,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 492 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. DORGAN) to further amend the concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by increasing certain sums and decreasing other sums (being amendment No. 464).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. GRASSLEY to further amend the concurrent resolution on page 41, various lines, by decreasing certain sums, and, at the appropriate place, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 502).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CONRAD,

Ordered, That the time until 3:15 p.m. be controlled by the majority party for debate on "SCHIP"; that the time from 3:15 p.m. until 4:15 p.m. be for debate on an amendment to be proposed by Mr. KYL; that the minority

party control 40 minutes therein; and that the majority party control 20 minutes therein.

Ordered further, That Mr. CORNYN control the time from 4:15 p.m. until 4:45 p.m. for debate on "SCHIP"; that, following remarks by Mr. CORNYN, there be an additional 10 additional minutes for debate thereon; and that Mr. DORGAN then be recognized to speak for 5 minutes.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 502 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. KENNEDY) to further amend the concurrent resolution on page 48, before "the" on line 19, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 504).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM) to further amend the concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by increasing certain sums and decreasing other sums (being amendment No. 507).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. COBURN) to further amend the concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 511).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GREGG,

Ordered, That amendment No. 466 be modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 511 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CONRAD,

Ordered, That, at 5 p.m., the Senate vote in "stacked" sequence on the following amendments in the following order: amendments numbered 492, 507, 477, 466, as modified, 476, 483, and 486.

Ordered further, That there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate following each vote in "stacked" sequence; that no second-degree amendments be in order to the amendments prior to the votes;

and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 511 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CONRAD,

Ordered, That, upon conclusion of votes in “stacked” sequence, the following be recognized in the following order to propose amendments or to speak for 15 minutes each: Mrs. HUTCHISON, an amendment relative to sales; Mr. SESSIONS, an amendment relative to AMT; Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. SANDERS, to speak; Mr. LIEBERMAN, an amendment relative to war costs; and Mr. WYDEN, to speak.

Ordered further, That there be 25 hours remaining for debate under the Budget Act.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 511 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 492 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GREGG,

Ordered, That it be in order to request the yeas and nays on the question of agreeing to the aforementioned amendments in “stacked” sequence with one show of seconds, notwithstanding the amendments not presently being before the Senate.

Under the authority of the foregoing order,

On motion by Mr. GREGG,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to amendments numbered 492, 507, 477, 466, as modified, 476, 483, and 486.

The question being taken on agreeing to amendment No. 492 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 97, nays... 1

[Rollcall Vote No. 82 Leg.]

YEAS --- 97

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas,

Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 1

Feingold.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 507 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 47, nays... 51

[Rollcall Vote No. 83 Leg.]

YEAS --- 47

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

NAYS --- 51

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Stabenow, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 477 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 63, nays... 35

[Rollcall Vote No. 84 Leg.]

YEAS --- 63

Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Cantwell, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Leahy, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Roberts, Salazar, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

NAYS --- 35

Akaka, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cardin, Carper, Clinton, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Lautenberg, Levin, Lieberman, Menendez, Mikulski, Obama, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 466, as modified, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 46, nays... 52

[Rollcall Vote No. 85 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

NAYS --- 52

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Collins, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Stabenow, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. CONRAD to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. CONRAD,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 476 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 47, nays... 51

[Rollcall Vote No. 86 Leg.]

YEAS --- 47

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

NAYS --- 51

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. BILL NELSON,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 483 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 98, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 87 Leg.]

YEAS --- 98

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 486 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 97, nays... 1

[Rollcall Vote No. 88 Leg.]

YEAS --- 97

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu,

Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 1

Gregg.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. CONRAD to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. CONRAD,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 511 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. ENZI, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) to further amend the concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by decreasing certain sums (being amendment No. 517).

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mrs. DOLE, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 946. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to reauthorize the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 947. A bill to modernize the Federal Housing Administration to meet the housing needs of the American people; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 948. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize funding for the establishment of a program on children and the media within the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development to study the role and impact of electronic media in the development of children; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 949. A bill to amend the Plant Protection Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into cooperative agreements with States to augment the efforts of the States to conduct early detection and surveillance to prevent the establishment or spread of plant pests that endanger agriculture, the environment, and the economy of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. INOUE, Mr. STEVENS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LOTT, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 950. A bill to develop and maintain an integrated system of coastal and ocean observations for the Nation's coasts, oceans, and Great Lakes, to improve warnings of tsunami, hurricanes, El Nino events, and other natural hazards, to enhance homeland security, to support maritime operations, to improve management of coastal and marine resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. WEBB):

S. 951. A bill to provide a waiver from sanctions under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 for certain States, local educational agencies, and schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. McCAIN:

S. 952. A bill to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to provide funds for training in tribal leadership, management, and policy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. VITTER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. TESTER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BAUCUS, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 953. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to ensure competition in the rail industry, enable rail customers to obtain

reliable rail service, and provide those customers with a reasonable process for challenging rate and service disputes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 954. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a technical correction to the amendments made by section 422 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 955. A bill to establish the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 956. A bill to establish the Land Between the Rivers National Heritage Area in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. Res. 114. A resolution recognizing the contributions of agricultural producers in Pennsylvania and throughout the Nation on the occasion of National Agriculture Day; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. Res. 115. A resolution urging the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. Res. 116. A resolution designating May 2007 as "National Autoimmune Diseases Awareness Month" and supporting efforts to increase awareness of autoimmune diseases and increase funding for autoimmune disease research; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. Con. Res. 22. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster General that a commemorative postage stamp be issued to promote public awareness of Down syndrome; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 21

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 21, a bill to expand access to preventive health care services that help reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce abortions, and improve access to women's health care.

S. 231

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] were added as cosponsors of S. 231, a bill to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

S. 254

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA], the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG], the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. DEMINT], the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT], the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS], the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as

cosponsors of S. 254, a bill to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi.

S. 331

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 331, a bill to provide grants from moneys collected from violations of the corporate average fuel economy program to be used to expand infrastructure necessary to increase the availability of alternative fuels.

S. 369

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 369, a bill to provide for a medal of appropriate design to be awarded by the President to the next of kin or other representative of those individuals killed as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

S. 474

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 474, a bill to award a congressional gold medal to Michael Ellis DeBakey, M.D.

S. 573

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 573, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 594

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 594, a bill to limit the use, sale, and transfer of cluster munitions.

S. 617

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 617, a bill to make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available at a discount to certain veterans.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 626, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 654

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 654, a bill to establish the Food Safety Administration to protect the public health by preventing food-borne illness, ensuring the safety of food, improving research on contaminants leading to food-borne illness, and improving security of food from intentional contamination, and for other purposes.

S. 747

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 747, a bill to terminate the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and for other purposes.

S. 772

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 772, a bill to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 821

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 821, a bill to amend section 402 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to provide for an extension of eligibility for supplemental security income through fiscal year 2010 for refugees, asylees, and certain other humanitarian immigrants.

S. 824

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 824, a bill to amend Public Law 106-348 to extend the authorization for establishing a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while

serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 830

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 830, a bill to improve the process for the development of needed pediatric medical devices.

S. 849

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 849, a bill to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes.

S. 886

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 886, a bill to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records.

S. 897

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of S. 897, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide more help to Alzheimer's disease caregivers.

S. 902

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 902, a bill to provide support and assistance for families of members of the National Guard and Reserve who are undergoing deployment, and for other purposes.

S. 903

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 903, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Muhammad Yunus, in recognition of his contributions to the fight against global poverty.

S. 913

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 913, a bill to clarify that the revocation of an alien's visa or other documentation is not subject to judicial review.

S. 914

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 914, a bill to authorize the States (and subdivisions thereof), the District of Columbia, territories,

and possessions of the United States to provide certain tax incentives to any person for economic development purposes.

S. 922

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 922, a bill to extend the existing provisions regarding the eligibility for essential air service subsidies through fiscal year 2012.

S. 931

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 931, a bill to establish the National Hurricane Research Initiative to improve hurricane preparedness, and for other purposes.

S. 935

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 935, a bill to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 78

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 78, a resolution designating April 2007 as "National Autism Awareness Month" and supporting efforts to increase funding for research into the causes and treatment of autism and to improve training and support for individuals with autism and those who care for individuals with autism.

SENATE RESOLUTION 106

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 106, a resolution calling on the President to ensure that the foreign policy of the United States reflects appropriate understanding and sensitivity concerning issues related to human rights, ethnic cleansing, and genocide documented in the United States record relating to the Armenian Genocide.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CONRAD,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,
NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday March 21, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in 328A, Senate Russell Office Building. The title of this committee hearing is "Examining

the performance of U.S. Trade and Food Aid Programs for the 2007 Farm Bill.”

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING,
AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 21, 2007, at 9 a.m., to conduct a hearing on “Minimizing Potential Threats From Iran: Assessing the Effectiveness of Current U.S. Sanctions on Iran.”

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE,
AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 21, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of the hearing is to provide oversight on the status and activities of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 21, 2007.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 21, 2007, at 5 p.m. to hold a briefing on the Gulf Security Dialogue.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION,
LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet to hold a hearing on the long-term health impact from September 11 during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at 10 a.m. in SH-216.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY
AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, March 21, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. for a hearing titled “GAO’s Role in Supporting Congressional Oversight: An Overview of Past Work and Future Challenges and Opportunities.”

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on “Misuse of Patriot Act Powers: The Inspector General’s Findings of Improper Use of National Security Letters by the FBI” for Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC
FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 21, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. to receive testimony on nuclear and strategic policy options.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TERRORISM,
TECHNOLOGY, AND HOMELAND
SECURITY

The Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Homeland Security be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on “Identity Theft: Innovative Solutions for an Evolving Problem,” on Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 6:22 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 759. An act to redesignate the Ellis Island Library on the third floor of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, located on Ellis Island in New York Harbor, as the “Bob Hope Memorial Library”.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 42. Concurrent resolution honoring the heroic service and sacrifice of the glider pilots of the United States Army Air Forces during World War II.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6913, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People’s Republic of China, in addition to Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Chairman, appointed on February 7, 2007: Ms. KAPTUR of Ohio, Mr. HONDA of California, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. WALZ of Minnesota, Mr. MANZULLO of Illinois, Mr. PITTS of Pennsylvania, Mr. ROYCE of California, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

HOUSE BILL AND CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION REFERRED

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

H.R. 759. An act to redesignate the Ellis Island Library on the third floor of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, located on Ellis Island in New York Harbor, as the “Bob Hope Memorial Library”; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 42. Honoring the heroic service and sacrifice of the glider pilots of the United States Army Air Forces during World War II; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on 9:30 a.m., immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 21.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

At 7:52 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2007

Mr. ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CASEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, March 22, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., a Senator from the Commonwealth of

Pennsylvania, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CASEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The morning hour being deemed expired,
and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The ACTING PRESIDENT *pro tempore* laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 21) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012; and
The Senate resumed consideration of the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 517, proposed by Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. ENZI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CORKER, and Mr. ENSIGN), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. GREGG) to further amend the concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by decreasing certain sums (being amendment No. 525).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. GREGG for Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. GRAHAM) to further amend the concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by decreasing certain sums (being amendment No. 472).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GREGG,

Ordered, That amendment No. 525 be modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 472 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CONRAD,

Ordered, That, at 11:30 a.m., the Senate vote in "stacked" sequence on the following amendments in the following order: amendments numbered 489, 491, 504, and 511.

Ordered further, That there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate before each vote in "stacked" sequence; that no second-degree amendments be in order prior to the votes; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 472 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pending debate,

The hour of 11:30 a.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 489, proposed by Mr. DEMINT (for himself and Mr. ENZI), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. GREGG,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 45, nays... 52

[Rollcall Vote No. 89 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

NAYS --- 52

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Stabenow, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. DODD,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 491, proposed by Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. GREGG), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. ALLARD,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 33, nays... 64

[Rollcall Vote No. 90 Leg.]

YEAS --- 33

Allard, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McConnell, Sessions, Shelby, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter.

NAYS --- 64

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 504, proposed by Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DODD, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. HATCH), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Mr. BAUCUS, by unanimous consent, modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 504, as modified, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. CRAIG,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 511, proposed by Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. HAGEL), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.
It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 38, nays... 59

[Rollcall Vote No. 91 Leg.]

YEAS --- 38

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McConnell, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 59

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 472 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pending debate,

The question was deemed to have recurred on agreeing to amendment No. 525, as modified, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. ALLARD,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 23, nays... 74

[Rollcall Vote No. 92 Leg.]

YEAS --- 23

Alexander, Allard, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Inhofe, Lott, Martinez, McConnell, Sununu, Vitter.

NAYS --- 74

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Craig, Crapo, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby,

Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. CONRAD to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. CONRAD,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 472 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CONRAD,

Ordered, That Mr. SANDERS be recognized to propose, and debate, an amendment; and that, upon conclusion of debate by Mr. SANDERS, the following be recognized at the times indicated to propose amendments; and that each be recognized to speak thereon: Mr. ENZI, 1:30 p.m.; Mr. CARPER, 2 p.m.; Mr. COLEMAN, 2:15 p.m.; and Mrs. LINCOLN, 2:45 p.m.

Ordered further, That, at 3:15 p.m., Mr. KYL be recognized to propose an amendment; that there be 1 hour, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon; that, at 4:15 p.m., Mr. BAYH be recognized to propose an amendment; and that there be 10 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon.

Ordered further, That the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the amendment to be proposed by Mr. KYL prior to 11 a.m. on tomorrow, at a time to be determined by the two leaders; that it be in order to propose a majority-party amendment thereto; and that there be 6 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GREGG,

Ordered, That it be in order for "side-by-side" amendments to be proposed following each of the aforementioned amendments; and that the Senate first vote on the question of agreeing to the majority-party amendments.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 472 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GREGG,

Ordered, That amendment No. 502 be the pending question.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 502, proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 472 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI) to further amend the concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by increasing certain sums (being amendment No. 545).

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The pending amendments were laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. THOMAS) to further amend the concurrent resolution in title II, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 497).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CONRAD,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the order of today, it be in order for Mr. COLEMAN to be recognized to propose an amendment prior to Mr. CARPER.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 497 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

On motion by Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. GRAHAM) to further amend the concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by decreasing certain sums (being amendment No. 577).

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The pending amendments were laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified

On motion by Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. COBURN) to further amend the concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 538).

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The pending amendments were laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, and Mrs. MCCASKILL) to further amend the concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by increasing certain sums, and decreasing other sums (being amendment No. 542).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CONRAD,

Ordered, That Mr. THOMAS be recognized immediately to speak for 10 minutes; and

that, upon conclusion of remarks by him, Mr. BAYH be recognized to propose an amendment.

Ordered further, That, upon conclusion of votes in "stacked" sequence, the time from 6 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. be controlled by the minority; that the time from 6:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. be controlled by the majority; and that each half-hour thereafter be like controlled in alternating fashion.

Mr. GRASSLEY, by unanimous consent, withdrew his amendment No. 464.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 542 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. THOMAS to further amend the concurrent resolution on page 48, striking all beginning with line 17 through line 7 on page 62 (being amendment No. 498).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CONRAD,

Ordered, That amendments numbered 538 and 542 be agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 498 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. THUNE) to further amend the concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by increasing certain sums, and decreasing other sums (being amendment No. 583).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BAYH (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, and Mrs. LINCOLN) to further amend the concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by increasing certain sums, and decreasing other sums (being amendment No. 526).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. CONRAD to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. GREGG,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 583 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CONRAD,

Ordered, That amendment No. 545 be modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 583 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CONRAD,

Ordered, That the Senate vote in relation to the following amendments in the following order: amendment No. 472, amendment No. 545, as modified, amendment No. 497.

Ordered further, That there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; and that no second-degree amendments be in order to the amendments.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CONRAD,

Ordered, That amendment No. 517 be the pending question.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 517 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Mrs. HUTCHISON modified her pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 517, as modified.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 472 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. CONRAD,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 44, nays... 52

[Rollcall Vote No. 93 Leg.]

YEAS --- 44

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 52

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 545, as modified, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. GREGG,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 38, nays... 58

[Rollcall Vote No. 94 Leg.]

YEAS --- 38

Akaka, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cardin, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Whitehouse.

NAYS --- 58

Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Cantwell, Carper, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Isakson, Kyl, Landrieu, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Roberts, Salazar, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Wyden.

The amendment, as modified, was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. GREGG to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. ENZI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 497 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. CONRAD,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 47, nays... 49

[Rollcall Vote No. 95 Leg.]

YEAS --- 47

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

NAYS --- 49

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. OBAMA to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CONRAD,

Ordered, That amendment No. 498 be the pending question; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; and that said vote be 10 minutes in duration.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 498 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. CONRAD,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 29, nays... 67

[Rollcall Vote No. 96 Leg.]

YEAS --- 29

Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Sessions, Shelby, Thomas, Vitter, Voinovich.

NAYS --- 67

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Cornyn, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 583 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. CONRAD to further amend the concurrent in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 598).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. CONRAD,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 54, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 97 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 42

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. CONRAD to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. CONRAD,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 583 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GREGG,

Ordered, That amendment No. 577 be the pending question; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 577 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. CONRAD,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 42, nays... 53

[Rollcall Vote No. 98 Leg.]

YEAS --- 42

Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Isakson, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 53

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Sununu, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. GREGG to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. GREGG,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 583 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1130. A communication from the Staff Director, United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to probable violations of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1131. A communication from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the actions taken by the Commission under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1132. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "6-Benzyladenine; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8117-9) received on March 20, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1133. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois" (FRL No. 8290-5) received on March 20, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1134. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New York: Incorporation by Reference of State Hazardous Waste Management Program" (FRL No. 8278-2) received on March 20, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1135. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Listing of Ozone Depleting Substitutes in Foam Blowing" ((RIN2060-AN11)(FRL No. 8291-3)) received on March 20, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1136. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Treatment of Data Influenced by Exception Events" ((RIN2060-AN40)-(FRL No. 8289-5)) received on March 20, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1137. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a document recently issued by the Agency related to its regulatory programs entitled "RCRA Section 3103 Guidance Manual"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1138. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, the report of a legislative proposal intended to facilitate the part-time reemployment of annuitants; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1139. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law,

two reports relative to the United States Courts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1140. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1141. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting, legislative proposals for the consideration of the Congress; to the Committee on Armed Services

EC-1142. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1143. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the Inshore Component in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (ID No. 022607C) received on March 22, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1144. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Less than 60 ft. LOA Using Jig or Hook-and-Line Gear in the Bogoslof Pacific Cod Exemption Area in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID No. 022607B) received on March 22, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1145. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1146. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Preventing Undue Discrimination and Preference in Transmission Service" (Docket Nos. RM05-17-000 and RM05-25-000) received on March 22, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1147. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alternative Fuel Transportation Program; Alternative Compliance" (RIN1904-AB66) received on March 21, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1148. A communication from the Executive Director, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Update of Filing Fees" (RIN1902-AD18) received on March 22, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1149. A communication from the Acting Chair, Federal Subsistence Board, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska, Subpart C and D - 2007-2008 Subsistence Taking of Fish and Shellfish Regulations" (RIN1018-AU57) received on March 22, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1150. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Spikedace and the Loach Minnow" (RIN1018-AU33) received on March 22, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1151. A communication from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule Designating the Greater Yellowstone Area Population of Grizzly Bears as a Distinct Population Segment; Removing the Yellowstone Distinct Population Segment of Grizzly Bears from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife" (RIN1018-AT38) received on March 22, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1152. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's position on several health system reform proposals; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1153. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2007-33 - 2007-40); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1154. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Current Good Manufacturing Practice Regulation and Investigational New Drugs" (Docket No. 2005N-0285) received on March 22, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1155. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Substances Approved for Use in the Preparation of Meat and Poultry Products; Announcement of Effective Date" (Docket No. 1995N-0220) received on March 22, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1156. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Current Good Manufacturing Practice Regulation and Investigational New Drugs; Withdrawal" (Docket No. 2005N-0285) received on March 22, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1157. A communication from the Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost of response and recovery efforts in the State of Oklahoma; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1158. A communication from the Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost of response and recovery efforts in the State of Illinois; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1159. A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Traumatic Injury Protection Rider to Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance" (RIN2900-AM36) received on March 22, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1160. A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical: Informed Consent - Designate Health Care Professionals to Obtain Informed Consent" (RIN2900-AM21) received on March 22, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1161. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative

to the impact and effectiveness of projects funded by the Administration for Native Americans in fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2007" (Rept. No. 110-36).

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 965. An original bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-37).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 957. A bill to provide for the collection and maintenance of amniotic fluid and placental stem cells for the treatment of patients and research; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LOTT, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BURR, Mr. DODD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 958. A bill to establish an adolescent literacy program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. REID, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. DODD, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 959. A bill to award a grant to enable Teach for America, Inc., to implement and expand its teaching program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 960. A bill to establish the United States Public Service Academy; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 961. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States

merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. WEBB):

S. 962. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize and improve the carbon capture and storage research, development, and demonstration program of the Department of Energy and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 963. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to educational organizations to carry out educational programs about the Holocaust; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 964. A bill to require States and Indian tribes to designate specific highway routes for the transportation of hazardous materials and the long-distance transportation of solid waste; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BYRD:

S. 965. An original bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 966. A bill to enable the Department of State to respond to a critical shortage of passport processing personnel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 967. A bill to amend chapter 41 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment and authorization of funding for certain training programs for supervisors of Federal employees; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 968. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide increased assistance for the prevention, treatment, and control of tuberculosis, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 969. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the definition of supervisor; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr.

COLEMAN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BAYH, Mr. KYL, Mr. THUNE, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 970. A bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOND (for himself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 971. A bill to establish the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, to provide funding for the support of fundamental agricultural research of the highest quality, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 972. A bill to provide for the reduction of adolescent pregnancy, HIV rates, and other sexually transmitted diseases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 973. A bill to amend the Mandatory Victims' Restitution Act to improve restitution for victims of crime, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. BAYH, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 974. A bill to amend title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide that the provisions relating to countervailing duties apply to nonmarket economy countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DODD, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. REED, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. VITTER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BURR, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SPECTER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr.

OBAMA, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TESTER, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BYRD, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. INOUE, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BAUCUS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LOTT, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. Res. 117. A resolution commemorating the 25th anniversary of the construction and dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. Res. 118. A resolution urging the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 119. A resolution to authorize testimony by a former detailee of the Committee on the Judiciary; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. Res. 120. A resolution designating March 22, 2007, as National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. Con. Res. 23. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that provisions that provoke veto threats from the President should not be included on bills that appropriate funds for the implementation of recommendations of the Base Closure and Realignment Commission; to the Committee on Appropriations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 22, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 117

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 117, a bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and services for members of the Armed Forces, veterans of the Global War on Terrorism, and other veterans, to require reports on the

effects of the Global War on Terrorism, and for other purposes.

S. 206

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 206, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 288

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 288, a bill to amend titles 10 and 14, United States Code, to provide for the use of gold in the metal content of the Medal of Honor.

S. 368

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 368, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 369

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 369, a bill to provide for a medal of appropriate design to be awarded by the President to the next of kin or other representative of those individuals killed as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

S. 469

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 469, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

S. 474

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD], the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr.

INOUYE], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT], the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. McCASKILL], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. McCONNELL], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH], the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS], the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 474, a bill to award a congressional gold medal to Michael Ellis DeBakey, M.D.

S. 491

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to clarify the rules of origin for certain textile and apparel products.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 580

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 580, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to

require the Secretary of the Interior to update the feasibility and suitability studies of four national historic trails, and for other purposes.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 604, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to limit increases in the certain costs of health care services under the health care programs of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 626, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 638

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 638, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 644

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 644, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recodify as part of that title certain educational assistance programs for members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces, to improve such programs, and for other purposes.

S. 694

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 694, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of light motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 721

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 721, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 749

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 749, a bill to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax

basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 823

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 823, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to facilitating the development of microbicides for preventing transmission of HIV/AIDS and other diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 829

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 829, a bill to reauthorize the HOPE VI program for revitalization of severely distressed public housing, and for other purposes.

S. 881

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 881, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 935

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 935, a bill to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CONRAD,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 22, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on U.S. Southern Command, U.S. Northern Command, and U.S. Joint Forces Command in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 22, 2007, at 2 p.m., in closed session to receive a briefing on detention and judicial capacity in Iraq.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 22, 2007, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on "Mortgage Market Turmoil: Causes and Consequences."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE,
AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 22, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss Federal Aviation Administration modernization proposals.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND
NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 22, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the "Future of Coal" report recently published by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Thursday, March 22, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Keeping America's Promise: Health Care and Child Welfare Services for Native Americans."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 22, 2007, at 10:30 a.m., to hold a nomination hearing.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY
AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, March 22, 2007, at 10 a.m., for a hearing titled "Deconstructing Reconstruction: Problems, Challenges, and the Way Forward in Iraq and Afghanistan."

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, March 22, 2007, at 9:45 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct an oversight hearing on Indian Housing.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, March 22, 2007, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Room 226.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON
INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 22, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF
GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE
FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet on Thursday, March 22,

2007 at 2:30 p.m. for a hearing entitled, Safeguarding the Merit System Principals: A Review of the Merit Systems Protection Board and the Office of the Special Counsel.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:10 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 327. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop and implement a comprehensive program designed to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.

H.R. 740. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent caller ID spoofing, and for other purposes.

H.R. 797. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve compensation benefits for veterans in certain cases of impairment of vision involving both eyes, to provide for the use of the National Directory of New Hires for income verification purposes, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide an educational assistance allowance for qualifying work study activities, and to authorize the provision of bronze representations of the letter "V" for the graves of eligible individuals buried in private cemeteries in lieu of Government-provided headstones or markers.

H.R. 1130. An act to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to extend the authority to withhold from public availability a financial disclosure report filed by an individual who is a judicial officer or judicial employee, to the extent necessary to protect the safety of that individual or a family member of that individual, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1284. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2007, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 327. To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop and implement a comprehensive program designed to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 740. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent caller ID spoofing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 797. To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve compensation benefits for veterans in certain cases of impairment of vision involving both eyes, to provide for the use of the National Directory of New Hires for income verification purposes, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide an educational assistance allowance for qualifying work study activities, and to authorize the provision of bronze representations of the letter "V" for the graves of eligible individuals buried in private cemeteries in lieu of Government-provided headstones or markers; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1130. An act to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to extend the authority to withhold from public availability a financial disclosure report filed by an individual who is a judicial officer or judicial employee, to the extent necessary to protect the safety of that individual or a family member of that individual, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1284. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2007, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

BILLS INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That the following bills on the calendar be indefinitely postponed:

S. 194. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 North Frontage Road West in Vail, Colorado, as the "Gerald R. Ford, Jr. Post Office Building".

S. 219. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 152 North 5th Street in Laramie, Wyoming, as the "Gale W. McGee Post Office".

S. 412. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2633 11th Street in Rock Island, Illinois, as the "Lane Evans Post Office Building".

AUTHORIZING TESTIMONY BY A FORMER DETAILEE OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

On the request of Mr. CASEY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANDERS in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 119) to authorize testimony by a former detailee of the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on the Budget; and that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote in "stacked" sequence.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by minority party Senators.

Pending debate,

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELORS APPRECIATION DAY"

On the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 120)

designating March 22, 2007, as "National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day", submitted today by Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

The Senate resumed consideration of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 583 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 9:42 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2007

Mr. SHERROD BROWN, from the State of Ohio, called the Senate to order at 9 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. BROWN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, March 23, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a Senator from the State of Ohio, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. BROWN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 21) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 583 proposed by Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. THUNE), to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. GREGG to further amend the concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 622).

After debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GREGG,

Ordered, That the amendment be agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 583 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CONRAD,

Ordered, That no second-degree amendment be in order to be proposed to any amendment to the pending concurrent resolution, except for those to be proposed by the two managers.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 583 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. BILL NELSON) to further amend the concurrent resolution in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 601).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 583 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BROWNBACK to further amend the concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by increasing certain sums, and decreasing other sums (being amendment No. 581).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 583 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. CONRAD to further amend the concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 623).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 583 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT to further amend the concurrent resolution in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 513).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. DEMINT,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 38, nays... 61

[Rollcall Vote No. 99 Leg.]

YEAS --- 38

Allard, Bayh, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Landrieu, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Sessions, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

NAYS --- 61

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Menendez, Mikulski,

Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 583 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CONRAD,

Ordered, That each of the remaining votes in "stacked" sequence be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 583 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BUNNING to further amend the concurrent resolution in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 621).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 583 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. DOLE to further amend the concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by increasing certain sums, and decreasing other sums (being amendment No. 553).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 583 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. KYL, and Mrs. BOXER) to further amend the concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by increasing certain sums, and decreasing other sums (being amendment No. 574).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 583 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr. DEMINT) to further amend the concurrent resolution on various pages and

lines, by increasing certain sums, and decreasing other sums (being amendment No. 473).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. CONRAD,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 46, nays... 53

[Rollcall Vote No. 100 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 53

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 583 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BAUCUS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. BILL NELSON, and Mr. PRYOR) to further amend the concurrent resolution in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 626).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. GREGG,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 25, nays... 74

[Rollcall Vote No. 101 Leg.]

YEAS --- 25

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Byrd, Cardin, Casey, Collins, Feingold, Inouye, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Leahy, Lincoln, Lugar, Mikulski, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Salazar, Snowe, Stabenow, Tester, Voinovich, Wyden.

NAYS --- 74

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Cantwell, Carper, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Kyl, Lautenberg, Levin, Lieberman, Lott, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Murkowski, Murray, Obama, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 583 to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. KYL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 48, nays... 51

[Rollcall Vote No. 102 Leg.]

YEAS --- 48

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

NAYS --- 51

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) to further amend the concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 508).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. HATCH,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---

yeas... 49, nays... 50

[Rollcall Vote No. 103 Leg.]

YEAS --- 49

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 50

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. GREGG) to further amend the concurrent resolution, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 521).

After debate,

Mr. CONRAD raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. ALLARD, under section 904(c)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. ALLARD,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 39, nays... 60

[Rollcall Vote No. 104 Leg.]

YEAS --- 39

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 60

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar,

Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. CONRAD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. SMITH (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. KERRY) to further amend the concurrent resolution in section 301, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 510).

Mr. SMITH, by unanimous consent, modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 510, as modified, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 59, nays... 40

[Rollcall Vote No. 105 Leg.]

YEAS --- 59

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Gregg, Harkin, Hatch, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Martinez, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 40

Alexander, Allard, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Hagel, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Nelson (NE), Reid, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Mr. CONRAD proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was agreed to: Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS), amendment No. 519; Mr. BURR, amendment No. 499; Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and

Mr. MENENDEZ), amendment No. 528; Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. PRYOR), amendment No. 546; Mr. KENNEDY, amendment No. 602; Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. GRAHAM), amendment No. 619; Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. SANDERS), amendment No. 490; Mr. KERRY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. ENZI), amendment No. 616; Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. WEBB, and Mr. LIEBERMAN), amendment No. 620; Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. DURBIN), amendment No. 615; Mr. GRAHAM, amendment No. 614.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. THOMAS to further amend the concurrent resolution on page 34, after the period on line 9, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 515).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. THOMAS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 39, nays... 59

[Rollcall Vote No. 106 Leg.]

YEAS --- 39

Alexander, Allard, Bayh, Bennett, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 59

Akaka, Baucus, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. SPECTER to further amend the concurrent resolution on page 63, after line 24, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 613).

Mr. SPECTER, by unanimous consent, modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 613, as modified, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. GRAHAM to further amend the concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by increasing certain sums, and decreasing other sums (being amendment No. 478).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. GREGG,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 46, nays... 52

[Rollcall Vote No. 107 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

NAYS --- 52

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Stabenow, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 613, as modified, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That amendment No. 490, previously agreed to, be modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 613, as modified, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GREGG,

Ordered, That the pending amendment, as modified, be agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. GREGG (for Mr. THUNE) to further amend the concurrent resolution in

title II, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 465).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. GRASSLEY to further amend the concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by increasing certain sums, and decreasing other sums (being amendment No. 471).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. GRASSLEY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 44, nays... 53

[Rollcall Vote No. 108 Leg.]

YEAS --- 44

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Shelby, Smith, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

NAYS --- 53

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Gregg, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Stabenow, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. WYDEN) to further amend the concurrent resolution on page 48, after line 14, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 587).

After debate,

Mr. BINGAMAN withdrew his pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT to further amend the concurrent resolution on page 34, after the period on line 9, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 576).

After debate,

Mr. BINGAMAN withdrew his pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT (for himself and Mr. KYL) to further amend the concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by increasing certain sums, and decreasing other sums (being amendment No. 578).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. CONRAD,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 44, nays... 55

[Rollcall Vote No. 109 Leg.]

YEAS --- 44

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Specter, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter.

NAYS --- 55

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. KOHL, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DODD, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. MENENDEZ) to further amend the concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by increasing certain sums, and decreasing other sums (being amendment No. 529).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. GREGG,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 65, nays... 33

[Rollcall Vote No. 110 Leg.]

YEAS --- 65

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye,

Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 33

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, Sessions, Shelby, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Warner, Webb.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT to further amend the concurrent resolution on page 47, striking all beginning with "direct spending" on line 25 through "or revenue" on line 1, page 48 (being amendment No. 530).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT to further amend the concurrent resolution on page 34, before the period on line 9, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 534).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BUNNING (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. MCCONNELL) to further amend the concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 594).

Mr. BUNNING, by unanimous consent, modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 594, as modified, to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. GREGG,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 44, nays... 55

[Rollcall Vote No. 111 Leg.]

YEAS --- 44

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 55

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON) to further amend the concurrent resolution, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 536).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. CONRAD,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 44, nays... 55

[Rollcall Vote No. 112 Leg.]

YEAS --- 44

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 55

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. COLEMAN to further amend the concurrent resolution on various pages and lines, by increasing certain sums, and decreasing other sums (being amendment No. 522).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. LOTT to further amend the concurrent resolution on various pages

and lines, by increasing certain sums, and decreasing other sums (being amendment No. 606).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. GREGG,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 49, nays... 50

[Rollcall Vote No. 113 Leg.]

YEAS --- 49

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

NAYS --- 50

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CONRAD,

Ordered, That the following amendments be deemed proposed and agreed to: amendments numbered 638 and 518.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 1591 ON MONDAY NEXT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, on Monday next, following the period for the transaction of morning business, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 1591) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

The Senate resumed consideration of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Mr. CONRAD proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was modified, as indicated, and agreed to: Mr. BILL NELSON, amendment No. 580; Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LUGAR, and Mrs. BOXER), amendment No. 599; Mr. LEVIN, amendment No. 632; Mr. CASEY, amendment No. 617; Mr. CARPER (for himself, and Mr. COBURN), amendment No. 540; Mr. PRYOR, amendment No. 611, as modified; Mr. DORGAN (for himself, and Ms. SNOWE), amendment No. 544; Mr. OBAMA, amendment No. 524; Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DODD, and Mr. MENENDEZ), amendment No. 596; Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BAYH, and Mrs. LINCOLN), amendment No. 600; Mr. WEBB (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. REID), amendment No. 537; Mr. PRYOR (for himself, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR), amendment No. 627; Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, and Mrs. CLINTON), amendment No. 639; Mr. DORGAN (for himself, and Ms. SNOWE), amendment No. 589; Mr. VOINOVICH, amendment No. 470, as modified; Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR), amendment No. 572; Ms. MURKOWSKI, amendment No. 551, as modified; Ms. SNOWE (for herself, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER), amendment No. 629, as modified; Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. SPECTER), amendment No. 636; Mrs. DOLE, amendment No. 633; Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SALAZAR, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. THUNE), amendment No. 635; Mr. SPECTER (for himself, and Mr. MENENDEZ), amendment No. 506; Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, and Mr. BAUCUS), amendment No. 548; Mrs. DOLE, amendment No. 640.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 52, nays... 47

[Rollcall Vote No. 114 Leg.]

YEAS --- 52

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 47

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. CONRAD to reconsider the vote agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. CONRAD,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1162. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, the report of draft legislation intended to authorize the Secretary to dispose of certain National Forest System land and retain the receipts for certain purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1163. A communication from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Nunn-McCurdy Unit Cost thresholds for the Warfighter Information Network-Tactical Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1164. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, received on March 22, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1165. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions and Clarifications of License Exception Availability, License Requirements and Licensing Policy for Certain Crime Control Items" (RIN0694-AD47) received on March 22, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

EC-1166. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Access to HUD Records Under the Freedom of Information Act and Production of Material or Provision of Testimony by HUD Employees" ((RIN2501-AD18)(FR-5015-F-02)) received on March 22, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1167. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Third Extension of the South Pacific Tuna Treaty" (RIN0648-AP61) received on March 22, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1168. A communication from the Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Annual Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1169. A communication from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reclassification of the American Crocodile Distinct Population Segment in Florida from Endangered to Threatened; Final Rule" (RIN1018-AI41) received on March 22, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1170. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the exercise of the President's waiver authority with regard to the prohibition on military assistance provided to Chad; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1171. A communication from the Acting Executive Secretary, United States

Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Administrator, received on March 22, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1172. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, (2) reports relative vacancy announcements within the Department, received on March 22, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1173. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Letter Report: Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8A for Fiscal Years 2004 Through 2006, as of March 31, 2006"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1174. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Auditor's Examination of Privatization of Parking Meters Operations and Contractor's Performance Billing Under Parking Meter Services Contract"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1175. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's activities with regard to prison rape abatement during calendar year 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-30. A resolution adopted by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners urging the Florida Legislature to authorize local governments to accept restrictive covenants with regard to certain properties; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

POM-31. A resolution adopted by the Lauderdale Lakes City Commission urging Congress to increase funding for the Community Development Block Grant Fund; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

POM-32. A resolution adopted by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners urging the State of Florida to expand the use of its Department of Elder Affairs Optional State Supplementation Assistance Program Payments; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

POM-33. A resolution adopted by the Miami-Dade County Board of County

Commissioners urging the Florida Legislature to establish a program to provide matching funds for solar and other energy saving water heater installations for low-income homeowners; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-34. A resolution adopted by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners urging the Florida Legislature to designate part of the Florida Turnpike Homestead Extension in South Miami-Dade County the "John F. Cosgrove Highway"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-35. A resolution adopted by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners urging the Florida Legislature to reinstate the property tax exemption currently authorized in the Florida Constitution for certain energy systems; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-36. A resolution adopted by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners urging the Florida Legislature to continue and expand the Hurricane Sales Tax Holiday; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-37. A resolution adopted by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners approving the 2007 Tri-County Commission Legislative Package; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-38. A resolution adopted by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners urging the Florida Legislature to pass legislation eliminating a certain tax "loop hole"; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-39. A resolution adopted by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners urging the Florida Legislature to pass legislation as soon as possible implementing the Double Homestead Exemption for Low-Income Seniors Constitutional Amendment; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-40. A resolution adopted by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners urging the Florida Legislature to impose a letter-grading system for restaurant inspection reports and to require the posting of that letter grade; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-41. A resolution adopted by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners urging the Florida Legislature to fund the South Florida Holocaust Survivors Assistance Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-42. A resolution adopted by the Lauderdale Lakes City Commission requesting Congress to increase funding for the No Child Left Behind Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-43. A resolution adopted by the Lauderdale Lakes City Commission establishing a specific fund for targeted healthcare for children and pregnant women beginning 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-44. A resolution adopted by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners urging the Florida Legislature to repeal the preemption of local government regulation of generators at gasoline stations, food stores and pharmacies; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

POM-45. A resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Watsonville opposing the Citizenship and Immigration Services Citizenship Fee increase; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-46. A resolution adopted by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners urging the Florida Legislature to increase the sentencing requirements for persons who commit crimes with assault weapons; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-47. A resolution adopted by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners urging the Florida Legislature and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Commissioner to develop and fund an outreach and public awareness campaign regarding unsolved violent crimes and unsolved criminal drug cases; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-48. A resolution adopted by the Lauderdale Lakes City Commission requesting Congress to fully fund the Community Oriented Policing Program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 975. A bill granting the consent and approval of Congress to an interstate forest fire protection compact; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. 976. A bill to secure the promise of personalized medicine for all Americans by expanding and accelerating genomics research and initiatives to improve the accuracy of disease diagnosis, increase the safety of drugs, and identify novel treatments; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 977. A bill to amend chapter 11 of title 18, United States Code, to ensure United

States attorneys are able to act impartially, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 978. A bill to authorize the awarding of the Medal of Honor to Woodrow W. Keeble for his acts of valor during the Korean conflict; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. KERRY):

S. 979. A bill to establish a Vote by Mail grant program; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 980. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to address online pharmacies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 981. A bill to authorize the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to waive the prohibition on duplication of certain disaster relief assistance; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 982. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for integration of mental health services and mental health treatment outreach teams, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 121. A resolution to direct the Senate Legal Counsel to appear as amicus curiae in the name of the Senate in support of the appellee in Office of Senator Mark Dayton v. Brad Hanson; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DODD, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. REED, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. VITTER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BURR, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr.

KENNEDY, Mr. SPECTER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TESTER, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BYRD, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. INOUE, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BAUCUS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LOTT, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. BUNNING):

S. Res. 122. A resolution commemorating the 25th anniversary of the construction and dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. Con. Res. 24. A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Capitol grounds for the Live Earth Concert; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 117

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 117, a bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and services for members of the Armed Forces, veterans of the Global War on Terrorism, and other veterans, to require reports on the effects of the Global War on Terrorism, and for other purposes.

S. 254

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 254, a bill to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi.

S. 434

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 434, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to permit qualifying States to use a portion of their allotments under the State children's health insurance program for any fiscal year for certain medicaid expenditures.

S. 474

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 474, a bill to award a congressional gold medal to Michael Ellis DeBaKey, M.D.

S. 502

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS] were added as cosponsors of S. 502, a bill to repeal the sunset on the reduction of capital gains rates for individuals and on the taxation of dividends of individuals at capital gains rates.

S. 549

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 549, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to preserve the effectiveness of medically important antibiotics used in the treatment of human and animal diseases.

S. 634

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 634, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 675

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 675, a bill to provide competitive grants for training court reporters and closed captioners to meet requirements for realtime writers under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] were added as cosponsors of S. 746, a bill to establish a competitive grant program to build capacity in veterinary medical education and expand the workforce of veterinarians engaged in public health practice and biomedical research.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 807

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] and the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] were added as cosponsors of S. 807, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 to provide that manure shall not be considered to be a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

S. 890

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 890, a bill to provide for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, and for other purposes.

S. 893

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 893, a bill to allow a State to combine certain funds and enter into a performance agreement with the Secretary of Education to improve the academic achievement of students.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

S. 903

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 903, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Muhammad Yunus, in recognition of his contributions to the fight against global poverty.

S. 909

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] were added as cosponsors of S. 909, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States, at their option, to require certain individuals to present satisfactory documentary evidence of proof of citizenship or nationality for purposes of eligibility for Medicaid, and for other purposes.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 911, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 949

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 949, a bill to amend the Plant Protection Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into cooperative agreements with States to augment the efforts of the States to conduct early detection and surveillance to prevent the establishment or spread of plant pests that endanger agriculture, the environment, and the economy of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 971

At the request of Mr. BOND, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 971, a bill to establish the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, to provide funding for the support of fundamental agricultural research of the highest quality, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 82

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 82, a resolution designating August 16, 2007 as "National Airborne Day".

SENATE RESOLUTION 117

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 117, a resolution commemorating the 25th anniversary of the construction and

dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 1:49 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 545. An act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that territories and Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine.

H.R. 1227. An act to assist in the provision of affordable housing to low-income families affected by Hurricane Katrina.

H.R. 1591. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 66. Concurrent resolution permitting the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 1227. An act to assist in the provision of affordable housing to low-income families affected by Hurricane Katrina; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 1591. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

OBJECTION TO DISCHARGE AND CONSIDERATION OF S. CON. RES. 24

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be discharged from the further consideration of the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 24) authorizing the use of Capitol grounds for the Live Earth Concert; that the Senate proceed

to consider the concurrent resolution; that the concurrent resolution be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Mr. McCONNELL objected.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE UNITED STATES CAPITOL PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) announced that the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 100-696, had appointed the following as members of the United States Capitol Preservation Commission: Mr. DURBIN, Ms. LANDRIEU.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER

UNITED STATES CAPITOL PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the minority leader, pursuant to Public Law 100-696, had appointed Mr. ALLARD as a member of the United States Capitol Preservation Commission.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF GEORGE C. SPRINGER, SR.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 47) honoring the life and achievements of George C. Springer, Sr., the Northeast regional director and a former vice president of the American Federation of Teachers.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENTRY OF ALASKA INTO THE UNION AS THE 49TH STATE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 49) recognizing and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the entry of Alaska into the Union as the 49th State.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 78) designating April 2007 as "National Autism Awareness Month" and supporting efforts to increase funding for research into the causes and treatment of autism and to improve training and support for individuals with autism and those who care for individuals with autism.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

OBSERVING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ABOLITION OF THE SLAVE TRADE IN THE BRITISH EMPIRE AND HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED LIFE AND LEGACY OF WILLIAM WILBERFORCE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 84) observing February 23, 2007, as the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade in the British Empire, honoring the distinguished life and legacy of William Wilberforce, and encouraging the people of the United States to follow the example of William Wilberforce by selflessly pursuing respect for human rights around the world.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING AND PRAISING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 98TH ANNIVERSARY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 44) honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 98th anniversary.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DIRECTING THE SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL TO APPEAR AS AMICUS CURIAE IN THE NAME OF THE SENATE IN SUPPORT OF THE APPELLEE IN OFFICE OF SENATOR MARK DAYTON V. BRAD HANSON

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 121) to direct the Senate Legal Counsel to appear as amicus curiae in the name of the Senate in support of the appellee in Office of Senator Mark Dayton v. Brad Hanson, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMEMORATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND DEDICATION OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 122) commemorating the 25th anniversary of the construction and dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, submitted today by Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DODD, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. REED, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. VITTER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BURR, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SPECTER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TESTER, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BYRD, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. INOUE, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BAUCUS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LOTT, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. BUNNING), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 545) to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that territories and Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2:30 P.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2007, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2:30 p.m. on Monday, March 26, 2007; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 3 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, at 3 p.m., the Senate proceed to consider bill H.R. 1591, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 4:25 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2:30 p.m. on Monday, March 26, 2007.

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2007

Mr. MARK L. PRYOR, from the State of Arkansas, called the Senate to order at 2:30 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. PRYOR led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 26, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK L. PRYOR, a Senator from the State of Arkansas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. PRYOR took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, March 23, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, March 23, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Friday, March 23, 2007,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business until 3 p.m.

Pending debate,

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 93. A bill to authorize NTIA to borrow against anticipated receipts of the Digital Television and Public Safety Fund to initiate migration to a national IP-enabled emergency network capable of receiving and responding to all citizen activated emergency communications (Rept. No. 110-38).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment:

S. 261. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 627. A bill to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to improve the health and well-being of maltreated infants and toddlers through the creation of a National Court Teams Resource Center, to assist local Court Teams, and for other purposes.

S. 888. A bill to amend section 1091 of title 18, United States Code, to allow the prosecution of genocide in appropriate circumstances.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 983. A bill for the relief of Michael Anthony Hurley; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 984. A bill for the relief of Jiao Ying Li; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 985. A bill to establish a pilot program to provide low interest loans to nonprofit, community-based lending intermediaries, to provide midsize loans to small business concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 986. A bill to expand eligibility for Combat-Related Special Compensation paid by the uniformed services in order to permit certain additional retired members who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for that disability and Combat-Related Special Compensation by reason of that disability; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 987. A bill to enhance the energy security of the United States by promoting biofuels and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. GREGG, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. ENZI, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 988. A bill to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. LINCOLN:

S. 989. A bill to amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to clarify that the value of certain funeral and burial arrangements are not to be considered available resources under the supplemental security income program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 990. A bill to fight criminal gangs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. Res. 123. A resolution reforming the congressional earmark process; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. Res. 124. A resolution congratulating the European Union on the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Rome creating the European Economic Community among 6 European countries and laying the foundations for peace, stability, and prosperity in Europe; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 57

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] were added as cosponsors of S. 57, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 254

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 254, a bill to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi.

S. 406

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 406, a bill to ensure local governments have the flexibility needed to enhance decision-making regarding certain mass transit projects.

S. 413

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 413, a bill to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 and the Revised Statutes of the United States to prohibit financial holding companies and national banks from engaging, directly or indirectly, in real estate brokerage or real estate management activities, and for other purposes.

S. 474

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 474, a bill to award a congressional gold medal to Michael Ellis DeBakey, M.D.

S. 502

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK] and the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] were added as cosponsors of S. 502, a bill to repeal the sunset on the reduction of capital gains rates for individuals and on the taxation of dividends of individuals at capital gains rates.

S. 506

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 506, a bill to improve efficiency in the Federal Government through the use of high-performance green buildings, and for other purposes.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 576

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 576, a bill to provide for the effective prosecution of terrorists and guarantee due process rights.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 582, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to classify automatic fire sprinkler systems as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 597

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 597, a bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 604, a bill to

amend title 10, United States Code, to limit increases in the certain costs of health care services under the health care programs of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 638

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 638, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 656

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 656, a bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain nationals of Liberia to that of lawful permanent residence.

S. 673

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 673, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide credits for the installation of wind energy property, including by rural homeowners, farmers, ranchers, and small businesses, and for other purposes.

S. 682

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER], the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] were added as cosponsors of S. 682, a bill to award a congressional gold medal to Edward William Brooke III in recognition of his unprecedented and enduring service to our Nation.

S. 756

At the request of Mr. Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 756, a bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of Defense to address the equipment reset and other equipment needs of the National Guard, and for other purposes.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 803, a bill to repeal a provision enacted to end Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 831

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 831, a bill to authorize

States and local governments to prohibit the investment of State assets in any company that has a qualifying business relationship with Sudan.

S. 871

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 871, a bill to establish and provide for the treatment of Individual Development Accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 883

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 883, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend loan forgiveness for certain loans to Head Start teachers.

S. 888

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 888, a bill to amend section 1091 of title 18, United States Code, to allow the prosecution of genocide in appropriate circumstances.

S. 903

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 903, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Muhammad Yunus, in recognition of his contributions to the fight against global poverty.

S. 914

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 914, a bill to authorize the States (and subdivisions thereof), the District of Columbia, territories, and possessions of the United States to provide certain tax incentives to any person for economic development purposes.

S. 959

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 959, a bill to award a grant to enable Teach for America, Inc., to implement and expand its teaching program.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 969, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the definition of supervisor.

S. 980

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 980, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to address online pharmacies.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 3

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 3, a concurrent resolution

expressing the sense of Congress that it is the goal of the United States that, not later than January 1, 2025, the agricultural, forestry, and working land of the United States should provide from renewable resources not less than 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States and continue to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, feed, and fiber.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a Roundtable Discussion during the session of the Senate on Monday, March 26, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-G50 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

The Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Monday, March 26, 2007, at 2 p.m., to receive a briefing on the reorganization of the office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE LAW

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law be authorized to meet on Monday, March 26, 2007, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing on "Legal Options to Stop Human Trafficking," in Room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet on Monday, March 26, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., for a hearing entitled, Understanding the Realities of REAL ID: A Review of Efforts to Secure Drivers' Licenses and Identification Cards.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 545) to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that territories and Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine, received from the House of Representatives

for concurrence on Friday, March 23, 2007, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

U.S. TROOP READINESS,
VETERANS' HEALTH, AND IRAQ
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Pursuant to the order of Friday, March 23, 2007,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. KLOBUCHAR in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1591) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. BYRD to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 641, in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. WARNER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BENNETT, and Mr. ENZI) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 24, striking all beginning with line 16 through line 24, page 26, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 643).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding an amendment being pending, the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be agreed to and considered original text for purpose of further amendment; that no points of order be deemed waived; and that amendment No. 643 be modified to reflect first-degree status to the bill.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 643, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 1591:

HARRY REID, ROBERT C. BYRD, JACK REED, PATRICK LEAHY, B.A. MIKULSKI, BYRON L. DORGAN, CHRISTOPHER DODD, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, RICHARD J. DURBIN, CHUCK SCHUMER, DEBBIE STABENOW, BARBARA

BOXER, HERB KOHL, JAY ROCKEFELLER, JOE BIDEN, E. BENJAMIN NELSON, DANIEL K. AKAKA, TED KENNEDY.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 643, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION
ON TOMORROW

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 11:50 a.m. on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of George H. Wu, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California; that there be 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on the Judiciary; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the confirmation of the nomination; that, following the vote, a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

CONGRATULATING THE
EUROPEAN UNION ON THE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF
THE TREATY OF ROME CREATING
THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC
COMMUNITY

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 124) congratulating the European Union on the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Rome creating the European Economic Community among 6 European countries and laying the foundations for peace, stability, and prosperity in Europe, submitted today by Mr. BIDEN, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PERMITTING THE USE OF THE
ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL FOR A
CEREMONY AS PART OF THE
COMMEMORATION OF THE DAYS
OF REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS OF
THE HOLOCAUST

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 66) permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Friday, March 23, 2007, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the first 30 minutes therein be controlled by the minority, and the second 30 minutes therein be controlled by the majority; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1591.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, upon conclusion of the vote on the nomination of George H. Wu, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m.

Ordered further, That Senators be authorized to "file" first-degree amendments to bill H.R. 1591 until 2:30 p.m. on tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:56 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2007

Mr. ROBERT MENENDEZ, from the State of New Jersey, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MENENDEZ led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 27, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT MENENDEZ, a Senator from the State of New Jersey, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. MENENDEZ took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-49. A resolution adopted by the California State Lands Commission urging the Senate to pass Senate Resolution 151; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Whereas, U.S. Senators Boxer and Feinstein have introduced S. 151 to prohibit

new oil and gas leasing in federal waters off California; and

Whereas, California's 1,100 mile coastline, with its beautiful beaches, wild cliffs, abundant fish stocks and fragile environment is a national treasure and a valuable state resource, which is at the heart of a tourist industry that generates nearly five billion dollars in state and local taxes each year; and is the heart of the state's \$43 billion ocean economy; and

Whereas, the citizens of California have long opposed new oil and gas drilling off their coastline and support protecting the fragile and valuable coastal environment over development of the relatively small amounts of oil and gas offshore California; and

Whereas, California initiated protection of its coast from oil and gas development when the California Legislature in 1955 and 1963, prohibited oil and gas leasing in the State waters off Monterey and Santa Cruz counties and portions of Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Humboldt, and Mendocino Counties; and

Whereas, the California State Lands Commission has not issued any offshore oil and gas lease for new areas since the 1969 spill from a well in Federal waters off Santa Barbara that released over three million gallons of crude oil, coating Santa Barbara County's ocean beaches; and

Whereas, the California Legislature continued the State's efforts to restrict oil and development in its own waters by enacting the California Coastal Sanctuary Act in 1994, which codified the Commission's earlier administrative prohibition of new offshore leases and created a statutory statewide coastal sanctuary that prohibits future oil and gas leasing in all State coastal waters, from Mexico to the Oregon border, in perpetuity; and

Whereas, the U.S. Congress has protected California coastline from expanded offshore drilling for more than twenty years, renewing this protection in the form of a legislative moratorium contained in the annual appropriations bill for the Department of the Interior; and

Whereas, the need for new oil development can be reduced by improving automobile fuel efficiency and energy efficiency, utilizing and further researching renewable energy and alternative fuels, and fully funding energy conservation and efficiency programs, including solar and renewables, weatherization, and other initiatives; thus increasing energy independence and reducing the reliance on foreign oil; and

Whereas, in spite of the steady opposition to new oil and gas leasing off California, various proposals have been made in the last five years to end the federal moratorium or to take steps, such as oil and gas inventories, that are intended to lead to new leasing; and

Whereas, the Commission has adopted six resolutions since 2001 supporting the existing moratorium on new federal leases and opposing the new initiatives to open the California coast to new oil and gas development and leases; and

Whereas, S. 151, recently introduced by Senators Boxer and Feinstein would permanently ban new oil and gas leasing in federal waters, consistent with the state's own prohibition of new leasing in state waters; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the California State Lands Commission, That it supports S. 151 and the prohibition it proposes for new oil and gas leases in federal waters off California and urges Congress to adopt this measure; and be it further

Resolved, That the Congress of the United States and the Federal government be encouraged to explore options to increase energy independence and reduce reliance on foreign oil, such as incentives to improve energy efficiency, requirements to improve automobile fuel efficiency, provide funding for research into renewable energy and alternative fuels, and fully funding energy conservation and efficiency; and be it further

Resolved, That the Commission's Executive Officer transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Governor of California, to the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, to the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, to the Chairs and Ranking Minority Members of the House Committee on Natural Resources, the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-50. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Michigan urging Congress to enact the Great Lakes Asian Carp Barrier Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 17

Whereas, two species of Asian carp are on the verge of invading the Great Lakes. Silver carp and bighead carp have advanced up the Mississippi River since their escape from southern fish farms in the early 1980s, and now have been identified within miles of Lake Michigan in the Illinois River near Chicago; and

Whereas, Asian carp pose a significant risk to the ecology and economy of the Great Lakes region. Asian carp can grow as large as 100 pounds and are voracious feeders. They compete with native fish for food and degrade water quality by disturbing

sediments. They could become a dominant species in the Great Lakes, threatening a \$4.5 billion commercial and recreational fishery. Silver carp can also jump up to 10 feet out of the water when disturbed, posing a risk to recreational boaters; and

Whereas, Asian carp are the latest in a long line of exotic species to threaten the Great Lakes. Over 180 exotic species have invaded the Great Lakes since European settlement. The most harmful exotic species, zebra mussels and sea lampreys, have cost an estimated \$100 million per year to control during the 1990s. Scientists project that Asian carp could have a similar impact on the Great Lakes; and

Whereas, the only thing preventing the movement of Asian carp into the Great Lakes is a temporary electrical barrier in the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal operated by the United States Army Corps of Engineers. In addition, the Army Corps and the state of Illinois are constructing a permanent electrical barrier to replace the temporary barrier; and

Whereas, to date, over \$12 million has been spent on construction and operation of the electrical barriers. To help match federal funding, the state of Michigan has contributed nearly \$70,000 toward the completion of the permanent electrical barrier; and

Whereas, current funding is insufficient to complete construction of the permanent barrier and only finances operation of the temporary barrier through the first half of fiscal year 2007. In addition, there is no funding to renovate the temporary barrier as a permanent backup to the new barrier; and

Whereas, The Great Lakes Asian Carp Barrier Act (H.R. 553 and S. 336) would provide funds to upgrade the current barrier and complete construction of the permanent barrier; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the United States Congress to enact the Great Lakes Asian Carp Barrier Act (H.R. 553 and S. 336) to protect the Great Lakes from Asian carp; and be it further

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

POM-51. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Kentucky urging Congress to repeal the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 45

Whereas, the intent of Congress in the enactment of the Government Pension Offset

(GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) was to protect the Social Security program and eliminate perceived abuses in the payment of dual benefits to certain beneficiaries; and

Whereas, the GPO and WEP, have resulted in devastating, unintended consequences for hundreds of thousands of teachers and other public employees nationwide; and

Whereas, the GPO affects teachers and other public employees in Kentucky and other states who are participants in public retirement systems but who do not participate in the Social Security retirement program; and

Whereas, under the GPO, a teacher who receives benefits under the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System will suffer at least a two-thirds reductions in the Social Security survivor benefits the teacher would otherwise receive from a spouse's private-sector earnings; and

Whereas, teachers in fifteen states, including Kentucky, do not participate in the Social Security program; and

Whereas, the WEP reduces the Social Security benefits of a teacher or other public employee who has participated and received earnings sufficient to qualify for Social Security retirement benefits as well as the benefits procured under the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System or other public retirement system; and

Whereas, the GPO and WEP unfairly target public employees, especially our highly valued teachers who sacrifice lucrative earnings in the private sector to educate our children; and

Whereas, Kentucky has a significant teacher shortage and loses more than 2000 teachers annually to retirement and must actively recruit new teachers to meet growing enrollment demands; and

Whereas, a federal proposal to repeal both the GPO and WEP, the Social Security Fairness Act of 2007, has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate and clearly indicates an awareness and acknowledgment of the devastating impact of these provisions on teachers and other public employees; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. The House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Kentucky urges the Congress of the United States to enact the Social Security Fairness Act of 2007 or similar legislation to repeal the GPO and WEP provisions of the Social Security law.

Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit copies of this Resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States to the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Majority Floor Leader of the U.S. Senate, and

to each Senator and Representative from the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the Congress of the United States.

POM-52. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Michigan urging the President and Congress to appropriate additional funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 33

Whereas, Home heating is a fundamental necessity in northern climate states during the months from October through March, However, low-income households in Michigan and across the nation struggle to pay for this basic necessity. High energy bills in winter force many low-income households into difficult situations, such as forgoing medicine or food in order to pay energy bills or putting themselves in danger by using stoves and portable heaters to provide warmth; and

Whereas, In the early 1980s, Congress recognized the need for heating and other home energy assistance when it enacted legislation to create the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The LIHEAP program has become a crucial safety net for low-income households and families across the nation, especially in northern climate states. LIHEAP assistance has helped millions of families keep their homes at safe and healthy temperatures; and

Whereas, Last year Congress appropriated a record level \$3.2 billion in LIHEAP funding. In spite of this, only a fraction of eligible low income households received assistance. According to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, last winter only 15 percent of 38 million eligible low-income households actually received assistance from the LIHEAP program; and

Whereas, This year, with the adoption of a September 29th, continuing resolution, Congress has appropriated only \$1.98 billion for LIHEAP. The President's proposed FY 2008 budget calls for funding to be reduced further to \$1.78 billion. Under these funding proposals, it is estimated that Michigan will receive as much as \$47 million dollars less than last year. This will surely mean that state energy assistance programs will be forced to shut down programs and turn needy people away. Last year, even with the record level funding, only 35 percent of eligible low-income households in Michigan received LIHEAP assistance; and

Whereas, such inadequate LIHEAP funding could be disastrous for Michigan. The state is struggling through one of the nation's worst economic situations. Currently, nearly one third of Michigan households are at or below 60 percent of the state's median income, and

the unemployment rate, which is already much higher than the national average, keeps growing. Clearly, such tough economic times coupled with a cold, harsh winter, and high heating fuel prices, make LIHEAP funding vital for the state of Michigan; now, therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives. That we urge the President and the Congress of the United States to immediately increase funding for LIHEAP to at least last year's level of \$3.2 billion; and be it further

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

POM-53. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Michigan urging Congress to enact the Employee Free Choice Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 21

Whereas, In 1935, the United States established, by law, that workers must be free to form unions. The freedom to form or join a union is internationally recognized as a fundamental human right; and

Whereas, Union membership provides workers better wages and benefits, and protection from discrimination and unsafe workplaces. Unions benefit communities by strengthening tax bases, promoting equal treatment, and enhancing civic participation; and

Whereas, Even though on paper America's workers have the freedom to choose for themselves whether to have a union, in reality, workers across the nation are routinely denied that right. More than 40 million United States workers say they would join a union now if they had the opportunity; and

Whereas, When the right of workers to form a union is violated, wages fall, race and gender pay gaps widen, workplace discrimination increases, and job safety standards disappear; and

Whereas, Many thousands of workers in our country are routinely threatened, coerced, or fired each year because they try to form a union. Most violations of workers' freedom to choose a union occur behind closed doors, and each year millions of dollars are spent to frustrate workers' efforts to form unions; and

Whereas, A worker's fundamental right to choose a union is a public issue that requires a public policy solution, including legislative remedies; and

Whereas, The Employee Free Choice Act (H.R. 800) has been introduced in the United

States Congress in order to restore workers' freedom to join a union; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the United States Congress to enact the Employee Free Choice Act, which would authorize the National Labor Relations Board to certify a union as the bargaining representative when a majority of employees voluntarily sign authorizations designating that union to represent them; provide for first contract mediation and arbitration; and establish meaningful penalties for violations of a worker's freedom to choose a union; and be it further

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

POM-54. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Michigan urging the President and Congress to increase funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program and to facilitate the establishment of programs that provide information about responsible energy use; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10

Whereas, Each winter, public and private programs offering help to low-income families trying to heat their homes usually find their budgets stretched thin; and

Whereas, Fortunately, there is a federally funded program that provides energy assistance to low-income households. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a federal block grant program that provides billions of dollars annually to help low-income households pay energy bills. LIHEAP funds have averted numerous tragedies by enabling needy families to keep their homes at healthy and safe temperatures during the bitter cold months of winter; and

Whereas, Utility companies, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations often make information available to low-income families to help reduce their heating bills. Such information often recognizes the need for reducing home energy costs through the use of conservation technologies and flexible bill payment practices designed to help empower low-income consumers to pay their utility bills on a discounted basis; and

Whereas, Coordinated and efficient consumer education programs of federal, state, and local agencies could help consumers take responsibility for their winter heating bills. Educational programming on things such as how to set proper temperatures in the home, the use of programmable thermostats, tips on household budgeting, how to weatherize a home, and energy

efficiency training could better prepare low-income households with the skills needed to control their winter heating costs; and

Whereas, The President's proposed budget for next year would reduce the percentage of eligible needy families that receive LIHEAP assistance. The President is requesting only \$1.782 billion for LIHEAP in FY 2008. This is far less than the \$5.1 billion that is authorized for the program under the U.S. Energy Policy Act of 2005 and a dramatic 44 percent reduction from FY 2006 funding levels. According to the National Energy Assistance Directors' Association (NEADA), the President's proposed cut to LIHEAP would force states to eliminate energy assistance to more than a million households; and

Whereas, The President's proposal would hit Michigan particularly hard. No other northern climate state is suffering through such tough economic times. Michigan finished last year with one of the nation's worst unemployment rates, second only to Mississippi. Since 2003, the unemployment rate in Michigan has exceeded the national rate by an ever-widening margin. As the number of unemployed persons in the state grows, so, too, does the number of households seeking energy assistance. In spite of this, under the President's proposal, it is estimated that the state would receive nearly \$50 million less than it did last year. Clearly, we should educate customers on how to use energy wisely and we should adequately fund the LIHEAP program to ensure that low-income families in Michigan and across the nation receive the help they need during the bitter cold months of winter; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the President and the Congress of the United States, particularly the Michigan congressional delegation and the chairman of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, to do all they can to provide additional funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program and facilitate the establishment of programs that provide information on responsible energy use; and be it further

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 39. A bill to establish a coordinated national ocean exploration program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-39).

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 558. A bill to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. DODD, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 991. A bill to establish the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation under the authorities of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 992. A bill to achieve emission reductions and cost savings through accelerated use of cost-effective lighting technologies in public buildings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. DODD):

S. 993. A bill to improve pediatric research; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 994. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the deductible and change the method of determining the mileage reimbursement rate under the beneficiary travel program administered by the Secretary of Veteran Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 995. A bill to provide for a hospital in Cass County, Minnesota; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 996. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to expand passenger facility fee eligibility for certain noise compatibility projects; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. REID, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 997. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research; read the first time.

By Mr. BUNNING:

S. 998. A bill to exempt the natural aging process in the determination of the production period for distilled spirits under section 263A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. DORGAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. REED, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 999. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1000. A bill to enhance the Federal Telework Program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BOND, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BURR, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KYL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1001. A bill to restore Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia; read the first time.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 1002. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to reinstate certain provisions relating to the nutrition services incentive program; considered and passed.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DODD, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. FEINGOLD, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S.J. Res. 10. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for men and women; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. Res. 125. A resolution designating May 18, 2007, as "Endangered Species Day", and encouraging the people of the United States to become educated about, and aware of, threats to species, success stories in species recovery, and the opportunity to promote species conservation worldwide; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. INOUE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. THOMAS, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. ENZI):

S. Res. 126. A resolution designating April 2007 as "Financial Literacy Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. Res. 127. A resolution designating April 8, 2007 as "National Cushing's Syndrome Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 128. A resolution to authorize testimony, document production, and legal representation in United States v. Philip G. Balcombe, Sansi G. Coonan, John S. Dear, Jan Lustig, Michella A. Marusa, Martin J. Ryan, Eleanore M. Vouselas, and Bruno Keller; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 129. A resolution to authorize testimony, document production, and legal

representation in State of Alaska v. Robert S. Mulford and Don G. Muller; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 223

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 223, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 288

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 288, a bill to amend titles 10 and 14, United States Code, to provide for the use of gold in the metal content of the Medal of Honor.

S. 329

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 350

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of S. 350, a bill to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities.

S. 351

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. DEMINT] were added as cosponsors of S. 351, a bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions.

S. 459

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 459, a bill to require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies, lumpectomies, and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer and coverage for secondary consultations.

S. 474

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 474, a bill to award a congressional gold medal to Michael Ellis DeBaKey, M.D.

S. 502

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 502, a bill to repeal the sunset on the reduction of capital gains rates for individuals and on the taxation of dividends of individuals at capital gains rates.

S. 506

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 506, a bill to improve efficiency in the Federal Government through the use of high-performance green buildings, and for other purposes.

S. 548

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 548, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 604, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to limit increases in the certain costs of health care services under the health care programs of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 609

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG], the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS] were added as cosponsors of S. 609, a bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

S. 613

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 613, a bill to enhance the overseas stabilization and reconstruction capabilities of the United States Government, and for other purposes.

S. 614

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 614, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to double the child tax credit for the first year, to expand the credit dependent care services, to provide relief from the alternative minimum tax, and for other purposes.

S. 638

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr.

ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 638, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 659

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 659, a bill to amend section 1477 of title 10, United States Code, to provide for the payment of the death gratuity with respect to members of the Armed Forces without a surviving spouse who are survived by a minor child.

S. 694

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 694, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of light motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 714

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 714, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to ensure that all dogs and cats used by research facilities are obtained legally.

S. 790

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 790, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to permit the simplified summer food programs to be carried out in all States and by all service institutions.

S. 797

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 797, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Star-Spangled Banner Trail in the States of Maryland and Virginia and the District of Columbia as a National Historic Trail.

S. 798

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] were added as cosponsors of S. 798, a bill to establish the Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, and for other purposes.

S. 807

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] were added as cosponsors of S. 807, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 to provide that manure shall not be considered to be a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

S. 823

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 823, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to facilitating the development of microbicides for preventing transmission of HIV/AIDS and other diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 849

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 849, a bill to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes.

S. 863

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 863, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraud in connection with major disaster or emergency funds.

S. 897

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 897, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide more help to Alzheimer's disease caregivers.

S. 898

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 898, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to fund breakthroughs in Alzheimer's disease research while providing more help to caregivers and increasing public education about prevention.

S. 921

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 921, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 937

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 937, a bill to improve support and services for individuals with autism and their families.

S. 963

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] were added as cosponsors of S. 963, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to educational organizations to carry out educational programs about the Holocaust.

S. 966

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 966, a bill to enable the Department of State to respond to a critical shortage of passport processing personnel, and for other purposes.

S. 972

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 972, a bill to provide for the reduction of adolescent pregnancy, HIV rates, and other sexually transmitted diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 987

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG], the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] were added as cosponsors of S. 987, a bill to enhance the energy security of the United States by promoting biofuels and for other purposes.

S. 988

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 988, a bill to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

SENATE RESOLUTION 76

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 76, a resolution calling on the United States Government and the international community to promptly develop, fund, and implement a comprehensive regional strategy in Africa to protect civilians, facilitate humanitarian operations, contain and reduce violence, and contribute to conditions for sustainable peace in eastern Chad, and Central African Republic, and Darfur, Sudan.

SENATE RESOLUTION 82

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 82, a resolution designating August 16, 2007 as "National Airborne Day".

SENATE RESOLUTION 112

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of

S. Res. 112, a resolution designating April 6, 2007, as "National Missing Persons Day".

SENATE RESOLUTION 122

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 122, a resolution commemorating the 25th anniversary of the construction and dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 27, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in open and possibly executive session, to consider the following nominations: Claude M. Kicklighter to be Inspector General, Department of Defense; James R. Clapper, Jr., to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence; S. Ward Casscells, MD, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs; and William C. Ostendorff to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Finance on Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Opportunities and Challenges in the U.S.-China Economic Relationship."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at a time to be determined as soon as a quorum is obtained during the scheduled Committee Hearing, in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to consider Subcommittee Assignments for the 110th Congress.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet to hold a hearing on the Employee Free Choice Act during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in SD-430.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION,
LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet to hold a hearing on ensuring safe medicines and medical devices for children during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 27, 2007 at 1 p.m. in SD-430.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in room 418 of the Russell Building to conduct an oversight hearing on VA-DOD Cooperation and Collaboration on Health Care Issues.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "oversight of the Federal Bureau of Investigation" on Tuesday, March 27, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building, room 106.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON
INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 27, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to meet to hold a closed hearing.

COMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS
AND CAPABILITIES

The Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at 3:30 p.m., to receive a briefing on special operations command's global operations.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 137. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

H.R. 580. An act to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to provide for a 120-day limit to the term of a United States attorney appointed on an interim basis by the Attorney General, and for other purposes.

H.R. 753. An act to redesignate the Federal building located at 167 North Main Street in Memphis, Tennessee, as the "Clifford Davis and Odell Horton Federal Building".

H.R. 802. An act to amend the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships to implement MARPOL Annex VI.

H.R. 1019. An act to designate the United States customhouse building located at 31 Gonzalez Clemente Avenue in Mayaguez,

Puerto Rico, as the "Rafael Martinez Nadal United States Customhouse Building".

H.R. 1138. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 306 East Main Street in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the "J. Herbert W. Small Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

H.R. 1195. An act to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1468. An act to ensure that, for each small business participating in the 8(a) business development program that was affected by Hurricane Katrina of 2005, the period in which it can participate is extended by 18 months.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 494. An act to endorse further enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and to facilitate the timely admission of new members to NATO, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 238. An act to repeal a prohibition on the use of certain funds for tunneling in certain areas with respect to the Los Angeles to San Fernando Valley Metro Rail project, California; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1019. An act to designate the United States customhouse building located at 31 Gonzalez Clemente Avenue in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, as the "Rafael Martinez Nadal United States Customhouse Building"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 1138. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 306 East Main Street in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the "J. Herbert W. Small Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 1195. An act to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 1468. An act to ensure that, for each small business participating in the 8(a) business development program that was affected by Hurricane Katrina of 2005, the period in which it can participate is extended by 18 months; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

HOUSE BILLS PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 137. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

H.R. 580. An act to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to provide for a 120-day limit to the term of a United States attorney appointed on an interim basis by the Attorney General, and for other purposes.

U.S. TROOP READINESS,
VETERANS' HEALTH, AND IRAQ
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1591) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 643, as modified, proposed by Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. McCAIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. WARNER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BENNETT, and Mr. ENZI), to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

U.S. TROOP READINESS,
VETERANS' HEALTH, AND IRAQ
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1591.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 643, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, at 3:45 p.m., the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 643, as modified; that the time until 5 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the last 10 minutes therein be equally divided and controlled between the

majority and minority leaders; that the majority leader control the final 5 minutes therein; and that, at 5 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to said amendment.

Ordered further, That no second-degree amendment to amendment No. 643 or the language proposed to be stricken by said amendment be in order.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:41 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

U.S. TROOP READINESS,
VETERANS' HEALTH, AND IRAQ
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1591.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 643, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. GRASSLEY) to further amend the bill, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 680).

Pending debate,

Mr. WYDEN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose an amendment.

Mr. BURR objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 643, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WYDEN,

Ordered, That Mr. OBAMA be recognized to speak for 5 minutes to speak on an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. WYDEN.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. OBAMA,

Ordered, That, if Mr. WYDEN is recognized to propose an amendment, it be in order for him to like propose an amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 643, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN (for Mr. LUGAR) to further amend the bill on page 56, after line 18, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 690).

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. SMITH, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DOMENICI, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. TESTER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. BENNETT, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) to further amend the bill on page 75, by striking all beginning on line 25 through line 15, page 76, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 709).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KERRY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BAUCUS, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. LEAHY) to further amend the bill in chapter 3, title I, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 664).

Mr. OBAMA requested the yeas and nays on the question of agreeing to his pending amendment.

There was not a sufficient second.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BURR,

Ordered, That the pending amendment be laid aside.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 709 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. BURR to amend the pending amendment on page 13, striking all beginning on line 22 through line 18, page 17, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 716).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. WEBB to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 692).

Pending debate,

Mr. COBURN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; that it be in order for him to propose amendments, en bloc; and that said amendments to be proposed by him then be laid aside.

Mrs. MURRAY objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 692 to the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 643, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Mr. WARNER asked unanimous consent to modify amendment No. 698, intended to be proposed by him.

Mrs. MURRAY objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 643, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 48, nays... 50

[Rollcall Vote No. 116 Leg.]

YEAS --- 48

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lieberman, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Pryor, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 50

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 692 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 680; that an amendment in the second-degree (subsequently designated number 798), be deemed proposed thereto by Mr. GRASSLEY, and agreed to; that amendment No. 680, as thus amended, be agreed to; and that a

motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, there be 30 minutes for concurrent debate on amendments numbered 709 and 716; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled between Mr. WYDEN and Mr. BURR, or their designees; that amendment No. 716 be modified to reflect first-degree status; and that no second-degree amendment to either amendment be in order.

Ordered further, That, following the aforementioned debate, there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on the motion to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 1591; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in "stacked" sequence in relation to the following amendments and motions, without intervening action or debate: amendment No. 709; amendment No. 716, as modified; and the motion to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 1591.

Ordered further, That there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to each vote in "stacked" sequence.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, it be in order for Mr. HAGEL to propose amendment No. 707; that there be 90 minutes, to controlled by Mr. HAGEL, for debate thereon; and that, upon conclusion of debate, said amendment be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 692 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That Mr. COBURN be recognized to propose amendments numbered 648, 649, 656, 657, 717, and 718 en bloc; and that said amendments then be laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 692 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WARNER,

Ordered, That amendment No. 698, intended to be proposed by him, be modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 692 to the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. COBURN to further amend the bill on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendments considered en bloc and designated numbers 648, 649, 656, 657, 717, and 718).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendments were laid aside.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 692 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the order of today, providing for votes in "stacked" sequence in relation to amendments numbered 709, 716, as modified, and the motion to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 1591 on tomorrow

without intervening action or debate, be modified to remove such restriction.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 997) to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research, introduced today by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. REID, and Mr. SPECTER), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1001) to restore Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia, introduced today by Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BOND, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BURR, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KYL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. VITTER), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

DESIGNATING "FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 126) designating April 2007 as "Financial Literacy Month", submitted today by Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr.

COCHRAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. INOUE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. THOMAS, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. ENZI), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL CUSHING'S SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 127) designating April 8, 2007 as "National Cushing's Syndrome Awareness Day", submitted today by Mr. INHOFE (for himself, and Mr. DODD), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING TESTIMONY, DOCUMENT PRODUCTION, AND LEGAL REPRESENTATION

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 128) to authorize testimony, document production, and legal representation in United States v. Philip G. Balcombe, Sansi G. Coonan, John S. Dear, Jan Lustig, Michella A. Marusa, Martin J. Ryan, Eleanore M. Vouselas, and Bruno Keller, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself, and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING TESTIMONY, DOCUMENT PRODUCTION, AND LEGAL REPRESENTATION

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 129) to

authorize testimony, document production, and legal representation in *State of Alaska v. Robert S. Mulford and Don G. Muller*, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself, and Mr. McCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

OLDER AMERICANS REAUTHORIZATION TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1002) to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to reinstate certain provisions relating to the nutrition services incentive program, introduced on today by Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. ROBERTS), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AWARDING A CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO MICHAEL ELLIS DEBAKEY, M.D.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 474) to award a congressional gold medal to Michael Ellis DeBakey, M.D.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDER RELATIVE TO AMENDMENTS TO BILL H.R. 1591

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That Senators be authorized to "file" second-degree amendments to bill H.R. 1591 until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of bill H.R. 1591, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 8:01 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, March 28, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 997) to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research, introduced on yesterday by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. REID, and Mr. SPECTER), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1001) to restore Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia, introduced on yesterday by Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BOND, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BURR, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KYL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. VITTER), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

U.S. TROOP READINESS,
VETERANS' HEALTH, AND IRAQ
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1591) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period of concurrent debate on amendment No. 709, proposed by Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. SMITH, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DOMENICI, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. TESTER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. BENNETT, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN), and amendment No. 716, proposed thereto by Mr. BURR.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 716 to amendment No. 709 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, the votes in "stacked" sequence, ordered to occur on today, begin at 11:45 a.m.; that, upon conclusion of debate, Mr. COBURN be recognized to propose amendments, en bloc; and that all other provisions of the order of yesterday remain in effect.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 716 to amendment No. 709 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WYDEN,

Ordered, That Mr. HATCH and Mr. ROCKEFELLER be added as cosponsors to amendment No. 709.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 716 to amendment No. 709 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of WYDEN,

Ordered, That the time until 11 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between Mr. WYDEN and Mr. BURR.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 716 to amendment No. 709 to the bill, as amended.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) stated that, pursuant to the order of yesterday, the pending amendment No. 716 was modified to reflect first-degree status.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 716, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BURR,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on

the question of agreeing to amendment No. 716, as modified.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. CRAIG for Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. BYRD, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SMITH, and Ms. LANDRIEU) to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 697).

Mr. CRAIG, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 697, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. CRAIG to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. CRAIG,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 716, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to close debate on bill H.R. 1591; that the votes previously ordered relative to amendments numbered 709 and 716, as modified, instead occur at 2 p.m.; and that, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, said amendments be in order.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. KLOBUCHAR in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Monday, March 26, 2007, to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 1591.

Pursuant to the order of Monday, March 26, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 97, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 117 Leg.]

YEAS --- 97

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign,

Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators, duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 716, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

Mr. REID called for the regular order.

Whereupon,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 690, proposed by Mr. LUGAR, to the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 823).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Mr. WEBB, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. DURBIN) to further amend the bill in title I, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 707).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HAGEL,

Ordered, That time for debate on the pending amendment be deemed concluded.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 707 to the bill, as amended.

Mr. VOINOVICH asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose amendment No. 762.

Mr. TESTER objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 707 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That, the order of today, providing for the Senate to vote at 2 p.m. relative to amendments numbered 709 and 716, as modified, be modified such that the Senate instead vote at 2:40 p.m.; that the time until 2:40 p.m. be for debate on amendments numbered 657 and 648; that the opposition control 30 minutes therein; and that Mr. COBURN control 5 minutes therein.

Ordered further, That the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 657 upon disposition of amendment No. 716, as modified; that, following said vote, the

Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 648; that no amendment be in order to either amendment; that there be 2 minutes for debate prior to each vote; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 707 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the pending amendment be withdrawn, as pursuant to the order of today.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 823 to amendment No. 690 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 709 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 75, nays... 22

[Rollcall Vote No. 118 Leg.]

YEAS --- 75

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Conrad, Corker, Craig, Crapo, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 22

Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Carper, Coburn, Collins, Cornyn, DeMint, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Inhofe, Kyl, Martinez, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Snowe, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Subsequently (on March 29, 2007):

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GRAHAM,

Ordered, That on rollcall vote No. 118, his vote be changed from "yea" to "nay", thus changing the result to yeas 74, nays 23.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 716, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 8, nays... 89

[Rollcall Vote No. 119 Leg.]

YEAS --- 8

Alexander, Bunning, Burr, Coburn, Dole, Gregg, Martinez, McConnell.

NAYS --- 89

Akaka, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 657, proposed by Mr. COBURN, to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 24, nays... 73

[Rollcall Vote No. 120 Leg.]

YEAS --- 24

Alexander, Bunning, Burr, Carper, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Graham, Gregg, Inhofe, Kyl, Landrieu, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Sessions, Shelby, Sununu, Thomas, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 73

Akaka, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Craig, Crapo, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin,

Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. WYDEN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Subsequently,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. LANDRIEU,

Ordered, That on rollcall vote No. 120, her vote be changed from "yea" to "nay", thus making the result yeas 23, nays 74.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 648, proposed by Mr. COBURN, to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 45, nays... 51

[Rollcall Vote No. 121 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Alexander, Bayh, Bingaman, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Feingold, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lincoln, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, Murkowski, Obama, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 51

Akaka, Allard, Baucus, Bennett, Biden, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Conrad, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feinstein, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lott, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 823 to amendment No. 690 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Mr. GRASSLEY asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside;

and that he be recognized to propose amendment No. 701.

Mrs. MURRAY objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 823 to amendment No. 690 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Mr. THOMAS asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose amendment No. 675.

Mrs. MURRAY objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 823 to amendment No. 690 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY (for Mrs. HUTCHISON) to further amend the bill on page 28, after line 18, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 655).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 823 to amendment No. 690 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY (for Mrs. CLINTON) to further amend the bill in title I, chapter 5, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 666).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 823 to amendment No. 690 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY (for Mr. KENNEDY) to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 685).

Mrs. MURRAY, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 685, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 823 to amendment No. 690 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY for Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, and Mr. LOTT) to further amend the bill on page 28, line 14, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 674).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 823 to amendment No. 690 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY (for Mr. KERRY) to further amend the bill on page 70, after line 5, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 687).

Mrs. MURRAY, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 687, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 823 to amendment No. 690 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY (for Mr. STEVENS) to further amend the bill in title I, chapter 3, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 727).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 823 to amendment No. 690 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY for Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. INHOFE) to further amend the bill in title II, chapter 3, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 732).

Mrs. MURRAY, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 732, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 823 to amendment No. 690 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY for Mr. LEAHY (for himself, and Mr. SPECTER) to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 755).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 823 to amendment No. 690 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY (for Ms. SNOWE) to further amend the bill on page 69, striking all beginning on line 5 through line 5, page 70, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 772).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 823 to amendment No. 690 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY for Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, and Mr. COCHRAN) to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 776).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 823 to amendment No. 690 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY (for Ms. KLOBUCHAR) to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 793).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 823 to amendment No. 690 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY (for Mr. PRYOR) to further amend the bill in title I, chapter 5, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (amendment No. 807).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 823 to amendment No. 690 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY for Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) to insert in lieu of the language proposed to be inserted by amendment No. 700, other words (being amendment No. 835).

The amendment was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider, en bloc, was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 823 to amendment No. 690 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the vote agreeing to amendment No. 835 be vitiated; that the amendment be modified; that the amendment, as modified, be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Ordered further, That the vote agreeing to amendment No. 755 be vitiated; that the amendment be modified; that the amendment, as modified, be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 823 to amendment No. 690 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That when the Senate resumes consideration of bill H.R. 1591 on tomorrow, debate time, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be deemed concluded; that the only amendments remaining in order to be proposed be the following: amendment No. 752; amendment No. 704; amendment No. 649; amendment No. 808; amendment No. 739; and that no second-degree amendment be in order to said amendments.

Ordered further, That amendment No. 823 to amendment No. 690 be withdrawn; and that amendment No. 690 be agreed to.

Ordered further, That all other pending amendments be withdrawn; that there be 4 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to the votes in "stacked" sequence; that, upon agreement by the two leaders and the bill managers, a managers' amendment be in order; that, upon disposition of the aforementioned amendments, the bill, as amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 823 to amendment No. 690 to the bill, as amended.

MORNING BUSINESS

The following morning business occurred on today:

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1176. A communication from the Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure of Children's Free and Reduced Price Meals and Free Milk Eligibility Information in the Child Nutrition Programs"

(RIN0584-AC95) received on March 23, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1177. A communication from the Acting Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Nunn-McCurdy Unit Cost thresholds for certain programs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1178. A communication from the Secretary of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Air Force, Air Force Reserve, and Air National Guard Bases affected by the 2005 round of Defense Base Closures and Realignment; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1179. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the inclusion of two additional civilian positions to be included in a previously reported public-private competition; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1180. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Market Regulation, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments to Regulations S-T" (Release No. 34-55502) received on March 22, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1181. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Withdrawal of Final Flood Elevation Determination for Lexington/Fayette County, KY and Incorporated Areas" (FEMA-B-7465) received on March 23, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1182. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 10392) received on March 23, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1183. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 10382) received on March 23, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1184. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 10391) received on

March 23, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1185. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Amendment to Amend the Regulations Regarding Procedures for Measuring Net Mesh Size" (RIN0648-AU83) received on March 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1186. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule - Fisheries in the Western Pacific; Western Pacific Pelagic Fisheries; Hawaii Shallow-set Longline Fishery" (RIN0648-AU99) received on March 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

EC-1187. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2007 and 2008 Final Harvest Specifications for the Gulf of Alaska" (I.D. No. 112006B) received on March 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1188. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2007 and 2008 Final Harvest Specifications for the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (I.D. No. 112706B) received on March 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1189. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels 60 ft. LOA and Longer Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (I.D. No. 022007D) received on March 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1190. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Inseason Summer Flounder Quota Transfer from NC to NJ" (I.D. No. 013107C) received on March 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1191. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's report relative to the activities of its Chesapeake Bay Office during fiscal years 2005 and 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1192. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the foreign aviation authorities to which the Administration provided support during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1193. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Buckle Up America Campaign: The National Initiative for Increasing Safety Belt Use"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1194. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, the report of a draft bill intended to provide the necessary authority to the Secretary for the establishment and implementation of a regulatory system for offshore aquaculture in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1195. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gases 2005 Summary"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1196. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the proposed project to replace the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Bridge at Deep Creek, Chesapeake, Virginia; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1197. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Annual Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1198. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Computer Software under Section 199(c)(5)(B)" ((RIN1545-BF56)(TD 9317)) received on March 22, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1199. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fringe Benefits Aircraft Valuation Formula" (Revenue

Ruling 2007-17) received on March 22, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1200. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure on Disclosures with the SEC" (Rev. Proc. 2007-25) received on March 22, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1201. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Certain Plan Deduction Limits Under the Pension Protection Act of 2006" (Notice 2007-28) received on March 22, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1202. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure: Safe Harbors for Sections 143 and 25" (Rev. Proc. 2007-26) received on March 22, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1203. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Summary Record of Assessment on Form 23C" (Rev. Rul. 2007-21) received on March 22, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1204. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Corporate Reorganizations; Guidance on the Measurement of Continuity of Interest" (TD 9316) received on March 22, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1205. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dual Consolidated Loss Regulations" ((RIN1545-BD10)(TD 9315)) received on March 22, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1206. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - April 2007" (Rev. Rul. 2007-23) received on March 22, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1207. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Annual Report on the Child Support Enforcement Program for fiscal year 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1208. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the use and effectiveness of funds appropriated by the Deficit Reduction Act to the Department; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1209. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice: Clean Renewable Energy Bonds" (Notice 2007-26) received on March 22, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1210. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NRC Tier II Directive Super Completed Contract Method" (LMSB-04-0207-012) received on March 22, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1211. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the steps taken to bring about an end to the Arab League boycott of Israel and to expand the process of normalization between Israel and the Arab League countries; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1212. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2007-41 - 2007-49); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1213. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to overseas surplus property; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1214. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "FEMA Acquisition Regulation System; Removal of Chapter 44" (72 FR 9445) received on March 23, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1215. A communication from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, the report of a legislative proposal intended to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to reauthorize the Office of Government Ethics; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1216. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of the

Treasury, transmitting, the report of a draft bill that would amend certain unworkable statutory investment provisions relating to the Department's investment of the Yankton Sioux and the Santee Sioux Tribes' Development Trust Funds; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1217. A communication from the Chairman, Office of General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Best Efforts in Administrative Fines Challenges" (Notice 2007-7) received on March 23, 2007; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-1218. A communication from the Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the financial statements of the Capitol Preservation Fund for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2005, and 2004; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-1219. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule for Rating Disabilities; Appendices A, B, and C" (RIN2900-AM60) received on March 23, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1220. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delegations of Authority; National Cemetery Administration" (RIN2900-AM18) received on March 23, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, with an amendment:

S. 223. A bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 1003. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to emergency medical services and the quality and efficiency of care furnished in emergency departments of hospitals and critical access hospitals by establishing a bipartisan

commission to examine factors that affect the effective delivery of such services, by providing for additional payments for certain physician services furnished in such emergency departments, and by establishing a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Working Group, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 1004. A bill to make ineligible for Federal contract awards any expatriated corporations and any companies that do business with, or own foreign subsidiaries that do business with, state sponsors of terrorism or foreign terrorist organizations; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1005. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to improve programs for veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 1006. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny qualified dividend income treatment to certain foreign dividends; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 1007. A bill to direct the Secretary of State to work with the Government of Brazil and other foreign governments to develop partnerships that will strengthen diplomatic relations and energy security by accelerating the development of biofuels production, research, and infrastructure to alleviate poverty, create jobs, and increase income, while improving energy security and protecting the environment; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 1008. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to improve and strengthen the safety inspection process of nuclear facilities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1009. A bill to amend part A of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve supplemental educational services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. COLLINS, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1010. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage guaranteed lifetime income payments from annuities and similar payments of life insurance proceeds at dates later than death by excluding from income a portion of such payments; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1011. A bill to change the name of the National Institute on Drug Abuse to the National Institute on Diseases of Addiction and to change the name of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism to the National Institute on Alcohol Disorders and Health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BOND, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. VITTER, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 1012. A bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1013. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to encourage States to provide pregnant women enrolled in the Medicaid program with access to comprehensive tobacco cessation services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. DEMINT):

S. 1014. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide parental choice for those students that attend schools that are in need of improvement and have been identified for restructuring; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1015. A bill to reauthorize the National Writing Project; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 1016. A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to promote energy independence and self-sufficiency by providing for the use of net metering by certain small electric energy generation systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. McCONNELL (for Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. CONRAD)):

S. 1017. A bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to prohibit the use of certain anti-competitive forward contracts; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1018. A bill to address security risks posed by global climate change and for other purposes; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1019. A bill to provide comprehensive reform of the health care system of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. STEVENS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1020. A bill to move toward energy independence through a coordinated development of renewable energy sources, including wave, solar, wind, geothermal, and biofuels production; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 1021. A bill to address the exchange-rate misalignment of the Japanese yen with respect to the United States dollar, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. HATCH):

S. Res. 130. A resolution designating July 28, 2007, as "National Day of the American Cowboy"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. TESTER):

S. Res. 131. A resolution designating the first week of April 2007 as "National Asbestos Awareness Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. Res. 132. A resolution recognizing the Civil Air Patrol for 65 years of service to the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. CORKER):

S. Res. 133. A resolution celebrating the life of Bishop Gilbert Earl Patterson; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 147

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 147, a bill to empower women in Afghanistan, and for other purposes.

S. 223

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL], the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 223, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 254

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] were added as cosponsors of S. 254, a bill to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi.

S. 261

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 261, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 293

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 293, a bill to extend the period in which States may spend funds from the additional allotments provided to States under the Social Services Block Grant program for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 368

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 368, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 382

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a State family support grant program to end the practice of parents giving legal custody of their seriously emotionally

disturbed children to State agencies for the purpose of obtaining mental health services for those children.

S. 399

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 399, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include podiatrists as physicians for purposes of covering physicians services under the Medicaid program.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

S. 479

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 479, a bill to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.

S. 502

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 502, a bill to repeal the sunset on the reduction of capital gains rates for individuals and on the taxation of dividends of individuals at capital gains rates.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 557

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the depreciation classification of motorsports entertainment complexes.

S. 576

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 576, a bill to provide for the effective prosecution of terrorists and guarantee due process rights.

S. 617

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was

added as a cosponsor of S. 617, a bill to make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available at a discount to certain veterans.

S. 624

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, his name and the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 624, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers.

S. 625

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 625, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S. 634

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 634, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 667

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 667, a bill to expand programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse and neglect prevention, and early identification of developmental and health delays, including potential mental health concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 742

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 742, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reduce the health risks posed by asbestos-containing products, and for other purposes.

S. 743

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 743, a bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to modify the individuals eligible for associate membership in the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America, Incorporated.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] were added as cosponsors of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military

retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 819

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 819, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes.

S. 828

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 828, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make cost-share payments for on-farm energy production under the environmental quality incentives program.

S. 845

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, his name and the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 845, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to expand and intensify programs with respect to research and related activities concerning elder falls.

S. 883

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 883, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend loan forgiveness for certain loans to Head Start teachers.

S. 913

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 913, a bill to clarify that the revocation of an alien's visa or other documentation is not subject to judicial review.

S. 959

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 959, a bill to award a grant to enable Teach for America, Inc., to implement and expand its teaching program.

S. 962

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 962, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize and improve the carbon capture and storage research, development, and demonstration program of the Department of Energy and for other purposes.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 991

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 991, a bill to establish the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation under the authorities of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961.

S. 992

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 992, a bill to achieve emission reductions and cost savings through accelerated use of cost-effective lighting technologies in public buildings, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 30

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 30, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the need for the United States to address global climate change through the negotiation of fair and effective international commitments.

SENATE RESOLUTION 65

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 65, a resolution condemning the murder of Turkish-Armenian journalist and human rights advocate Hrant Dink and urging the people of Turkey to honor his legacy of tolerance.

SENATE RESOLUTION 76

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 76, a resolution calling on the United States Government and the international community to promptly develop, fund, and implement a comprehensive regional strategy in Africa to protect civilians, facilitate humanitarian operations, contain and reduce violence, and contribute to conditions for sustainable peace in eastern Chad, and Central African Republic, and Darfur, Sudan.

SENATE RESOLUTION 122

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 122, a resolution commemorating the 25th anniversary of the construction and

dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss the future of the Coast Guard dive program.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss transitioning to a Next Generation Human Space Flight System.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 28, 2007.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Risks and Reform: The Role of Currency in the U.S.-China Relationship."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at 11:45 a.m., to hold a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet to hold a hearing on the No Child Left Behind reauthorization during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at 3 p.m. in SD-430.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at 10 a.m., to conduct a markup on S. 223, the Senate Campaign Disclosure Parity Act.

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

The Joint Economic Committee be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing in

Room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, Wednesday, March 28, 2007, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, from 10:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Dirksen 562 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

The Subcommittee on Personnel be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at 3:30 p.m., to receive testimony on active component, reserve component, and civilian personnel programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years defense program.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces be authorized to meet in open and closed sessions during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., to receive testimony on strategic forces programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years defense program.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:43 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 477. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to strengthen education, prevention, and treatment programs relating to stroke, and for other purposes.

H.R. 727. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to add requirements regarding trauma care, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1132. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect breast and cervical cancers.

H.R. 1562. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and expand certain rules with respect to housing in the GO Zones.

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

S. 494. An act to endorse further enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and to facilitate the timely admission of new members to NATO, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

The message further announced that pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1024(a), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Joint Economic Committee: Mr. HINCHEY of New York, Mr. HILL of Indiana, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. CUMMINGS of Maryland, and Mr. DOGGETT of Texas.

The message also announced that pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1024(a), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Joint Economic Committee: Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, and Mr. PAUL of Texas.

At 3:51 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 835. An act to reauthorize the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians.

H.R. 1401. An act to improve the security of railroads, public transportation, and over-the-road buses in the United States, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 477. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to strengthen education, prevention, and treatment programs relating to stroke, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 802. To amend the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships to implement MARPOL Annex VI; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 835. An act to reauthorize the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 1401. An act to improve the security of railroads, public transportation, and over-the-road buses in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1562. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and expand certain rules with respect to housing in the GO Zones; to the Committee on Finance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

RECOGNIZING THE
CONTRIBUTIONS OF
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS IN
PENNSYLVANIA AND
THROUGHOUT THE NATION ON
THE OCCASION OF NATIONAL
AGRICULTURE DAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 114) recognizing the contributions of agricultural producers in Pennsylvania and throughout the Nation on the occasion of National Agriculture Day.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
BISHOP GILBERT EARL
PATTERSON

On the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SALAZAR in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 133) celebrating the life of Bishop Gilbert Earl Patterson, submitted today by Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. CORKER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND
FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the

Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of bill H.R. 1591.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

At 8:44 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2007

Mr. ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, called the Senate to order at 9 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CASEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 29, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., a Senator from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CASEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

U.S. TROOP READINESS,
VETERANS' HEALTH, AND IRAQ
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1591) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The amendment No. 823, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 690, proposed by Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. BIDEN), was withdrawn; amendment No. 690 was agreed to; and all other pending amendments, except for amendment No. 649, (being Nos. 664, 656, 692, 717, and 718) were withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 649, proposed by Mr. COBURN, to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That each vote in "stacked" sequence be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 649 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. ENSIGN to further amend the bill on page 3, by striking all beginning on line 13 through line 22, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 752).

Mr. ENSIGN modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 752, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. ENSIGN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 93, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 122 Leg.]

YEAS --- 93

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 649 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT to further amend the bill in title III, chapter 1, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 704).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. DEMINT,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 96, nays... 1

[Rollcall Vote No. 123 Leg.]

YEAS --- 96

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

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Baucus.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 649 to the bill, as amended.

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. KERRY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DODD, and Mr. KENNEDY) to further amend the bill on page 99, by striking "ties" on line

4, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 737).

Mr. SANDERS modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 737, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. PRYOR) to further amend the bill in title I, chapter 3, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 739).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. BIDEN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 98, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 124 Leg.]

YEAS --- 98

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Mr. KYL raised a point of order, viz, that section 1711 of the bill, as added by amendment No. 641 (in the nature of a substitute), pursuant to the order of March 26, 2007 whereby such amendment was considered adopted, provided that no point of order be waived by that action, is legislation

on appropriations, violates provisions of Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and therefore not in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. OBAMA in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the section not in order.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Mrs. MURRAY asked unanimous consent that it be in order for her to propose the following amendments, on the behalf of the Senators indicated; that the amendments be modified, as indicated; and that the amendments be agreed to en bloc: Mr. KOHL (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. FEINGOLD, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. MENENDEZ), amendment No. 661; Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KERRY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BAUCUS, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. LEAHY), amendment No. 664, as modified; Mr. LEAHY, amendment No. 677; Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. LIEBERMAN), amendment No. 679, as modified; Mr. LEAHY, amendment No. 681, as modified; Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. THUNE), amendment No. 683; Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON), amendment No. 722, as modified; Mr. KERRY, amendment No. 726, as modified; Mr. BOND, amendment No. 728, as modified; Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. SHELBY), amendment No. 754, as modified; Mr. BYRD (for himself and Mr. INOUE), amendment No. 757; Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER), amendment No. 759, as modified; Ms. SNOWE, amendment No. 771; Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. REID, and Mrs. CLINTON), amendment No. 784, as modified; and Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. BOND, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SMITH, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. SUNUNU), amendment No. 799, as modified.

Mr. COCHRAN objected.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Mr. DEMINT raised a point of order, viz, that provisions of section 431, beginning on page 150, line 13 through line 15, page 151 of the language added by amendment No. 641 (in the nature of a substitute), is legislation on appropriations, violates the provisions of rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and therefore is not in order.

Mrs. MURRAY raised the question of germaneness.

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated: Under the provisions of rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Chair submits to the Senate for its decision: Is the provision challenged by Mr. DEMINT germane to the language in the bill?

On motion by Mr. DEMINT,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of germaneness.

The question of germaneness being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 57, nays... 41

[Rollcall Vote No. 125 Leg.]

YEAS --- 57

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Hutchison, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

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Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So on a decision of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that provisions of the language are germane; and The point of order falls.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote on the decision of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Mr. ALEXANDER raised a point of order, viz, that section 3001 of language of the bill added by amendment No. 641 (in the nature of a substitute), is legislation on appropriations, violates provisions of Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and therefore not in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the section not in order.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall the bill, as amended, pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 51, nays... 47

[Rollcall Vote No. 126 Leg.]

YEAS --- 51

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey,

Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

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Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lieberman, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the Senate insist on its amendment and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees in a ratio of 15 majority- to 14 minority-party Senators.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, March 29, 2007, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 494. An act to endorse further enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and to facilitate the timely admission of new members to NATO, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1221. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal

and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Gypsy Moth Generally Infested Areas; Addition of Areas in Virginia" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0171), received on March 27, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1222. A communication from the Secretary of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a breach in Average Procurement Unit Cost for the Joint Primary Aircraft Training System; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1223. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Transportation Security Administration's Voluntary Provision of Emergency Services Program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1224. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary (Fish and Wildlife and Parks), National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dry Tortugas National Park - Special Regulations" (RIN1024-AD45), received on March 27, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1225. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary (Fish and Wildlife and Parks), National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Boating and Water Use Activities" (RIN1024-AD07), received on March 27, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1226. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary (Fish and Wildlife and Parks), National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Regulations - Future Applicability" (RIN1024-AD84), received on March 27, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1227. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary (Fish and Wildlife and Parks), National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Curecanti National Recreation Area, Personal Watercraft Use" (RIN1024-AC99), received on March 27, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1228. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary (Fish and Wildlife and Parks), National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cape Lookout National Seashore, Personal Watercraft Use" (RIN1024-AD44), received

on March 27, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1229. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Missouri Regulatory Program" (MO-039-FOR), received on March 27, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1230. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana" (FRL No. 8284-5), received on March 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1231. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Arizona; Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Programs" (FRL No. 8284-2), received on March 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1232. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; State of Arizona; Boundary Redesignation; Finding of Attainment for Miami Particulate Matter of 10 Microns or Less Nonattainment Area; Determination Regarding Applicability of Certain Clean Air Act Requirements; Correction" (FRL No. 8292-6), received on March 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1233. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Ohio; Volatile Organic Compound Emission Control Measures for Cincinnati and Dayton" (FRL No. 8292-3), received on March 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1234. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fluopicolid; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8120-1), received on March 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1235. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Rules on Certain Chemical Substances and Notification on Certain Substances for Which Significant New Use Rules Are Not Being Issued" (FRL No. 7699-5), received on March 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1236. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an amendment to Part 126 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1237. A communication from the Secretary to the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Annual Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1238. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2005 Annual Report of the Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training of the Department of Labor; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Special Report entitled "Legislative Activities Report of the Committee on Foreign Relations, 109th Congress" (Rept. No. 110-40).

By Mr. BAUCUS, from the Committee on Finance:

Special Report entitled "Report on the Activities of the Committee on Finance of the United States Senate During the 109th Congress" (Rept. No. 110-41).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment:

S. 378. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-42).

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 30. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the need for the United States to address global climate change through the negotiation of fair and effective international commitments.

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 65. A resolution condemning the murder of Turkish-Armenian journalist and

human rights advocate Hrant Dink and urging the people of Turkey to honor his legacy of tolerance.

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 76. A resolution calling on the United States Government and the international community to promptly develop, fund, and implement a comprehensive regional strategy in Africa to protect civilians, facilitate humanitarian operations, contain and reduce violence, and contribute to conditions for sustainable peace in eastern Chad, and Central African Republic, and Darfur, Sudan.

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 358. A bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment.

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

S. 521. A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse and customhouse located at 515 West First Street in Duluth, Minnesota, as the "Gerald W. Healy Federal Building and United States Courthouse and Customhouse".

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 556. A bill to reauthorize the Head Start Act, and for other purposes.

S. 624. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers.

S. 657. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to add requirements regarding trauma care, and for other purposes.

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

S. 801. A bill to designate a United States courthouse located in Fresno, California, as the "Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse".

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 845. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to expand and intensify programs with respect to research and related activities concerning elder falls.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 30. A bill to intensify research to derive human pluripotent stem cell lines; ordered held at the desk.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 1022. A bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to eliminate the remainder of funding shortfalls for the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 1023. A bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to eliminate the remainder of funding shortfalls for the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. BURR, and Mr. COBURN):

S. 1024. A bill to improve the underlying science of drug safety decisionmaking and strengthen the ability of the Food and Drug Administration to assess, manage, and communicate drug safety information to patients and providers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. COBURN):

S. 1025. A bill to promote freedom, fairness, and economic opportunity by repealing the income tax and other taxes, abolishing the Internal Revenue Service, and enacting a national sales tax to be administered primarily by the States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS:

S. 1026. A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia, as the "Charlie Norwood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KYL, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1027. A bill to prevent tobacco smuggling, to ensure the collection of all tobacco taxes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1028. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a strategic refinery reserve, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KOHL:

S. 1029. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to provide incentives to landowners to protect and improve streams and riparian habitat; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 1030. A bill to provide for the disposition of the Federal property located in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, a portion of which is currently used by the District of Columbia as the Oak Hill juvenile detention facility; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 1031. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to provide coordination and direction for commodity programs, and to ensure the distribution of fresh fruits and vegetables to schools and service institutions in the United States; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1032. A bill to amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to establish an Office of Rural Broadband Initiatives in the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 1033. A bill to assist in the conservation of rare felids and rare canids by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of rare felid and rare canid populations and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of rare felid and rare canid populations; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 1034. A bill to create investment opportunities for rural families and access to credit for rural entrepreneurs and microenterprises, to support rural regional investment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1035. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KYL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 1036. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit human cloning; to the

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1037. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assist in the planning, design, and construction of the Tumalo Irrigation District Water Conservation Project in Deschutes County, Oregon; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1038. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand workplace health incentives by equalizing the tax consequences of employee athletic facility use; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 1039. A bill to extend the authorization for the Coastal Heritage Trail in the State of New Jersey; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SHELBY:

S. 1040. A bill to repeal the current Internal Revenue Code and replace it with a flat tax, thereby guaranteeing economic growth and greater fairness for all Americans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. REID, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DORGAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BAYH, Mr. CARPER, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WEBB, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1041. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, to provide for mandatory injunctions for unfair labor practices during organizing efforts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. McCONNELL (for Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. BURR)):

S. 1042. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1043. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit a report to Congress on proposed changes to the use of the West Los Angeles Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, California; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. 1044. A bill to improve the medical care of members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. VOINOVICH:

S. 1045. A bill to strengthen performance management in the Federal Government, to make the annual general pay increase for Federal employees contingent on performance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VOINOVICH:

S. 1046. A bill to modify pay provisions relating to certain senior-level positions in the Federal Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 1047. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts paid on behalf of Federal employees and members of the Armed Forces on active duty under Federal student loan repayment programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KERRY, Mr. CARDIN, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1048. A bill to assist in the conservation of cranes by supporting and providing, through projects of persons and organizations with expertise in crane conservation, financial resources for the conservation programs of countries that activities of which directly or indirectly affect cranes and the ecosystems of cranes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. INOUE:

S. 1049. A bill to amend section 512 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 1050. A bill to amend the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Public Health Service Act to set standards for medical diagnostic equipment and to establish a program for promoting good health, disease prevention, and wellness and for the prevention of secondary conditions for individuals with disabilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. OBAMA, and Mrs. DOLE):

S. 1051. A bill to authorize National Mall Liberty Fund D.C. to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia at Constitution Gardens previously approved to honor free persons and slaves who fought for independence, liberty, and justice for all during the American Revolution; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 1052. A bill to amend title XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option to provide nurse home visitation services under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1053. A bill to provide for a resource study of the area known as the Rim of the Valley Corridor in the State of California to evaluate alternatives for protecting resources of the corridor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1054. A bill to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional recycling project and in the Cucamonga Valley Water District recycling project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. 1055. A bill to promote the future of the American automobile industry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 1056. A bill to provide for a comprehensive Federal effort relating to early detection of, treatments for, and the prevention of cancer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BURR:

S. 1057. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the New River in the States of North Carolina and Virginia as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1058. A bill to expedite review of the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians of Michigan to secure a timely and just determination of whether the Bands are entitled to recognition as a Federal Indian tribe so that the Bands may receive eligible funds before the funds are no longer available; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1059. A bill to amend the Energy Conservation and Production Act to improve Federal building energy efficiency standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1060. A bill to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. 1061. A bill to require insurance companies to fully disclose insurance coverage and noncoverage of homeowner's insurance policies, to provide for enforcement by the Federal Trade Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1062. A bill to establish a congressional commemorative medal for organ donors and their families; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 1063. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve certain death and survivor benefits with respect to members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 1064. A bill to provide for the improvement of the physical evaluation processes applicable to members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1065. A bill to improve the diagnosis and treatment of traumatic brain injury in members and former members of the Armed Forces, to review and expand telehealth and telemental health programs of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

S. 1066. A bill to require the Secretary of Education to revise regulations regarding student loan repayment deferment with respect to borrowers who are in postgraduate medical or dental internship, residency, or fellowship programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1067. A bill to require Federal agencies to support health impact assessments and take

other actions to improve health and the environmental quality of communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. KERRY, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1068. A bill to promote healthy communities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1069. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act regarding early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of hearing loss; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. KOHL):

S. 1070. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to enhance the social security of the Nation by ensuring adequate public-private infrastructure and to resolve to prevent, detect, treat, intervene in, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. LOTT):

S. 1071. A bill to authorize the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to waive the prohibition on duplication of certain disaster relief assistance; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. STEVENS:

S. 1072. A bill to require Federal agencies to conduct their environmental, transportation, and energy-related activities in support of their respective missions in an environmentally, economically, and fiscally sound manner, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1073. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to promote the use of fuels with low lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions, to establish a greenhouse gas performance standard for motor vehicle fuels, to require a significant decrease in greenhouse gas emissions from motor vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1074. A bill to provide for direct access to electronic tax return filing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. REID, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. CASEY, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1075. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to expand access to contraceptive services for women and men under the Medicaid program, help low income women and couples prevent

unintended pregnancies and reduce abortion, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself and Mr. STEVENS) (by request):

S. 1076. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2008 through 2010, to improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable, cost-based funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BYRD (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LOTT, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S.J. Res. 11. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to clarify that the Constitution neither prohibits voluntary prayer nor requires prayer in schools; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. Res. 134. A resolution designating September 2007 as "Adopt a School Library Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. SMITH):

S. Res. 135. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should support independence for Kosovo; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. DODD, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. SMITH):

S. Res. 136. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate condemning the seizure by the Government of Iran of 15 British naval personnel in Iraqi territorial waters, and calling for their immediate, safe, and unconditional release; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. Res. 137. A resolution recognizing the importance of Hot Springs National Park on the 175th anniversary of the enactment of the Act that authorized the establishment of Hot

Springs Reservation; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. REID, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. WEBB, and Mr. KERRY):

S. Res. 138. A resolution honoring the accomplishments and legacy of Cesar Estrada Chavez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. AKAKA):

S. Res. 139. A resolution commending General Peter J. Schoomaker for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. DODD):

S. Con. Res. 25. A concurrent resolution condemning the recent violent actions of the Government of Zimbabwe against peaceful opposition party activists and members of civil society; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 117

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 117, a bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and services for members of the Armed Forces, veterans of the Global War on Terrorism, and other veterans, to require reports on the effects of the Global War on Terrorism, and for other purposes.

S. 119

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 119, a bill to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts, and for other purposes.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States.

S. 386

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 386, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to require a higher volume of renewable fuel

derived from cellulosic biomass, and for other purposes.

S. 446

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 446, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize capitation grants to increase the number of nursing faculty and students, and for other purposes.

S. 492

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] were added as cosponsors of S. 492, a bill to promote stabilization and reconstruction efforts in Somalia, to establish a Special Envoy for Somalia to strengthen United States support to the people of Somalia in their efforts to establish a lasting peace and form a democratically elected and stable central government, and for other purposes.

S. 522

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 522, a bill to safeguard the economic health of the United States and the health and safety of the United States citizens by improving the management, coordination, and effectiveness of domestic and international intellectual property rights enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 561

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 561, a bill to repeal the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the expansion of the adoption credit and adoption assistance programs.

S. 648

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 648, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the eligibility age for receipt of non-regular military service retired pay for members of the Ready Reserve in active federal status or on active duty for significant periods.

S. 656

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 656, a bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain nationals of Liberia to that of lawful permanent residence.

S. 667

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 667, a bill to expand programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse and neglect prevention, and early identification of developmental and health delays, including potential mental health concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 749

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 749, a bill to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names.

S. 761

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] were added as cosponsors of S. 761, a bill to invest in innovation and education to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 793

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 793, a bill to provide for the expansion and improvement of traumatic brain injury programs.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 805, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa in the effort to achieve internationally recognized goals in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other major diseases and the reduction of maternal and child mortality by improving human health care capacity and improving retention of medical health professionals in sub-Saharan Africa, and for other purposes.

S. 807

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 807, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 to provide that manure shall not be considered to be a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

S. 844

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 844, a bill to provide for the protection of unaccompanied alien children, and for other purposes.

S. 936

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] were added as cosponsors of S. 936, a bill to reform the financing of Senate elections, and for other purposes.

S. 960

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 960, a bill to establish the United States Public Service Academy.

S. 962

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK] were added as cosponsors of S. 962, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize and improve the carbon capture and storage research, development, and demonstration program of the Department of Energy and for other purposes.

S. 987

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 987, a bill to enhance the energy security of the United States by promoting biofuels and for other purposes.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 999, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

S. 1001

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1001, a bill to restore Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 10

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 10, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to

the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for men and women.

SENATE RESOLUTION 92

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 92, a resolution calling for the immediate and unconditional release of soldiers of Israel held captive by Hamas and Hezbollah.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BYRD,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 29, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., to receive testimony on the posture of the Department of the Navy in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years defense program.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 29, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The hearing is on the nomination of David James Gribbin IV to be the General Counsel for the U.S. Department of Transportation.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet for a business meeting on Thursday, March 29, 2007, at 10 a.m. in S-211.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the Session of the Senate on Thursday, March 29, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Clean Energy: From the Margins to the Mainstream."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 29, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on Iran.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, March 29, 2007, at 9:15 a.m. in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct an oversight hearing on Indian trust fund litigation.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Preserving Prosecutorial Independence: Is the Department of Justice Politicizing the Hiring and Firing of U.S. Attorneys?—Part

III" on Thursday, March 29, 2007 at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, March 29, 2007, at 2 p.m. in Dirksen Room 226.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate for a markup entitled, "Small Business Disaster Response and Loan Improvements Act of 2007" on Thursday, March 29, 2007, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 29, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear the legislative presentation of the AMVETS, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Gold Star Wives of America, Fleet Reserve Association, The Retired Enlisted Association, Military Officers Association of America, and the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 29, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, FEDERAL SERVICES, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

The Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services and International Security be authorized to meet on Thursday, March 29, 2007 at 10 a.m. for a hearing entitled, Eliminating and Recovering Improper Payments.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:24 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S.1002. An act to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to reinstate certain provisions relating to the nutrition services incentive program.

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

H.R. 1538. An act to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the management of medical care, personnel actions, and quality of life issues for members of the Armed Forces who are receiving medical care in an outpatient status, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276th, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: Mr. PASTOR of Arizona, Chairman, Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, Vice Chairman, Mr. FILNER of California, Mr. REYES of Texas, Ms. SOLIS of California, Mr. RODRIGUEZ of Texas, and Ms. GIFFORDS of Arizona.

At 3:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 103. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 1538. An act to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the management of medical care, personnel actions, and quality of life issues for members of the Armed Forces who are receiving medical care in an outpatient status, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1022

Mr. CHAMBLISS asked unanimous consent that the chair lay before the Senate the bill (S. 1022) to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to eliminate the remainder of funding shortfalls for the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) for fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes, introduced on today by Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON), and at the desk; that the bill be read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Mr. MENENDEZ objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1023

Mr. MENENDEZ asked unanimous consent that the chair lay before the Senate the bill (S. 1023) to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to eliminate the remainder of funding shortfalls for the State Children's

Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) for fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes, introduced on today by him, and at the desk; that the bill be read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Mr. CHAMBLISS objected.
Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF RESOLUTION S. RES. 123

Mr. DEMINT asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 123) reforming the congressional earmark process; that the resolution be considered, and agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Mr. MENENDEZ objected.
Pending debate,

U.S. TROOP READINESS,
VETERANS' HEALTH, AND IRAQ
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SALAZAR in the chair) appointed the following as conferees on the part of the Senate to the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill H.R. 1591: Mr. BYRD, Mr. INOUE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KOHL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DORGAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. REED, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BOND, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. GRASSLEY as conferees on the part of the Senate.

Pending debate,

GENOCIDE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 888) to amend section 1091 of title 18, United States Code, to allow the prosecution of genocide in appropriate circumstances.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL S. 1071

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the chair lay before the Senate the bill (S. 1071) to authorize the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to waive the prohibition on duplication of certain disaster relief assistance, introduced on today by Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. LOTT), and at the desk; that the bill be read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL H.R. 137

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 137) to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

ORDERS FOR CONSIDERATION OF
BILLS S. 5 AND S. 30

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, following morning business, the Senate proceed to consider the bills (S. 5) to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research and (S. 30) to intensify research to derive human pluripotent stem cell lines, en bloc; that there be a limitation of 20 hours for concurrent debate on the bills; and that the following, or their designees, each control 5 hours therein: the majority leader, the minority leader, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BROWNBACK.

Ordered further, That no amendments or motions be in order to either bill; that, upon conclusion of debate, the bills, en bloc, be read the third time; that, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate vote on the passage of the bills; that the Senate first vote on passage of bill S. 5; and that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the majority and minority leaders, or their designees, between the votes.

Ordered further, That if either bill fails to pass with a minimum of 60 yeas votes, bill S. 5 be returned to the calendar, and bill S. 30 be placed on the calendar; and that, if either bill is passed, a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

BILL S. 30 ORDERED HELD AT THE
DESK

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That bill S. 30, introduced on today, be held at the desk.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

PROVIDING FOR AN
ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE
TWO HOUSES

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 103) providing for an adjournment or recess of the two Houses, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONDEMNING THE SEIZURE BY
THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN OF 15
BRITISH NAVAL PERSONNEL

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 136) expressing the sense of the Senate condemning the seizure by the Government of Iran of 15 British naval personnel in Iraqi territorial waters, and calling for their immediate, safe, and unconditional release, submitted today by Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. DODD, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. SMITH), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL ASBESTOS AWARENESS WEEK"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 131) designating the first week of April 2007 as "National Asbestos Awareness Week".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

TRAUMA CARE SYSTEMS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 727) to amend the Public Health Service Act to add requirements regarding trauma care, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

NATIONAL BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER EARLY DETECTION PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1132) to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPANDING THE STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 682) expand the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to include alternative fuels, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS DURING RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding an adjournment or recess of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, the majority leader, and the minority leader be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or Interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION S. RES. 138

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the chair lay before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 138) honoring the accomplishments and legacy of Cesar Estrada Chavez, submitted on today, and at the desk; that the resolution, and accompanying preamble, be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2007, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2007; that, on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the first 30 minutes therein be controlled by the minority, and the second 30 minutes therein be controlled by the majority; and that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to consider bills S. 5 and S. 30, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:22 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, and pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 103, until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2007.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2007

Ms. MARY L. LANDRIEU, from the State of Louisiana, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Ms. LANDRIEU led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 10, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARY L. LANDRIEU, a Senator from the State of Louisiana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Ms. LANDRIEU took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 29, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 29, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 29, 2007,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1239. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of (3) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1240. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral James D. McArthur, Jr., United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1241. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Defense Environmental Programs of fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1242. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and

Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Joseph R. Inge, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1243. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Steven W. Boutelle, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1244. A communication from the Senior Attorney Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Limitation on Issuance of Excess Stock" (RIN3069-AB30) received on March 29, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1245. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1246. A communication from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Termination of a Foreign Private Issuer's Registration of a Class of Securities Under Section 12(g) and Duty to File Reports Under Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934" (RIN3235-AJ38) received on March 28, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

EC-1247. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to foreign supplies purchased during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1248. A communication from the Acting Associate Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sudanese Sanctions Regulations" (31 CFR part 538) received on March 29, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1249. A communication from the Senior Attorney Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Home Loan Bank Appointive Directors" (RIN3069-AB33) received on March 29, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1250. A communication from the Senior Attorney Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Board,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act; Implementation" (RIN3069-AB32) received on March 29, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1251. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations (including 2 regulations beginning with CGD05-07-004)" (RIN1625-AA08) received on March 29, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

EC-1252. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones (including 2 regulations beginning with CGD05-07-011)" (RIN1625-AA00) received on March 29, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1253. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operations (including 2 regulations beginning with CGD13-06-048)" (RIN1625-AA09) received on March 29, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

EC-1254. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; South Portland, Maine, Gulf Blasting Project (CGD01-07-012)" (RIN1625-AA00) received on March 29, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1255. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations (including 4 regulations beginning with CGD01-07-027)" (RIN1625-AA09) received on March 29, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

EC-1256. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; Chesapeake Bay, between Sandy Point and Kent Island, MD (CGD05-06-104)" (RIN1625-AA87) received on March 29, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1257. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting,

pursuant to law, a notification relative to his intent to enter into a free trade agreement with the Republic of Panama; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1258. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Hospital Conditions of Participation: Requirements for Approval and Re-approval of Transplant Centers to Perform Organ Transplants" (RIN0938-AH17) received on March 29, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1259. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to payments made to Cuba for telecommunications services; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1260. A communication from the Director, Office of General Counsel and Legal Policy, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Post-Employment Conflict of Interest Restrictions; Exemption of Positions and Revision of Departmental Component Designations" (RIN3209-AA14) received on March 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1261. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1262. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Green Valley of Russian River Valley Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AB18) received on March 28, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1263. A communication from the Acting Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to Freedom of Information Act litigation cases; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1264. A communication from the Acting Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report on certain activities pertaining to the Freedom of Information Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1265. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cranberries Grown in the States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Michigan,

Minnesota, Oregon, Washington, and Long Island in the State of New York; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-06-0174) received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1266. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wisconsin; Final Free and Restricted Percentages for the 2006-2007 Crop Year for Tart Cherries" (Docket No. AMS-FV-06-0187) received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1267. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Salable Quantities and Allotment Percentages for the 2007-2008 Marketing Year" (Docket No. FV07-985-1 FR) received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1268. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mushroom Promotion, Research, and Information Order; Reallocation of Mushroom Council Membership" (Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0019) received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1269. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cut Flowers from Countries with Chrysanthemum White Rust" (Docket No. 03-016-3) received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1270. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification of the President's intent to enter into a free trade agreement with the Republic of Korea; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DORGAN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 322. A bill to establish an Indian youth telemental health demonstration project (Rept. No. 110-43).

By Mr. DORGAN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 375. A bill to waive application of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to a specific parcel of real property transferred by the United States to 2 Indian tribes in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-44).

S. 398. A bill to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to identify and remove barriers to reducing child abuse, to provide for examinations of certain children, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-45).

S. 481. A bill to recruit and retain more qualified individuals to teach in Tribal Colleges or Universities (Rept. No. 110-46).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

Special Report entitled "History, Jurisdiction, and a Summary of Activities of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources during the 109th Congress" (Rept. No. 110-47).

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

Report to accompany S. 358, A bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment (Rept. No. 110-48).

Report to accompany S. 556, A bill to reauthorize the Head Start Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-49).

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 613. A bill to enhance the overseas stabilization and reconstruction capabilities of the United States Government, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-50).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendments:

S. 442. A bill to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders (Rept. No. 110-51).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DODD, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 1077. A bill to safely redeploy United States troops from Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. REED, and Mr. SMITH):

S. 1078. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for employer-provided employee housing

assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1079. A bill to establish the Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1080. A bill to develop a program to acquire interests in land from eligible individuals within the Crow Reservation in the State of Montana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 1081. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a flat tax only on individual taxable earned income and business taxable income, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 1082. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize and amend the prescription drug user fee provisions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ALLARD, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 1083. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase competitiveness in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BROWN, and Ms. CANTWELL)):

S. 1084. A bill to provide housing assistance for very low-income veterans; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 140. A resolution to authorize legal representation in In the Matter of the Application of Committee on Finance; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. DODD):

S. Res. 141. A resolution urging all member countries of the International

Commission of the International Tracing Service who have yet to ratify the May 2006 amendments to the 1955 Bonn Accords to expedite the ratification process to allow for open access to the Holocaust archives located at Bad Arolsen, Germany; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. CASEY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BAUCUS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 142. A resolution observing Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Memorial Day, and calling on the remaining member countries of the International Commission of the International Tracing Service to ratify the May 2006 amendments to the 1955 Bonn Accords immediately to allow open access to the Bad Arolsen archives; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. VITTER):

S. Res. 143. A resolution honoring Coach Eddie G. Robinson; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. Res. 144. A resolution honoring the Michigan State University Spartans on winning the 2007 Men's National Collegiate Hockey Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. Res. 145. A resolution congratulating Zach Johnson on his victory in the 2007 Masters golf tournament; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 5

At the request of Mrs. McCASKILL, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 5, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research.

S. 21

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 21, a bill to expand access to preventive health care services that help reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce abortions, and improve access to women's health care.

S. 30

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] were added as cosponsors of S. 30, a bill to intensify research to derive human pluripotent stem cell lines.

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 30, supra.

S. 43

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 43, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to preserve and protect Social Security benefits of American workers and to help ensure greater congressional oversight of the Social Security system by requiring that both Houses of Congress approve a totalization agreement before the agreement, giving foreign workers Social Security benefits, can go into effect.

S. 57

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of S. 57, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 122

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 122, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to extend benefits to service sector workers and firms, enhance certain trade adjustment assistance authorities, and for other purposes.

S. 206

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH], the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. McCASKILL] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] were added as cosponsors of S. 206, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 254

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 254, a bill to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] were added as cosponsors of S. 294, a bill to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 329

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] were added as cosponsors of

S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 348

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 348, a bill to improve the amendments made by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

S. 380

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 380, a bill to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to establish a fact-finding Commission to extend the study of a prior Commission to investigate and determine facts and circumstances surrounding the relocation, internment, and deportation to Axis countries of Latin Americans of Japanese descent from December 1941 through February 1948, and the impact of those actions by the United States, and to recommend appropriate remedies, and for other purposes.

S. 382

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a State family support grant program to end the practice of parents giving legal custody of their seriously emotionally disturbed children to State agencies for the purpose of obtaining mental health services for those children.

S. 383

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 383, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the period of eligibility for health care for combat service in the Persian Gulf War or future hostilities from two years to five years after discharge or release.

S. 399

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] were added as cosponsors of S. 399, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include podiatrists as physicians for purposes of covering physicians services under the Medicaid program.

S. 415

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 415, a bill to amend the Revised Statutes of the

United States to prevent the use of the legal system in a manner that extorts money from State and local governments, and the Federal Government, and inhibits such governments' constitutional actions under the first, tenth, and fourteenth amendments.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 430, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 450

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 479

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 479, a bill to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.

S. 502

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 502, a bill to repeal the sunset on the reduction of capital gains rates for individuals and on the taxation of dividends of individuals at capital gains rates.

S. 519

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 519, a bill to modernize and expand the reporting requirements relating to child pornography, to expand cooperation in combating child pornography, and for other purposes.

S. 522

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 522, a bill to safeguard the economic health of the United States and the health and safety of the United States citizens by improving the management, coordination, and effectiveness of domestic and international intellectual property rights enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 530

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 530, a bill to prohibit products that contain dry ultra-filtered milk products, milk protein concentrate, or casein from being labeled as domestic natural cheese, and for other purposes.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 548

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 548, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor.

S. 558

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 558, a bill to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services.

S. 573

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 573, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 576

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 576, a bill to provide for the effective prosecution of terrorists and guarantee due process rights.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 579, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 594

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 594, a bill to limit the use, sale, and transfer of cluster munitions.

S. 595

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 595, a bill to amend the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 to strike a provision relating to modifications in reporting frequency.

S. 597

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 597, a bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

S. 600

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] were added as cosponsors of S. 600, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish the School-Based Health Clinic program, and for other purposes.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 604, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to limit increases in the certain costs of health care services under the health care programs of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 609

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] were added as cosponsors of S. 609, a bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

S. 615

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 615, a bill to provide the nonimmigrant spouses and children of nonimmigrant aliens who perished in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks an opportunity to adjust their status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, and for other purposes.

S. 620

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 620, a bill to establish a demonstration project to train unemployed workers for employment as

health care professionals, and for other purposes.

S. 624

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] were added as cosponsors of S. 624, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers.

S. 625

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 625, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S. 638

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] were added as cosponsors of S. 638, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 661

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 661, a bill to establish kinship navigator programs, to establish guardianship assistance payments for children, and for other purposes.

S. 667

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 667, a bill to expand programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse and neglect prevention, and early identification of developmental and health delays, including potential mental health concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 677

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 677, a bill to improve the grant program for secure schools under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968.

S. 691

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the benefits under the Medicare program for beneficiaries with kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 714

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 714, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to ensure that all dogs and cats used by research facilities are obtained legally.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 727, a bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education.

S. 766

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 766, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies of victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 787

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 787, a bill to impose a 2-year moratorium on implementation of a proposed rule relating to the Federal-State financial partnerships under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

S. 794

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 794, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option to expand or add coverage of pregnant women under the Medicaid and State children's health insurance programs, and for other purposes.

S. 798

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 798, a bill to establish the Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, and for other purposes.

S. 819

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 819, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes.

S. 831

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] were added as cosponsors of S. 831, a bill to authorize States and local governments to prohibit the investment of

State assets in any company that has a qualifying business relationship with Sudan.

S. 849

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 849, a bill to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes.

S. 858

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] were added as cosponsors of S. 858, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the transportation fringe benefit to bicycle commuters.

S. 866

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 866, a bill to provide for increased planning and funding for health promotion programs of the Department of Health and Human Services.

S. 881

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 881, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 883

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 883, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend loan forgiveness for certain loans to Head Start teachers.

S. 884

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 884, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act regarding residential treatment programs for pregnant and parenting women, a program to reduce substance abuse among nonviolent offenders, and for other purposes.

S. 898

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 898, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to fund breakthroughs in Alzheimer's disease research while providing more help to caregivers and increasing public education about prevention.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] were added as cosponsors

of S. 901, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

S. 919

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 919, a bill to reauthorize Department of Agriculture conservation and energy programs and certain other programs of the Department, to modify the operation and administration of these programs, and for other purposes.

S. 923

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 923, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the New England National Scenic Trail, and for other purposes.

S. 935

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 935, a bill to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 937

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 937, a bill to improve support and services for individuals with autism and their families.

S. 946

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 946, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to reauthorize the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program, and for other purposes.

S. 958

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 958, a bill to establish an adolescent literacy program.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 969, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the definition of supervisor.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 972

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 972, a bill to provide for the reduction of adolescent pregnancy, HIV rates, and other sexually transmitted diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 986

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 986, a bill to expand eligibility for Combat-Related Special Compensation paid by the uniformed services in order to permit certain additional retired members who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for that disability and Combat-Related Special Compensation by reason of that disability.

S. 988

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 988, a bill to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

S. 991

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 991, a bill to establish the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation under the authorities of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961.

S. 1003

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1003, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to emergency medical services and the quality and efficiency of care furnished in emergency departments of hospitals and critical access hospitals by establishing a bipartisan commission to examine factors that affect the effective delivery of such services, by providing for additional payments for certain physician services furnished in such emergency departments, and by establishing a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Working Group, and for other purposes.

S. 1017

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1017, a bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to prohibit the use of certain anti-competitive forward contracts.

S. 1026

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] and the Senator from

Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1026, a bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia, as the "Charlie Norwood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

S. 1033

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1033, a bill to assist in the conservation of rare felids and rare canids by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of rare felid and rare canid populations and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of rare felid and rare canid populations.

S. 1060

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1060, a bill to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, and for other purposes.

S. 1062

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1062, a bill to establish a congressional commemorative medal for organ donors and their families.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 4, a joint resolution to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the United States Government regarding Indian tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 112

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 112, a resolution designating April 6, 2007, as "National Missing Persons Day".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at 11 a.m., in Room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of the hearing

is to review the Federal Trade Commission Reauthorization Act.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

The Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at 3 p.m., in both closed and open sessions, to receive testimony on overseas basing plans, military installation, environmental and base closure programs in review of the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years Defense program.

AUTHORIZING LEGAL REPRESENTATION

On the request of Mr. HARKIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. AKAKA in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 140) to authorize legal representation in the Matter of the Application of Committee on Finance, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

STEM CELL RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT ACT

HOPE OFFERED THROUGH PRINCIPLED AND ETHICAL STEM CELL RESEARCH ACT

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 29, 2007,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bills (S. 5) to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research, and (S. 30) to intensify research to derive human pluripotent stem cell lines; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bills. Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 29, 2007,

The question being on passage of bill S. 5.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That, on today, Mr. HARKIN, or his designee, control 60 minutes of the time of the majority, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 29, 2007; that Mr. COLEMAN control the next 60 minutes; that the majority leader, or his designee, control the following 60 minutes; that Mr. BROWNBACK, or his designee, control the following 60 minutes; and that, on today, time until 9 p.m. be controlled in like alternating fashion, for periods of 60 minutes.

The question being on passage of bill S. 5. Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 372

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that, following morning business on Thursday, April 12, 2007, the Senate proceed to consider bill S. 372.

Mr. ISAKSON objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 372

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 372) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 372:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 372:

HARRY REID, SHERROD BROWN, CLAIRE McCASKILL, JACK REED, JON TESTER, PATTY MURRAY, JEFF BINGAMAN, AMY KLOBUCHAR, BLANCHE L. LINCOLN, EVAN BAYH, BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, MAX BAUCUS, PATRICK J. LEAHY, CHUCK SCHUMER, BYRON L. DORGAN, KEN SALAZAR, DICK DURBIN.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 372.

Mr. REID withdrew his pending motion.

STEM CELL RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT ACT

HOPE OFFERED THROUGH PRINCIPLED AND ETHICAL STEM CELL RESEARCH

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate resume consideration of bills S. 5 and S. 30, as pursuant to the order of today.

Pursuant to the foregoing order, The Senate resumed consideration of bills S. 5 and S. 30.

The question being on passage of bill S. 5. Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate resumes consideration of bill S. 5 and S. 30 on tomorrow, there be a total of 6 hours and 30 minutes remaining for debate; and that the time therein be divided and controlled, as follows: the majority leader, 90 minutes; the minority leader, 90 minutes; Mr. HARKIN, 90 minutes; and Mr. BROWNBACK, 90 minutes.

Ordered further, That the time until 12:30 p.m. be divided and controlled, as follows: Mr. HARKIN, or his designee, 90 minutes; Mr. COLEMAN, 45 minutes; Mr. ISAKSON, 45 minutes; and Mr. BROWNBACK, 45 minutes.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

Ordered further, That the time from 2:15 p.m. until 5:15 p.m. be divided and controlled, as follows: Mr. HARKIN, or his designee, 90 minutes; Mr. COLEMAN, 45 minutes; Mr. ISAKSON, 45 minutes; and Mr. BROWNBACK, 45 minutes.

Ordered further, That the minority leader control the time from 5:15 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.; and that the majority leader control the time from 5:30 p.m. until 5:45 p.m.

Ordered further, That, at 5:45 p.m., with no intervening action or debate, the Senate vote on passage of bill S. 5; that, upon conclusion of said vote, there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled for debate; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on passage of bill S. 30; and that all other provisions of the orders relative to these bills remain in effect.

HONORING COACH EDDIE G. ROBINSON

On the request of Mr. HARKIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 143) honoring Coach Eddie G. Robinson, submitted today by Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. VITTER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING THE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY SPARTANS ON WINNING THE 2007 MEN'S NATIONAL COLLEGIATE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

On the request of Mr. HARKIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 144) honoring the Michigan State University Spartans on winning the 2007 Men's National Collegiate Hockey Championship, submitted today by

Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LEVIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING ZACH JOHNSON ON HIS VICTORY IN THE 2007 MASTERS GOLF TOURNAMENT

On the request of Mr. HARKIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 145) congratulating Zach Johnson on his victory in the 2007 Masters golf tournament, submitted today by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. HARKIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "GERALD W. HEANEY FEDERAL BUILDING AND UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE AND CUSTOMHOUSE"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 521) to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse and customhouse located at 515 West First Street in Duluth, Minnesota, as the "Gerald W. Heaney Federal Building and United States Courthouse and Customhouse".

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "ROBERT E. COYLE UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 801) to designate a United States courthouse located in Fresno, California, as the "Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse".

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "CLIFFORD DAVIS AND ODELL HORTON FEDERAL BUILDING"

On the request of Mr. HARKIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 753) to redesignate the Federal building located at 167 North Main Street in Memphis, Tennessee, as the "Clifford Davis and Odell Horton Federal Building", received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, March 27, 2007, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ANIMAL FIGHTING PROHIBITION ENFORCEMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 137) to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m., on tomorrow; that on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be

deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of bill S. 5 and S. 30, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

At 8:02 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, April 11, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

STEM CELL RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT ACT

HOPE OFFERED THROUGH PRINCIPLED AND ETHICAL STEM CELL RESEARCH ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bills (S. 5) to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research, and (S. 30) to intensify research to derive human pluripotent stem cell lines; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bills.

The question being on passage of bill S. 5.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That the vote on passage of bill S. 5, previously ordered to occur at 5:45 p.m., instead occur at 5:55 p.m.; that the minority leader be recognized at 5:25 p.m.; and that there be an additional 10 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Mr. HARKIN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. BROWNBACK.

The question being on passage of bill S. 5.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m.

RECESS

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

At 12:23 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order.

STEM CELL RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT ACT

HOPE OFFERED THROUGH PRINCIPLED AND ETHICAL STEM CELL RESEARCH ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bills S. 5 and S. 30.

The question being on passage of bill S. 5.

Pending debate,

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. OBAMA in the chair) announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, upon recommendation of the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-292, as amended by Public Law 106-55, and as further amended by Public Law 107-228, had appointed the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Mr. Don H. Argue, of Washington.

CALLING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL STRATEGY IN AFRICA

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 76) calling on the United States Government and the international community to promptly develop, fund, and implement a comprehensive regional strategy in Africa to protect civilians, facilitate humanitarian operations, contain and reduce violence, and contribute to conditions for sustainable peace in eastern Chad, and Central African Republic, and Darfur, Sudan.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN (for Mr. LUGAR) to amend the resolution on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 840).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, on motion by Mr. HARKIN (for Mr. LUGAR), so as to read: "A resolution calling on the United States Government and the international community to promptly develop, fund, and implement a comprehensive regional strategy in Africa to protect civilians, facilitate humanitarian operations, contain and reduce violence, and contribute to conditions for sustainable peace in eastern Chad, northern Central African Republic, and Darfur, Sudan."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That, following the vote on passage of bill S. 30 on today, the Senate adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the first 30 minutes therein be controlled by the minority leader, or his designee; that the second 30 minutes therein be controlled by the majority leader, or his designee; that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 372; and that the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 372.

STEM CELL RESEARCH
ENHANCEMENT ACT

HOPE OFFERED THROUGH
PRINCIPLED AND ETHICAL STEM
CELL RESEARCH ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bills S. 5 and S. 30.

The question being on passage of bill S. 5.
After debate,

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That it be in order for him to request the yeas and nays on the passage of bill S. 30, notwithstanding the bill not presently being the pending question.

Under the authority of the foregoing order,
On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of bill S. 30.

The question being on passage of bill S. 5.

The bill was read the third time.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 63, nays... 34

[Rollcall Vote No. 127 Leg.]

YEAS --- 63

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Byrd,

Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Clinton, Cochran, Collins, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Gregg, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 34

Allard, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Hagel, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Martinez, McConnell, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill do pass (the bill having received a minimum of 60 yeas votes, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 29, 2007).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to reconsider the vote on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 29, 2007,

The question being on passage of bill S. 30.

After debate,

The bill was read the third time.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 70, nays... 28

[Rollcall Vote No. 128 Leg.]

YEAS --- 70

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Biden, Bond, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kyl, Landrieu, Leahy, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Roberts, Salazar, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse.

NAYS --- 28

Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Cantwell, Cardin, Clinton, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Inouye, Kohl, Lautenberg, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Wyden.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill do pass (the bill having received a minimum of 60 yeas votes, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 29, 2007).

On motion by Mr. COLEMAN to reconsider the vote on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. BROWNBACK,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MORNING BUSINESS

The following morning business occurred on today:

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1271. A communication from the Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fee for Inspecting Fruits and Vegetables, Processed" (RIN0581-AC56), received on April 4, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1272. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Change in Handling Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-06-0208), received on April 4, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1273. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Establishment of Final Free and Restricted Percentages for the 2006-2007 Marketing Year" (Docket No. AMS-FV-06-0175), received on April 4, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1274. A communication from the Administrator, Risk Management Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Almond and Walnut Crop Insurance Provisions" (RIN0563-AC08), received on April 10, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1275. A communication from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, its annual report relative to the Board's health and safety activities relating to defense nuclear facilities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1276. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Submission and Processing of Payment Requests" (DFARS Case 2005-D009), received on April 10, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1277. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition on Acquisition from Communist Chinese Military Companies" (DFARS Case 2006-D007), received on April 10, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1278. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Designated Countries" (DFARS Case 2006-D062), received on April 10, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1279. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Free Trade Agreements - Guatemala and Bahrain" (DFARS Case 2006-D028), received on April 10, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1280. A communication from the Director, Pentagon Renovation and Construction Program Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on the Office's work in progress, completed and planned before March 1, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1281. A communication from the Deputy Chief of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's performance decision to transfer certain functions to contract workers; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1282. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the critical skills retention bonus program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1283. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of (10) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1284. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual Selected Acquisition Reports for the quarter ending December 31, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1285. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the threat posed by improvised explosive devices; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1286. A communication from the Paralegal, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Fuels Grant Program" (RIN2132-AA91), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1287. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Public Access to HUD Records Under the Freedom of Information Act Regulations" (RIN2501-AD22), received on April 4, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1288. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Timeliness Expenditure Standards for the Insular Areas Program" (RIN2501-AD15), received on April 4, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1289. A communication from the Assistant to the Board, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expanded Examination Cycle for Certain Small Insured Depository Institutions and U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks" (Docket No. R-1279), received on April 4, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1290. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Singapore; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1291. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the designation of an acting officer for the position of General Counsel, received on April 10, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1292. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's activities during calendar year 2006 under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1293. A communication from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Buy American Act; to

the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1294. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to the United Arab Emirates; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1295. A communication from the Executive Director, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the use of category rating; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1296. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Methods for Renewing and Replacing Permits Issued Under the West Coast Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan" (RIN0648-AU91), received on April 4, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1297. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of General Counsel, received on April 4, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1298. A communication from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's annual report relative to the implementation of the Do Not Call Registry; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1299. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Critical Skills Retention Bonus program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1300. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Biennial Specification and Management Measures; Correction" (RIN0648-AU57), received on April 10, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1301. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Inseason Summer Flounder Quota Transfer from NC to VA" (ID No. 031207A), received on April 10,

2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1302. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Elephant Trunk Scallop Access Area Closure for General Category Scallop Vessels" (ID No. 031307A), received on April 10, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1303. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID No. 030907A), received on April 10, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1304. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 610 of the Gulf of Alaska" (ID No. 032007A), received on April 10, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1305. A communication from the Honors Attorney, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Reimbursement of General Aviation Operators and Service Providers in the Washington, D.C. Area" (RIN2105-AD61), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1306. A communication from the Senior Attorney, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Time Zone Boundaries in the State of Indiana" (RIN2105-AD53), received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1307. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class D Airspace; Griffiss Airfield, Rome, NY" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AEA-014)), received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1308. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Newton Field, ME" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ANE-01)),

received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1309. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Bethel Regional Airport, ME" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ANE-02)), received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1310. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Santa Cruz, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AWP-17)), received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1311. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change to Controlling Agency of Restricted Area 2312; Fort Huachuca, AZ" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ASW-11)), received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1312. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Low Altitude Reporting Point; AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AAL-30)), received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1313. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class D and E Airspace; Big Delta, Allen Army Airfield, Fort Greely, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AAL-31)), received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1314. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment, Modification and Revocation of VOR Federal Airways; East Central United States" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ASW-1)), received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1315. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment, Modification and Revocation of VOR

Federal Airways; East Central United States" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ASW-1)), received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1316. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class D Airspace, Mesa, AZ" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AWP-016)), received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1317. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change to Time of Designation of Restricted Area 6320; Matagorda, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ASW-12)), received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1318. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of VOR Federal Airway V-2; East Central United States" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ASW-13)), received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1319. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 and A300-600 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-288)), received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1320. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-8-55, DC-8F-54, and DC-8F-55 Airplanes; and Model DC-8-60, DC-8-70, DC-8-60F, and DC-8-70F Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2001-NM-183)), received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1321. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A310-300 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. NM-065)), received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1322. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation

Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Model Mystere-Falcon 50 and 900, and Falcon 900EX Airplanes; and Model Falcon 2000 and Falcon 2000EX Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-113)), received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1323. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model DHC-8-400 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-209)), received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1324. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330-200, A330-300, A340-200, A340-300, A340-500, and A340-600 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-274)), received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1325. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Gulfstream Aerospace LP Model Gulfstream 100 Airplanes, and Model Astra SPX and 1125 Westwind Astra Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-286)), received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1326. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A310 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-247)), received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1327. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca Arriel 2B1 Turboshaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NE-02)), received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1328. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, Weather Takeoff Minimums; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3204)), received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1329. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (62)" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3206)), received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1330. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 B4-605R Airplanes and Model A310-308, -324, and -325 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-146)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1331. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 757 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-121)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1332. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-261)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1333. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model CL-600-2B19 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-172)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1334. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-100, -200, -200C, -300, -400, and -500 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-141)), received on April 3, 2007; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1335. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 Airplanes; Model A300 B4-601, B4-603, B4-620, B4-622, B4-605R, B4-622R, F4-605R, F4-622R, and C4-605R Variant F Airplanes; and Model A310 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2003-NM-123)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1336. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Ridgway, PA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ANE-03)), received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1337. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class D Airspace; Griffiss Airfield, Rome, NY" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ANE-014)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1338. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E-2 Airspace; Griffiss Airfield, Rome, NY" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AEA-015)), received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1339. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E-2 Airspace; Griffiss Airfield, Rome, NY" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ANE-015)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1340. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (34)" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3202)), received on April 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1341. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model CL-600-2B19 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-004)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1342. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; EADS SOCATA TBM 700 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-62)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1343. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd. and Co. KG Tay 611-8, Tay 620-15, and Tay 651-54 Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NE-19)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1344. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; DORNIER LUFTFAHRT GmbH Model 228-212 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-86)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1345. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Model Mystere-Falcon 900 and Falcon 900EX Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-244)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1346. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney PW2000 Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NE-11)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1347. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Reims Aviation S.A. F406 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-91)), received on April 3, 2007; to

the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1348. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model DHC-8-400 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-078)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1349. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model DHC-8-100, -200, and -300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-077)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1350. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model DHC-8-400 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-130)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1351. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-053)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1352. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-100B SUD, 747-200B, 747-300, 747-400, 747-400D, and 747SP Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-092)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1353. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca Arriel 1 Series Turboshaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NE-28)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1354. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; EADS SOCATA Model TBM 700 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-43)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1355. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-400 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-090)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1356. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Short Brothers and Harland Ltd. Models SC-7 Series 2 and SC-7 Series 3 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2000-CE-17)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1357. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sicma Aero Seat, Passenger Seat Assemblies" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NE-04)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1358. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; EADS SOCATA Model TBM 700 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-65)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1359. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-150)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1360. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Gippsland Aeronautics Pty. Ltd. Model GA8 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-006)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1361. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca S.A. Makila 1A and 1A1 Turboshaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2006-NE-39)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1362. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pilatus Aircraft Ltd., PC-6 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-54)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1363. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 Airplanes; A300 B4-600, B4-600R, and F4-600R Series Airplanes, and Model A300 C4-605R Variant F Airplanes; and A310 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-18)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1364. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Superior Air Parts, Inc., Cast Cylinder Assemblies Part Numbers Series: SA47000L, SA47000S, SA52000, SA55000, SL32000W, SL32000WH, SL32006W, SL36000TW, SL36000W, and SL36006W" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NE-32)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1365. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model DHC-8-102, -103, and -106 Airplanes; and Model DHC-8-200 and DHC-8-300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-206)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1366. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model CL-600-2B19 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-194)), received on April 3, 2007;

to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1367. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; EADS SOCATA Model TBM 700 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-60)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1368. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; CFM International CFM56-5 and -5B Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2001-NE-49)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1369. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Aircraft Company 65, 90, 99, 100, 200, and 1900 Series Airplanes, and Models 70 and 300 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2003-CE-51)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1370. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; EADS SOCATA TBM 700 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-64)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1371. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model ERJ 170-100 LR, -100 STD, -100 SE, -100 SU, -200 LR, -200 STD, and -200 SU Airplanes and Model ERJ 190 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-221)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1372. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; EXTRA Flugzeugproduktions- und Vertriebs- GmbH Models EA-300, EA-300S, EA-300L, and EA-300/200 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-56)), received on April 3, 2007; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1373. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Alpha Aviation Design Limited R2160 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-81)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1374. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F.28 Mark 0070 and 0100 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2006-NM-097)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1375. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F.28 Mark 0070 and 0100 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2006-NM-198)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1376. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Construcciones Aeronauticas, S.A., Model C-212 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-291)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1377. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 B2 and B4 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-115)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1378. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 767-200 and -300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-071)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1379. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness

Directives; Pilatus Aircraft Limited PC-12 and PC-12/45 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2006-CE-70)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1380. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 Airplanes; and Model A300 B4-600, B4-600R, and F4-600R Series Airplanes, and Model C4-605R Variant F Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2006-NM-186)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1381. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 777-200, -300, and -300ER Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-080)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1382. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F27 Mark 050 and F.28 Mark 0070 and 0100 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-259)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1383. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A310 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-149)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1384. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model ERJ 170 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-168)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1385. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-600, -700, -700C, -800, and -900 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-

051)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1386. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Saab Model SAAB-Fairchild SF340A and SAAB 340B Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-067)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1387. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 767 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2003-NM-269)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1388. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-10-10, DC-10-10F, DC-10-15, DC-10-30, and DC-10-30F Airplanes; Model DC-10-40 and DC-10-40F Airplanes Equipped with Pratt and Whitney JT9-20 or JT9-20J Engines; and Model MD-10-10F and MD-10-30F Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-177)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1389. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Learjet Model 23, 24, 24A, 24B, 24B-A, 24C, 24D, 24D-A, 24E, 24F, 24F-A, 25, 25A, 25B, 25C, 25D, 25F, 28, 29, 31, 31A, 35, 35A, 36, 36A, 55, 55B, and 55C Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-083)), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1390. A communication from the Honors Attorney, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Airport Concessions" (RIN2105-AD51), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1391. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Catching

Pacific Cod for Processing by the Inshore Component in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (ID No. 030607D), received on April 4, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1392. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Inseason Bluefish Quota Transfer from VA to NY" (ID No. 030607B), received on April 4, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1393. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the Gulf of Alaska" (ID No. 022807A), received on April 4, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1394. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Herring Fishery; Amendment 1 to the Fishery Management Plan" (RIN0648-AQ87), received on April 4, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1395. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delayed Effective Date for Vessel Monitoring Systems under Amendment 18A" (RIN0648-AN09), received on April 4, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1396. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID No. 030207A), received on April 4, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1397. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Decrease the Commercial Trip Limit for Gulf Group King Mackerel in the Southern Florida West Coast Subzone" (ID No. 022207A), received on April 4, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1398. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 610 of the Gulf of Alaska" (ID No. 030707B), received on April 4, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1399. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the Gulf of Alaska" (ID No. 030707A), received on April 4, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1400. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Haddock Separator Trawl Requirement and Establishment of a 5,000-lb Georges Bank Yellowtail Flounder Trip Limit for the Eastern U.S./Canada Management Area" (ID No. 030107A), received on April 4, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1401. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to state and regional policies that promote energy efficiency programs carried out by electric and gas utilities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1402. A communication from the Acting Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Operating Plan for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1403. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System" (FERC Docket No. RM06-16-000), received on April 8, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1404. A communication from the Electric Energy Market Competition Task Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to competition within the wholesale and retail markets for electric energy in the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1405. A communication from the Assistant Secretary (Policy, Management and Budget), Department of the Interior, transmitting, the report of draft legislation entitled "Range Improvement Fund Amendment Act of 2007"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1406. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the construction of a

repository at Yucca Mountain; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1407. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Corrections and Updates to Technical Guidelines for Voluntary Greenhouse Gas Reporting" (RIN1901-AB23), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1408. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's intent to adjust the dollar thresholds for submission of construction, alteration, lease, and lease alteration prospectuses; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1409. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Wisconsin; Prevention of Significant Deterioration" (FRL No. 8296-3), received on April 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1410. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Tennessee; Approval of Revisions to the Knox County Portion of the Tennessee State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 8297-4), received on April 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1411. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tetraconazole; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8121-3), received on April 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1412. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Arkansas; Prevention of Significant Deterioration and New Source Review; Economic Development Zone for Crittenden County, Arkansas; and Stage I Vapor Recovery" (FRL No. 8297-6), received on April 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1413. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, Office of Administration and Resources Management,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Buy American Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1414. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, the Commission's latest quarterly report relative to the status of its licensing and regulatory duties; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1415. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Pollutants and Facilities; Rhode Island; Negative Declaration" (FRL No. 8295-6), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1416. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the States and Indian tribes that have entered into maintenance agreements; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1417. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 8291-7), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1418. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Second Report to Congress on the Evaluation of the Medicare Coordinated Care Demonstration"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1419. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, the report of draft legislation entitled "Black Lung Disability Trust Fund Debt Restructuring Act"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1420. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tier I - Transfer of Intangibles Offshore and Section 482 Cost Sharing Buy-in Payment Issue Directive No. 1" (LMSB-04-0307-027), received on April 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1421. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2007 Section 45K Inflation Adjustment Factor (for Calendar

Year 2006)" (Notice 2007-38), received on April 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1422. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tier I Issue Research and Experimentation Credit Claims Directive No. 1" (LMSB-04-0307-025), received on April 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1423. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updated List of Areas Included in the 'North American Area' Under I.R.C. Section 274(h)" (Rev. Rul. 2007-28), received on April 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1424. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Limitations on Benefits and Contributions Under Qualified Plans" ((RIN1545-BD52)(TD 9319)), received on April 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1425. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Regarding the Simplified Service Cost Method and the Simplified Production Method" ((RIN1545-BE57)(TD 9318)), received on April 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1426. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "ICE Futures Section 1265(g)(7)(C) Qualified Board or Exchange Revenue Ruling" (Rev. Rul. 2007-26, 2007-16), received on April 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1427. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "GO Zone Bonus Depreciation Additional Guidance" (Notice 2007-36), received on April 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1428. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States Dollar Approximate Separate Transactions Method" ((RIN1545-BF67)(TD 9320)), received on April 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1429. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Renewable Diesel"

(Notice 2007-37), received on April 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1430. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coordinated Issue: Like-Kind Exchanges Involving Federal Communications Commission Licenses Guide" (UIL No. 1031.02-00), received on April 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1431. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Statute of Limitations and Exchange of Information Concerning Certain Individuals Filing Income Tax Returns with the USVI" (Notice 2007-31), received on April 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1432. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bureau of Labor Statistics Price Indexes for Department Stores - February 2007" (Rev. Rul. 2007-27), received on April 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1433. A communication from the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Acquisitions Made from Foreign Manufacturers for Fiscal Year 2006"; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 343. A bill to extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 (Rept. No. 110-52).

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

Report to accompany S. 558, A bill to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services (Rept. No. 110-53).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 1085. A bill to require air carriers to publish customer service data and flight delay history; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 1086. A bill to provide stronger protections to parents regarding their children's access to sexually explicit material over the Internet; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BROWN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1087. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages on account of sex, race, or national origin, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LOTT):

S. 1088. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to market exclusivity for certain drugs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 1089. A bill to amend the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Act to allow the Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects to hire employees more efficiently, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 1090. A bill to amend the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 to assist the neediest of senior citizens by modifying the eligibility criteria for supplemental foods provided under the commodity supplemental food program to take into account the extraordinarily high out-of-pocket medical expenses that senior citizens pay, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 1091. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to repeal the limitation on party expenditures on behalf of candidates in general elections; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. HAGEL:

S. 1092. A bill to temporarily increase the number of visas which may be issued to certain highly skilled workers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 5

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 5, a bill to amend

the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 316, a bill to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market.

S. 327

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 327, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement.

S. 358

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 358, a bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment.

S. 394

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 394, a bill to amend the Humane Methods of Livestock Slaughter Act of 1958 to ensure the humane slaughter of nonambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 460

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 460, a bill to make determinations by the United States Trade Representative under title III of the Trade Act of 1974 reviewable by the Court of International Trade and to ensure that the United States Trade Representative considers petitions to enforce United States Trade rights, and for other purposes.

S. 465

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 465, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act and title III of the Public Health Service Act to improve access to information about individuals' health care options and legal rights for care near the end of life, to promote advance care planning and decisionmaking so that individuals' wishes are known should they become unable to speak for themselves, to engage health care providers in disseminating information about and assisting in the preparation of advance directives, which include living wills and durable powers of attorney for health care, and for other purposes.

S. 590

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the investment tax credit with respect to solar energy property and qualified fuel cell property, and for other purposes.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] were added as cosponsors of S. 626, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 628

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 628, a bill to provide grants for rural health information technology development activities.

S. 645

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 645, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to provide an alternate sulfur dioxide removal measurement for certain coal gasification project goals.

S. 691

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 691, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the benefits under the Medicare program for beneficiaries with kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 700, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide a tax credit to individuals who enter into agreements to protect the habitats of endangered and threatened species, and for other purposes.

S. 718

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 718, a bill to optimize the delivery of critical care medicine and expand the critical care workforce.

S. 721

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 721, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 731

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 731, a bill to develop a methodology for, and complete, a

national assessment of geological storage capacity for carbon dioxide, and for other purposes.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] were added as cosponsors of S. 746, a bill to establish a competitive grant program to build capacity in veterinary medical education and expand the workforce of veterinarians engaged in public health practice and biomedical research.

S. 766

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 766, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies of victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 769

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 769, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that participants in the Troops to Teachers program may teach at a range of eligible schools.

S. 770

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 770, a bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to permit participating households to use food stamp benefits to purchase nutritional supplements providing vitamins or minerals, and for other purposes.

S. 795

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 795, a bill to assist aliens who have been lawfully admitted in becoming citizens of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 796

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 796, a bill to amend title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide that exchange-rate misalignment by any foreign nation is a countervailable export subsidy, to amend the Exchange Rates and International Economic Policy Coordination Act of 1988 to clarify the definition of manipulation with respect to currency, and for other purposes.

S. 812

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 812, a bill to prohibit human cloning and protect stem cell research.

S. 831

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 831, a bill to authorize States and local governments to prohibit the investment of State assets in any company that has a qualifying business relationship with Sudan.

S. 839

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 839, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude amounts received as a military basic housing allowance from consideration as income for purposes of the low-income housing credit and qualified residential rental projects.

S. 844

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 844, a bill to provide for the protection of unaccompanied alien children, and for other purposes.

S. 858

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 858, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the transportation fringe benefit to bicycle commuters.

S. 902

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 902, a bill to provide support and assistance for families of members of the National Guard and Reserve who are undergoing deployment, and for other purposes.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 911, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 969, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the definition of supervisor.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE]

were added as cosponsors of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 974

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] were added as cosponsors of S. 974, a bill to amend title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide that the provisions relating to countervailing duties apply to nonmarket economy countries, and for other purposes.

S. 991

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 991, a bill to establish the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation under the authorities of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 999, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

S. 1012

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1012, a bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 1020

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1020, a bill to move toward energy independence through a coordinated development of renewable energy sources, including wave, solar, wind, geothermal, and biofuels production.

S. 1026

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1026, a bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia, as the "Charlie Norwood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

S. 1060

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1060, a bill to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the

community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 3

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 3, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that it is the goal of the United States that, not later than January 1, 2025, the agricultural, forestry, and working land of the United States should provide from renewable resources not less than 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States and continue to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, feed, and fiber.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 25

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 25, a concurrent resolution condemning the recent violent actions of the Government of Zimbabwe against peaceful opposition party activists and members of civil society.

SENATE RESOLUTION 65

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 65, a resolution condemning the murder of Turkish-Armenian journalist and human rights advocate Hrant Dink and urging the people of Turkey to honor his legacy of tolerance.

SENATE RESOLUTION 76

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 76, a resolution calling on the United States Government and the international community to promptly develop, fund, and implement a comprehensive regional strategy in Africa to protect civilians, facilitate humanitarian operations, contain and reduce violence, and contribute to conditions for sustainable peace in eastern Chad, northern Central African Republic, and Darfur, Sudan.

SENATE RESOLUTION 106

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 106, a resolution calling on the President to ensure that the foreign policy of the United States reflects appropriate understanding and sensitivity concerning issues related to human rights, ethnic cleansing, and genocide documented in the United States record relating to the Armenian Genocide.

SENATE RESOLUTION 141

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 141, a resolution urging all member countries of the International Commission of the International Tracing Service who have

yet to ratify the May 2006 amendments to the 1955 Bonn Accords to expedite the ratification process to allow for open access to the Holocaust archives located at Bad Arolsen, Germany.

SENATE RESOLUTION 142

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 142, a resolution observing Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Memorial Day, and calling on the remaining member countries of the International Commission of the International Tracing Service to ratify the May 2006 amendments to the 1955 Bonn Accords immediately to allow open access to the Bad Arolsen archives.

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 142, supra.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 11, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on "An Examination of the Availability and Affordability of Property and Casualty Insurance in Gulf Coast and Other Coastal Regions."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of this hearing is to examine the property and casualty insurance industry.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 11, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of this hearing is to examine efforts to improve airline passenger service.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the

Senate on Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on genocide in Sudan.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the Session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 11, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "An Examination of the Medicare Advantage Program."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Judicial Nominations" on Wednesday, April 11, 2007, at 10 a.m., in Dirksen Senate Office Building room 226.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 11, 2007, at 10 a.m., to conduct an oversight meeting on the Smithsonian Institution.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 11, 2007, to hold a hearing on the Filipino Veterans Equity Act of 2007.

The hearing will take place in room 418 of the Russell Senate Office Building beginning at 9:30 a.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION, CIVIL RIGHTS AND PROPERTY RIGHTS

The Subcommittee on The Constitution be authorized to meet on Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. to conduct a hearing on "Responding to The Inspector General's Findings of Improper Use of National Security Letters by the FBI" in Room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

The Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities be authorized to meet in open session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 11, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., to receive testimony on nuclear nonproliferation programs at the National Nuclear Security Administration and the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program and the Proliferation Security Initiative at the Department of Defense in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years defense program.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces be authorized to meet in open and closed session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 11, 2007, at 3 p.m. to receive testimony on Ballistic Missile Defense Programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years defense program.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 5:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 1002. An act to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to reinstate certain provisions relating to the nutrition services incentive program.

OBSERVING YOM HASHOAH, HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. LANDRIEU,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 142) observing Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Memorial Day, and calling on the remaining member countries of the International Commission of the International Tracing Service to ratify the May 2006 amendments to allow open access to the Bad Arolsen archives.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today, At 6:42 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. CANTWELL in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 12, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today April 12, 2007, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1002. An act to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to reinstate certain provisions relating to the nutrition services incentive programs.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The following enrolled bill, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, was signed today, April 12, 2007, by the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

S. 1002. An act to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to reinstate certain provisions relating to the nutrition services incentive programs.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1434. A communication from the Administrator, Livestock and Seed Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Soybean Promotion and Research: Qualified State Soybean Boards; Correcting Amendment" received April 4, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1435. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the release of General Peter J. Shoomaker, United States Army, from active duty and his return to the Retired List as of April 10, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1436. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting, the report of several legislative proposals relative to the National Defense Authorization Bill for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1437. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to activities and assistance provided under Cooperative Threat Reduction Programs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1438. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's compliance with certain requirements of the USA PATRIOT Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1439. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Chemical Weapons Convention Regulations: UDOC 'Change in Inspection Status Form;' Amendments to Records Review and Recordkeeping Requirements; Additions to the List of States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention" (RIN0694-AD53), received on April 4, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1440. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Competitive Acquisition for Certain Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies and other Issues" (RIN0938-AN14), received on April 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1441. A communication from the Offices of the Inspector General of the Departments of Commerce, Defense, Energy, State, Homeland Security, and the Central Intelligence Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to controls over exports to China; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1442. A communication from the Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to

law, copies of the certification and the related justifications pertaining to the course of action described in Section 1203(d) of the Cooperative Threat Reduction Act of 1993 (Title XII, P.L. 103-160), as amended, and Section 502 of the FREEDOM Support Act (Title V, P.L. 102-511); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1443. A communication from the Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the defense articles and defense services that were licensed for export under Section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1444. A communication from the Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Deputy Secretary's determination that waiving the restrictions contained in the Cooperative Threat Reduction Act of 1993 and the FREEDOM Support Act during fiscal year 2006 with respect to the Russian Federation is important to the national security interests of the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1445. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the implementation status of the debt reduction authority to support projects in the Russian Federation promoting nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction and the means of delivering such weapons; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1446. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles and defense services in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1447. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Vietnam; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1448. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles and defense services in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Russia, Ukraine and Norway; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1449. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles and defense services in the amount of

\$50,000,000 or more to Kazakhstan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1450. A communication from the President and CEO, U.S. African Development Foundation, transmitting, proposed legislation intended to amend the African Development Foundation Act; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1451. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a proposed change to the determination of quartz rate sensors on the United States Munitions List; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1452. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: United States Munitions" (Billing Code 4710-25), received on March 30, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1453. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the discontinuation of service in an acting role for the position of Surgeon General, received on April 4, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1454. A communication from the Chair, Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the Foundation's activities for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1455. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the discontinuation of service in an acting role for the position of First Assistant, received on April 4, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1456. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Advisory Committee: Change of Name and Function" (21 CFR Part 14), received on April 10, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1457. A communication from the Director, Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Substances Affirmed as Generally Recognized as Safe in Feed and Drinking Water of Animals: 25-Hydroxyvitamin D3" (Docket No. 1995G-0321), received on April

10, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1458. A communication from the Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Criteria and Procedures for Proposed Assessment of Civil Penalties" (RIN1219-AB51), received on April 3, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1459. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Annual Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1460. A communication from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Obsolete Regulations Concerning the Inoperative Provisions Regarding Charitable Payments in Lieu of Honoraria and Conforming Technical Amendments" ((RIN3209-AA00)(RIN3209-AA04)(RIN3209-AA13)), received on April 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1461. A communication from the Deputy Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1462. A communication from the Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost of response and recovery efforts in the State of South Carolina; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1463. A communication from the Chemical Security Compliance Division, Office of Infrastructure Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards" (RIN1601-AA41), received on April 6, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1464. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Accomplishing Our Mission: Results of the Merit Principles Survey 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1465. A communication from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report on the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002: Fiscal Year 2006

(March 2007)"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1466. A communication from the Acting Executive Director, Office of Compliance, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Annual Report for calendar year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1467. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program - Initial Evaluations" (RIN2900-AM25), received on April 10, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1468. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Veterans and Dependents Education: Topping-Up Tuition Assistance; Licensing and Certification Tests; Duty to Assist Education Claimants" (RIN2900-AK80), received on April 10, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 193. A bill to increase cooperation on energy issues between the United States Government and foreign governments and entities in order to secure the strategic and economic interests of the United States, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-54).

H.R. 1003. A bill to amend the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 to reauthorize the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy (Rept. No. 110-55).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 112. A resolution designating April 6, 2007, as "National Missing Persons Day".

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 1093. A bill to reward the hard work and risk of individuals who choose to live in and help preserve America's small, rural towns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1094. A bill to reauthorize and provide additional funding for essential agricultural research, extension, education, and related programs, to establish the National Institutes for Food and Agriculture as an independent agency reporting to and coordinating with the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1095. A bill to require airports to screen all individuals with access to the secure areas of an airport upon arrival; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. AKAKA, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 1096. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide certain housing benefits to disabled members of the Armed Forces, to expand certain benefits for disabled veterans with severe burns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1097. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the award of a military service medal to members of the Armed Forces who served honorably during the Cold War era; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 1098. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise the amount of minimum allotments under the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1099. A bill to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to make individuals employed by the Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission eligible to obtain Federal health insurance; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Mr. SUNUNU, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 1100. A bill to address the regulation of secondary mortgage market enterprises, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. SMITH):

S. 1101. A bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to improve energy standards for home appliances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. KOHL, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1102. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expedite the application and eligibility process for low-income subsidies under the Medicare prescription drug program and to revise the resource standards used to determine eligibility for an income-related subsidy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1103. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to include costs incurred by the Indian Health Service, a Federally qualified health center, an AIDS drug assistance program, certain hospitals, or a pharmaceutical manufacturer patient assistance program in providing prescription drugs toward the annual out of pocket threshold under part D of the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BOND, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SMITH, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. DODD):

S. 1104. A bill to increase the number of Iraqi and Afghani translators and interpreters who may be admitted to the United States as special immigrants; considered and passed.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BROWN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DODD, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BAYH, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. OBAMA, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. INOUE, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 1105. A bill to provide Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes to prosecute hate crimes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 1106. A bill to extend the additional duty on ethanol, to require an investigation into

certain ethanol imports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1107. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce cost-sharing under part D of such title for certain non-institutionalized full-benefit dual eligible individuals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1108. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide a special enrollment period for individuals who qualify for an income-related subsidy under the Medicare prescription drug program and to provide funding for the conduct of outreach and education with respect to the premium and cost-sharing subsidies under such program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. BYRD, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ALLARD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CORKER, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Res. 146. A resolution designating June 20, 2007, as "American Eagle Day", and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the American bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. CORKER):

S. Res. 147. A resolution congratulating the University of Tennessee women's basketball team for winning the 2007 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. Res. 148. A resolution commending The University of Florida men's basketball team for winning the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Basketball Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. HAGEL):

S. Con. Res. 26. A concurrent resolution recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and commending recipients of the Purple Heart for their courageous demonstrations of gallantry and heroism on behalf of the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. HAGEL):

S. Con. Res. 27. A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "National Purple Heart Recognition Day"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 21

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 21, a bill to expand access to preventive health care services that help reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce abortions, and improve access to women's health care.

S. 206

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 206, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 236

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 236, a bill to require reports to Congress on Federal agency use of data mining.

S. 261

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 261, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 380

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 380, a bill to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

S. 404

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 404, a bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to require the implementation of country of origin labeling requirements by September 30, 2007.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 430, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] were added as cosponsors of S. 430, *supra*.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

S. 450

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 486

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 486, a bill to establish requirements for lenders and institutions of higher education in order to protect students and other borrowers receiving educational loans.

S. 498

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 498, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the Medicare program for beneficiaries residing in rural areas.

S. 527

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 527, a bill to make amendments to the Iran, North Korea, and Syria Nonproliferation Act.

S. 572

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 572, a bill to ensure that Federal student loans are delivered as efficiently as possible in order to provide more grant aid to students.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] were added as cosponsors of S. 579, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 590

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the investment tax credit with respect

to solar energy property and qualified fuel cell property, and for other purposes.

S. 609

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 609, a bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

S. 671

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 671, a bill to exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from the numerical limitations on immigrant visas.

S. 735

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 735, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the terrorist hoax statute.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to establish a competitive grant program to build capacity in veterinary medical education and expand the workforce of veterinarians engaged in public health practice and biomedical research.

S. 771

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 771, a bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to improve the nutrition and health of schoolchildren by updating the definition of "food of minimal nutritional value" to conform to current nutrition science and to protect the Federal investment in the national school lunch and breakfast programs.

S. 774

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 774, a bill to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to permit States to determine State residency for higher education purposes and to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children, and for other purposes.

S. 793

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 793, a bill to

provide for the expansion and improvement of traumatic brain injury programs.

S. 799

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 799, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide individuals with disabilities and older Americans with equal access to community-based attendant services and supports, and for other purposes.

S. 851

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 851, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a higher education opportunity credit in place of existing education tax incentives.

S. 883

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 883, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend loan forgiveness for certain loans to Head Start teachers.

S. 923

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 923, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the New England National Scenic Trail, and for other purposes.

S. 958

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 958, a bill to establish an adolescent literacy program.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 974

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 974, a bill to amend title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide that the provisions relating to countervailing duties apply to

nonmarket economy countries, and for other purposes.

S. 991

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] were added as cosponsors of S. 991, a bill to establish the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation under the authorities of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961.

S. 1013

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1013, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to encourage States to provide pregnant women enrolled in the Medicaid program with access to comprehensive tobacco cessation services.

S. 1018

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1018, a bill to address security risks posed by global climate change and for other purposes.

S. 1062

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1062, a bill to establish a congressional commemorative medal for organ donors and their families.

S. 1065

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1065, a bill to improve the diagnosis and treatment of traumatic brain injury in members and former members of the Armed Forces, to review and expand telehealth and telemental health programs of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1088

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1088, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to market exclusivity for certain drugs, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 82

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 82, a resolution designating August 16, 2007 as "National Airborne Day".

SENATE RESOLUTION 92

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 92, a resolution calling for the immediate and unconditional release of soldiers of Israel held captive by Hamas and Hezbollah.

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 92, *supra*.

SENATE RESOLUTION 122

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 122, a resolution commemorating the 25th anniversary of the construction and dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

SENATE RESOLUTION 130

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 130, a resolution designating July 28, 2007, as "National Day of the American Cowboy".

SENATE RESOLUTION 132

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 132, a resolution recognizing the Civil Air Patrol for 65 years of service to the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 141

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD], the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 141, a resolution urging all member countries of the International Commission of the International Tracing Service who have yet to ratify the May 2006 amendments to the 1955 Bonn Accords to expedite the ratification process to allow for open access to the Holocaust archives located at Bad Arolsen, Germany.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEES ON ARMED SERVICES AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committees on Armed Services and Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 12, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs disability rating systems and the transition from the Department of Defense to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 12, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of this hearing

is to examine the implementation of the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) Program.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 12, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on S. 987, the Biofuels for Energy Security and Transportation Act.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 12, 2007, at 10 a.m., in G50 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Filing Your Taxes: An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 12, 2007, at 2:15 p.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "International Perspectives on Alternative Energy Policy: Incentives and Mandates and their Impacts."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the Session of the Senate on Thursday, April 12, 2007, at 6:40 p.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to consider a substitute to S. 3, the Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act of 2007.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet to hold a hearing on equal pay for women workers during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 12, 2007 at 2 p.m. in SD-628.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, April 12, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a business meeting to consider pending legislation, to be followed immediately by an Oversight Hearing on Tribal Colleges and Universities.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, April 12, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Room 226.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 12, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISASTER RECOVERY

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery be authorized to meet on Thursday,

April 12, 2007, at 2 p.m. for a hearing titled "GAO's Analysis of the Gulf Coast Recovery: A Dialogue on Removing Obstacles to the Recovery Effort."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND FINANCE

The Subcommittee on Security and International Trade and Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 12, 2007, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing on "Pirating the American Dream: Intellectual Property Theft's Impact on America's Place in the Global Economy and Strategies for Improving Enforcement."

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 372

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, by Mr. REID, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 372) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 372.

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, April 10, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 94, nays... 3

[Rollcall Vote No. 129 Leg.]

YEAS --- 94

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts,

Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 3

Coburn, Grassley, Kyl.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators, duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 372.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the motion be agreed to. Whereupon,

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DURBIN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 372) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the bill S. 372:

HARRY REID, CHARLES SCHUMER, RUSSELL D. FEINGOLD, JAY ROCKEFELLER, EVAN BAYH, PATTY MURRAY, DICK DURBIN, JEFF BINGAMAN, ROBERT MENENDEZ, B.A. MIKULSKI, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, BILL NELSON, E. BENJAMIN NELSON, S. WHITEHOUSE, BYRON L. DORGAN, BLANCHE L. LINCOLN, RON WYDEN.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived; and that the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on Monday, April 16, 2007, at 5:30 p.m.

Ordered further, That the Senate resume consideration of the bill at 3 p.m. on Monday next; and that Mr. ROCKEFELLER then be recognized to propose a managers' amendment for himself and Mr. BOND.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

INCREASING THE NUMBER OF
IRAQI AND AFGHANI
TRANSLATORS AND
INTERPRETERS

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1104) to increase the number of Iraqi and Afghani translators and interpreters who may be admitted to the United States as special immigrants, introduced on today by Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BOND, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SMITH, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. DODD), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

REDESIGNATING THE "RAYMOND
G. MURPHY DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL
CENTER"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 229) to redesignate a Federal building in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the "Raymond G. Murphy Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE
UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 147) congratulating the University of Tennessee women's basketball team for winning the 2007 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship, submitted today by Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. CORKER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY
OF FLORIDA MEN'S BASKETBALL
TEAM

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 148) commending The University of Florida men's basketball team for winning the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Basketball Championship, submitted today by Mr. BILL NELSON (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CALLING FOR THE RELEASE OF
SOLDIERS OF ISRAEL HELD
CAPTIVE BY HAMAS AND
HEZBOLLAH

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 92) calling for the immediate and unconditional release of soldiers of Israel held captive by Hamas and Hezbollah.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORITY FOR A COMMITTEE TO
REPORT BILL S. 3

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding an adjournment, the Committee on Finance be authorized to report bill S. 3 from 12 noon until 2 p.m. on tomorrow; and that, if said bill is reported, it be in order for the majority leader to move to proceed to consider the bill on Monday, April 16, 2007.

Ordered further, That, if said bill is not reported by the committee on tomorrow, it be in order for the majority leader to introduce a bill of same subject on Monday next; and that it be in order for the majority leader to move to proceed to consider said bill on Monday next.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, APRIL
16, 2007, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2007; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 372, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:24 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2007.

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2007

Ms. MARIA CANTWELL, from the State of Washington, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Ms. CANTWELL led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 16, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARIA CANTWELL, a Senator from the State of Washington, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Ms. CANTWELL took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 12, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 12, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

AUTHORITY FOR "FILING" OF
SECOND-DEGREE AMENDMENTS
TO BILL S. 372

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That Senators be authorized to "file" second-degree amendments to bill S. 372 until 5 p.m. on today; and that it be in order to modify the instruction line of any germane and timely filed first-degree amendment pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, to conform to the managers' amendment.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN
DEFERENCE TO THE VICTIMS OF
THE VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC
INSTITUTE AND STATE
UNIVERSITY SHOOTINGS

Mr. REID asked that the Senate observe a moment of silence in deference to the victims of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University shootings on today.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Friday, March 12, 2007,

The Senate proceeded to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE
SUBMITTED DURING
ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of April 12, 2007, the following report of a committee was submitted on April 13, 2007:

By Mr. BAUCUS, from the Committee on Finance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 3. A bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fair prescription drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1469. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2005 Section 32 Hurricane Disaster Programs; 2006 Livestock Assistance Grant Program" (RIN0560-AH45), received on April 11, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1470. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2006 Emergency Agricultural Disaster Assistance Programs" (RIN0560-AH62), received on April 11, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1471. A communication from the Regulatory Contact, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules of Practice Governing Proceedings Under the Packers and Stockyards Act" (RIN0580-AA97), received on April 11, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1472. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving exports to India; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1473. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of

Utah; State Implementation Plan Corrections" (FRL No. 8300-1), received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1474. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Renewable Fuel Standard Program" (FRL No. 8299-9), received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1475. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the integration of mental health services into daily activities of Service members; to the Committee on Appropriations

EC-1476. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the TRICARE Program for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1477. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's "National Call to Service" program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1478. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf - Plans and Information - Protection of Marine Mammals and Threatened and Endangered Species" (RIN1010-AD10), received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1479. A communication from the Deputy Chief Human Capital Officer, Office of the Under Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the designation of an acting officer for the position of Under Secretary, received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1480. A communication from the Deputy Director, National Security Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Principal Deputy Administrator for Nuclear Security, received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1481. A communication from the Deputy Chief Human Capital Officer, Office of the Under Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary, received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1482. A communication from the Deputy Director, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Principal Deputy Administrator, received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1483. A communication from the Deputy Director, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of an acting officer for the position of Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1484. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination, discontinuation of service in an acting role and the designation of an acting officer for the position of Chief Financial Officer, received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-55. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Montana supporting the "25 x 25" Initiative to Increase Production of Renewable Energy by the Agricultural Community; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

Whereas, having an affordable, clean, reliable, and plentiful energy supply is critical to Montana's economy, as well as the national and international food supply; and

Whereas, current and future risks to national energy security are mounting while domestic and global energy demands are growing exponentially; and

Whereas, Montana and the United States have tremendous renewable energy resources; and

Whereas, the development of a broad spectrum of renewable energy resources, including wind power, biofuels, biomass, methane digesters, ethanol, and solar, benefit the environment and will have a direct economic benefit to agricultural landowners and rural communities; and

Whereas, rural communities and agriculture will experience multiple benefits, including establishing additional markets for agricultural commodities, increasing farm income, creating added-value uses for crops, livestock, and their byproducts, encouraging more productive use of marginal lands, resolving air, water, and soil quality problems that may arise from agricultural operations,

improving wildlife habitat, and creating many new job opportunities; and

Whereas, American agriculture is well positioned to play an expanded role in the development and implementation of new energy solutions and with appropriate technological innovation, incentives, and investments, America's farms and ranches can become the factories that produce a new generation of fuels to help meet the nation's energy needs; and

Whereas, "25 x 25" is an agriculturally led initiative that envisions America's farms and ranches producing 25% of America's energy supply by the year 2025 while continuing to produce abundant, safe, and affordable food and fiber; and

Whereas, agriculture's role as an energy producer will have a positive effect on national security and trade imbalances and will serve as a catalyst for rural development in Montana and the United States; and

Whereas, Governor Brian Schweitzer (D-MT), Governor Dave Heineman (R-NE), Governor Tim Pawlenty (R-MN), Governor Mitch Daniels (R-IN), Governor Ed Rendell (D-PA), former Governor Jeb Bush (R-FL), Governor Kathleen Sebelius (D-KS), former Governor Tom Vilsack (D-IA), former Governor George Pataki (R-NY), former Governor Robert Ehrlich (R-MD), Governor Jennifer Granholm (D-MI), former Governor James Risch (R-ID), Governor Jim Doyle (D-WI), Governor Jim Douglas (R-VT), Governor Ernie Fletcher (R-KY), Governor John Lynch (D-NH), former Governor Bob Taft (R-OH), Governor Tim Kaine (D-VA), Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger (R-CA), and Governor Rod Blagojevich (D-IL) have endorsed "25 x 25"; and

Whereas, state legislatures from Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, and Vermont have endorsed "25 x 25": Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana, That the Montana Legislature endorses the "25 x 25" vision of agriculture providing 25% of the total energy consumed in the United States by the year 2025, while continuing to produce abundant, safe, and affordable food and fiber. Be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent by the Secretary of State to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, and each member of the Montana Congressional Delegation.

POM-56. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Kansas urging Congress to allow interstate marketing of state inspected meat; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Whereas, the Federal Wholesale Meat Act of 1967 allows states to have state meat inspection programs which are required to meet or exceed federal inspection standards of the United States Department of Agriculture for wholesomeness, cleanliness and food safety; and

Whereas, Kansas is in the majority of states which have elected to operate equivalent meat inspection programs allowing state-licensed and state-inspected meat processing facilities to engage in intrastate commerce. Other states are pursuing implementation of state inspection of their meat processing facilities; and

Whereas, State meat inspection programs are flexible and can efficiently and safely adapt their activities to small, local meat processors that cannot be duplicated by the federal inspection program because of its size and complexity; and

Whereas, State-inspected meat and poultry products are currently barred from interstate commerce under federal law, including neighboring local markets in other states, despite current meat safety and quality assurances, affecting long-range rural development and economic growth strategies within the meat processing industry; and

Whereas, such limitation on marketing of state inspected meat inhibits economic development and value-added agricultural activities in this nation's agricultural sector; and

Whereas, current policy of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture supports the interstate shipment of state-inspected meat products: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Representatives concurring therein, That we urge the United States Congress to enact revisions to the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act to allow the interstate shipment and marketing of meat products by state inspected meat processing facilities; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture and each member of the Kansas Congressional delegation.

POM-57. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Michigan memorializing Congress to invest in Head Start and Quality Child Care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 40

Whereas, Head Start and high-quality child care prepare children for school and life success by narrowing the educational achievement gap between lower- and upper-income kids, increasing high school graduation rates, and reducing crime.

Whereas, studies show that at-risk children who attend Head Start and high-quality child care are better prepared for school. For example, Head Start narrows the literacy skills gap by nearly half between children in poverty and all children. The research is clear that quality early childhood education programs work to prevent crime. In Ypsilanti, Michigan, three- and four-year-olds from low-income families who were randomly assigned to a group that did not receive preschool preparation were five times more likely to have become chronic lawbreakers by age 27 than those who were assigned to the High/Scope Educational Research Foundation's Perry Preschool program; and

Whereas, currently, only about half of eligible low-income children can attend Head Start due to state and federal funding limitations, and even fewer infants and toddlers. Less than five percent of eligible children three years old and younger are able to participate in Early Head Start. Moreover, only one in seven eligible children in working, low-income families receives help paying for quality child care through the Child Care and Development Block Grant. The combination of state and federal money for preschool has helped Michigan reach two of three at-risk four-year-olds and one of five at-risk three-year-olds; and

Whereas, Real dollar funding levels for Head Start and child care have been cut for the last several years, falling far behind the rising costs that programs face. Instead of reaching more eligible kids with comprehensive health, nutrition, and early education services, Head Start programs have been forced to shorten program hours, cut back staff, reduce parent coaching, and reduce transportation and other services that help families participate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to increase discretionary funding in the federal budget for 2008 by \$750 million in additional funding over current levels for Head Start and \$720 million in additional funding over current levels for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG). This request does not address the unmet need in Head Start and CCDBG, but simply restores services to children to the Fiscal Year 2002 level. This is a crucial first step toward meeting the need to provide quality early childhood education and care for at-risk children. Investing in Head Start and quality child care now will improve education outcomes for our nation's

at-risk children and will save lives and money down the road: and be it further

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

POM-58. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of North Dakota encouraging a recommitment to the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment in all states and final passage in Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3032

Whereas, the proposed Equal Rights Amendment provides "equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex" and Congress sent the Equal Rights Amendment to the states for ratification on March 22, 1972; and

Whereas, on February 11, 1975, North Dakota became the 34th state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, due to the efforts of a broad spectrum of supporters, including the Coordinating Council for the Equal Rights Amendment, the 44th Legislative Assembly, and Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4007 sponsors Senators Redlin and Lips and Representatives Homuth and Pyle; and

Whereas, many women worked all of their lives for a constitutional amendment affirming that women had equal rights and protections under the United States Constitution, including Alice Paul, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Susan B. Anthony; and

Whereas, 35 of the needed 38 states ratified the Equal Rights Amendment and without ratification the United States Constitution fails to guarantee female citizens equal rights and equal justice: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of North Dakota, The Senate Concurring Therein, That the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly acknowledges the actions of the 44th Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and the sponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4007 affirming the equal application of the United States Constitution to all citizens through the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment; and be it further

Resolved, That the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly declares Friday, March 9, 2007, North Dakota Equal Rights Amendment Recognition Day; and be it further

Resolved, That the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly encourages a recommitment to the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment in all states and final passage in Congress; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of

the Congress of the United States, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

POM-59. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of New Mexico memorializing Congress to fully fund medical care and aid and attendant care services for Honey Sue Newby and the other Level Three Spina Bifida children of parents who served in Vietnam and who are totally disabled; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Whereas, the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs acknowledges that one thousand two hundred children of Vietnam War veterans have some degree of disability resulting from their birth parents' exposure to Agent Orange during military service in the Vietnam War; and

Whereas, approximately two hundred of these children of war veterans are designated as level three spina bifida children, who are considered to be totally disabled; and

Whereas, these children, designated as totally disabled as a result of their birth parents' exposure to Agent Orange during military service in Vietnam, are in a situation that is indistinguishable from that of any one hundred percent service-connected disabled veteran who is totally disabled as the result of military service; and

Whereas, these two hundred level three spina bifida children of Vietnam War veterans are not treated equally with the disabled military veterans as regards compensatory medical care and aid and attendant care; and

Whereas, the financial cost for families of these children can be crippling, and many proud American military veterans and their families must depend on welfare or charity to provide the vital medical care and attendant care their children need; and

Whereas, at least one of these children, Honey Sue Newby, whose birth father served three tours as a Marine Infantryman in Vietnam, resides in New Mexico; and

Whereas, the Legislature seeks to honor and encourage fair treatment of all persons who have made personal sacrifices in the military defense of our nation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of New Mexico, That it urge the United States Congress to provide full medical care and attendant care to Honey Sue Newby and the other level three spina bifida children who are totally disabled as a result of their birth parents' military service in Vietnam; and be it further

Resolved, That the New Mexico Congressional Delegation be requested to work vigorously for adequate funding to provide full medical care and aid and attendant care to all level three spina bifida children who are totally disabled because of

the effects of Agent Orange used in Vietnam; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this memorial be transmitted to each member of the Congressional Delegation, the Chief Clerks of the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

POM-60. A resolution adopted by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners directing the County Manager to study the creation of a voluntary "Miami-Dade Trans Fat Free Program" and a program to provide education and guidance to restaurants, bakeries and the public regarding the negative health effects of trans fats; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

POM-61. A resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Armstrong of the State of Pennsylvania urging Congress to place a moratorium on new free trade agreements, and to investigate and review current free trade agreements and policies of the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BAYH:

S. 1109. A bill to increase funding for the National Institutes of Health to carry out breast cancer research and to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend for 6 months the eligibility period for the "Welcome to Medicare" physical examination and to eliminate coinsurance for screening mammography and colorectal cancer screening tests in order to promote the early detection of cancer; to the Committee on Finance

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 1110. A bill to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to provide for the conjunctive use of surface and ground water in Juab County, Utah; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1111. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make the Federal income tax system simpler, fairer, and more fiscally responsible, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1112. A bill to allow for the renegotiation of the payment schedule of contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and the Redwood Valley County Water District, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1113. A bill to facilitate the provision of care and services for members of the Armed Forces for traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 1114. A bill to reiterate the exclusivity of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 as the sole authority to permit the conduct of electronic surveillance, to modernize surveillance authorities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. AKAKA, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 1115. A bill to promote the efficient use of oil, natural gas, and electricity, reduce oil consumption, and heighten energy efficiency standards for consumer products and industrial equipment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mr. THOMAS):

S. 1116. A bill to facilitate the use for irrigation and other purposes of water produced in connection with development of energy resources; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

By Mr. BOND (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. 1117. A bill to establish a grant program to provide vision care to children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 1118. A bill to improve the energy security of the United States by raising average fuel economy standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1119. A bill to extend the time for filing certain claims under the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. WEBB, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH,

Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 149. A resolution expressing the condolences of the Senate on the tragic events at Virginia Tech University; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 22, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 117

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 117, a bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and services for members of the Armed Forces, veterans of the Global War on Terrorism, and other veterans, to require reports on the effects of the Global War on Terrorism, and for other purposes.

S. 211

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services, volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 231

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 231, a bill to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

S. 311

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 311, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

S. 413

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 413, a bill to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 and the Revised Statutes of the United States to prohibit financial holding companies and national banks from engaging, directly or indirectly, in real estate brokerage or real estate management activities, and for other purposes.

S. 428

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 428, a bill to amend the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999, and for other purposes.

S. 522

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 522, a bill to safeguard the economic health of the United States and the health and safety of the United States citizens by improving the management, coordination, and effectiveness of domestic and international intellectual property rights enforcement, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 522, *supra*.

S. 545

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 545, a bill to improve consumer access to passenger vehicle loss data held by insurers.

S. 625

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 625, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S. 634

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 634, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 689

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 689, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.

S. 694

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 694, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of light motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] were added as cosponsors of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 795

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 795, a bill to assist aliens who have been lawfully admitted in becoming citizens of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 803, a bill to repeal a provision enacted to end Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 831

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 831, a bill to

authorize States and local governments to prohibit the investment of State assets in any company that has a qualifying business relationship with Sudan.

S. 836

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 836, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for sewer overflow control grants.

S. 880

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 880, a bill to amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to provide for 8 weeks of paid leave for Senate employees giving birth, and for other purposes.

S. 881

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 881, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

S. 904

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 904, a bill to provide additional relief for small business owners ordered to active duty as members of reserve components of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 935

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 935, a bill to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 937

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 937, a bill to improve support and services for individuals with autism and their families.

S. 958

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 958, a bill to establish an adolescent literacy program.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] were added as cosponsors

of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 1012

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1012, a bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 1018

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1018, a bill to address security risks posed by global climate change and for other purposes.

S. 1038

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1038, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand workplace health incentives by equalizing the tax consequences of employee athletic facility use.

S. 1065

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1065, a bill to improve the diagnosis and treatment of traumatic brain injury in members and former members of the Armed Forces, to review and expand telehealth and telemental health programs of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1074

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1074, a bill to provide for direct access to electronic tax return filing, and for other purposes.

S. 1084

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] and the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1084, a bill to provide housing assistance for very low-income veterans.

S. 1088

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1088, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to market exclusivity for certain drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 1105

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1105, a bill to

provide Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes to prosecute hate crimes, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 106

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 106, a resolution calling on the President to ensure that the foreign policy of the United States reflects appropriate understanding and sensitivity concerning issues related to human rights, ethnic cleansing, and genocide documented in the United States record relating to the Armenian Genocide.

SENATE RESOLUTION 118

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 118, a resolution urging the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt.

SENATE RESOLUTION 141

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 141, a resolution urging all member countries of the International Commission of the International Tracing Service who have yet to ratify the May 2006 amendments to the 1955 Bonn Accords to expedite the ratification process to allow for open access to the Holocaust archives located at Bad Arolsen, Germany.

SENATE RESOLUTION 146

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 146, a resolution designating June 20, 2007, as "American Eagle Day", and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the American bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States.

AUTHORITY FOR A COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Monday, April 16, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761 and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker

appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the British-American Interparliamentary Group: Mr. CHANDLER of Kentucky, Chairman.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group: Mr. OBERSTAR of Minnesota, Chairman, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Vice Chairman, Ms. SLAUGHTER of New York, Mr. STUPAK of Michigan, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Mr. HODES of New Hampshire, Mr. WELCH of Vermont.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN LEGISLATION

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider bill S. 3.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 3

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 3) to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fair prescription drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed to consider bill S. 3, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 3:

DICK DURBIN, AMY KLOBUCHAR, KEN SALAZAR, EDWARD KENNEDY, MARK PRYOR, BLANCHE L. LINCOLN, D.K. INOUE, BYRON L. DORGAN, CHARLES SCHUMER, MAX BAUCUS, KENT CONRAD, JEFF BINGAMAN, JOHN F. KERRY, RON WYDEN, DEBBIE STABENOW, JAY ROCKEFELLER, MARIA CANTWELL, HARRY REID.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

Mr. REID thereupon withdrew the motion to proceed.

Pending debate,

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

Pursuant the order of Thursday, April 12, 2007,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WEBB in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 372) to authorize

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER
U.S.-RUSSIA INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the minority leader, pursuant to section 154 of Public Law 108-199, had appointed Mr. LOTT as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the U.S.-Russia Interparliamentary Group conference during the 110th Congress.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the first 30 minutes therein be controlled by the minority leader, or his designee, and the second 30 minutes therein be controlled by the majority leader, or his designee; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 372.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT
ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. WARNER and Mr. WEBB.

After debate,

EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES
OF THE SENATE ON THE TRAGIC
EVENTS AT VIRGINIA TECH
UNIVERSITY

Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. WEBB, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr.

appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. BOND) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 843, in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

On motion by Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. AKAKA) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 847).

Pending debate,

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 378

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 378) to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed to consider bill S. 378, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 378:

HARRY REID, JEFF BINGAMAN, CHUCK SCHUMER, JACK REED, BYRON L. DORGAN, RON WYDEN, MARIA CANTWELL, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, D.K. INOUE, DANIEL K. AKAKA, JIM WEBB, DICK DURBIN, JAY ROCKEFELLER, S. WHITEHOUSE, BARBARA A. MIKULSKI, KEN SALAZAR, EDWARD M. KENNEDY, PATRICK J. LEAHY.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

Mr. REID thereupon withdrew the motion to proceed.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION
ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 372.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 847 to amendment No. 843 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. STABENOW in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on April 12, 2007, to bring to a close debate on bill S. 372.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 12, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 41, nays... 40

[Rollcall Vote No. 130 Leg.]

YEAS --- 41

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Inouye, Kennedy, Klobuchar, Kohl, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 40

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Dole, Domenici, Enzi, Grassley, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, McConnell, Murkowski, Reid, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. REID, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion to bring to a close debate on bill S. 372 was disagreed to.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that there be 4 relevant amendments to be proposed to bill S. 372 by each of the leaders, or their designees; that, upon disposition of said amendments, the bill, as may be amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill.

Mr. BOND objected.

Pending debate,

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

U.S.-RUSSIA INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANDERS in the chair) announced that the majority leader, pursuant to section 154 of Public Law 108-199, had appointed Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the U.S.-Russia Interparliamentary Group conference during the 110th Congress.

DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted a resolution (S. Res. 149) expressing the condolences of the Senate on the tragic events at Virginia Tech University.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

After debate,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today, At 6:47 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2007

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. TESTER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, April 17, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. TESTER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1485. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determination" (72 FR 14449), received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1486. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 14447), received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1487. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determination" (72 FR 14456), received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1488. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 14461), received on

April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1489. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Council's 2006 Annual Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1490. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expanded Examination Cycle for Certain Small Insured Depository Institutions and U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks" (OCC-2007-0007), received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1491. A communication from the Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Office's compensation plan for 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1492. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's oversight of recruiter misconduct; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1493. A communication from the Senior Attorney, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Review of Data Filed by Certificated or Commuter Air Carriers to Support Continuing Fitness Determinations Involving Citizenship Issues" (RIN2105-AD25), received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1494. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Stability Control" (RIN2127-AJ77), received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1495. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Upgrade Door Retention Performance" (RIN2127-AH34), received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1496. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Car Assessment Program; Safety Labeling" (RIN2127-AJ76), received on April 13, 2007;

to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1497. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Phillipsburg, KS" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ACE-13)), received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1498. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Thedford, NE" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ACE-12)), received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1499. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Alliance, NE" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ACE-15)), received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1500. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model DHC-8-400 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-155)), received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1501. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pacific Aerospace Corporation Ltd. Model 750XL Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-69)), received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1502. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; CTRM Aviation Sdn. Bhd. Model Eagle 150B Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. CE-11)), received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1503. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model EMB-135BJ, -135ER, -135KE, -135KL, and -135LR

Airplanes; and Model EMB-145, -145ER, -145MR, -145LR, -145XR, -145MP, and -145EP" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-120)), received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1504. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model EMB-135 Airplanes and Model EMB-145, -145ER, -145MR, -145LR, -145XR, -145MP, and -145EP Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-167)), received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1505. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; BAE Systems Limited Model BAe 145 and Avro 146-RJ Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-106)), received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1506. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-145)), received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1507. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-8-62, DC-8-63, DC-8-62F, and DC-8-63F Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-063)), received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1508. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca S.A. Arrius 2F Turboshift Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2005-NE-33)), received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1509. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de

Aeronautica S.A. Model ERJ 170 and ERJ 190 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-166)), received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1510. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. Models PC-6, PC-6-H1, PC-6-H2, PC-6/350, PC-6/350-H1, PC-6/350-H2, PC-6/A, PC-6/A-H1, PC-6/A-H2, PC-6/B-H2, PC-6/B1-H2, PC-6/B2-H2, PC-6/B2-H4, PC-6/C-H2, and PC-6/C1-H2 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-19)), received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1511. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Approvals" ((RIN2120-AI50)(Docket No. FAA-2006-21332)), received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1512. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Miscellaneous Changes to Commercial Space Transportation Regulations" ((RIN2120-AI45)(Docket No. FAA-2005-21234)), received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1513. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Human Space Flight Requirements for Crew and Space Flight Participants" ((RIN2120-AI57)(Docket No. FAA-2005-23449)), received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1514. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extended Operations of Multi-Engine Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AI03)(Docket No. FAA-2002-6717)), received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1515. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Licensing and Safety Requirements for Launch" ((RIN2120-AG37)(Docket No. FAA-2000-7953)), received on April 13, 2007; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1516. A communication from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, the report of draft legislation to amend the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, as amended, and the NASA Flexibility Act of 2004 to provide NASA additional workforce flexibilities; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1517. A communication from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Federal Trade Commission Report to Congress on Marketing Violent Entertainment to Children: A Fifth Follow-Up Review of Industry Practices in the Motion Picture, Music Recording and Electronic Game Industries"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1518. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for *Cirsium hydrophilum* var. *hydrophilum* (Suisun thistle) and *Cordylanthus mollis* ssp. *mollis* (soft bird's-beak)" (RIN1018-AU44), received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1519. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Subsistence Harvest in Alaska; Harvest Regulations for Migratory Birds in Alaska During the 2007 Season" (RIN1018-AU59), received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1520. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Pilot Testing of Electronic Prescribing Standards - Cooperative Agreements"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1521. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations: Application of Section 409A to Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plans" ((RIN1545-BE79)(TD9321)), received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1522. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2007 Automobile Depreciation Limits" (Rev. Proc. 2007-30),

received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1523. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "April - June 2007 Section 42 Bond Factor Amounts" (Rev. Rul. 2007-25), received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1524. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to Regulations Relating to Portfolio Interest" ((RIN1545-BF64)(TD9323)), received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1525. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mirror Legislation and the United Kingdom" (Uniform Issue List Number 1503.06-00), received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1526. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Regarding the Application of Section 409A to Split-Dollar Insurance Arrangements" (Notice 2007-34), received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1527. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 911 Waiver Rev. Proc. - 2006 Update" (Rev. Proc. 2007-28), received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1528. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Anti-Avoidance and Anti-Loss Reimportation Rules Applicable Following a Loss on Disposition of Stock of Consolidated Subsidiaries" ((RIN1545-BG26)(TD9322)), received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1529. A communication from the President and CEO, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the development and effects of the Corporation's fiscal year 2006 projects; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1530. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1531. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the notification of a proposed exercise of the Federal Aviation Administration to transfer \$11 million in fiscal year 2006 Economic Support Funds to the Peacekeeping Operations account to support security sector reform in Liberia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1532. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2007-50 - 2007-60); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1533. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to methods employed by Cuba to comply with the United States-Cuba September 1994 "Joint Communiqué" and the treatment by the Government of Cuba of persons returned to Cuba; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1534. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Millennium Challenge Corporation's activities for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1535. A communication from the Interim Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044), received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1536. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dandruff, Seborrheic Dermatitis, and Psoriasis Drug Products Containing Coal Tar and Menthol for Over-the-Counter Human Use; Amendment to the Monograph" ((RIN0910-AF49)(Docket No. 2005N-0448)), received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1537. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Blood Vessels Recovered With Organs and Intended for Use in Organ Transplantation" (Docket No. 2006N-0051), received on April

12, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1538. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Blood Vessels Recovered With Organs Intended for Use in Organ Transplantation" ((RIN0910-AF65)(Docket No. 2006N-0051)), received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1539. A communication from the Chairman, National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Arts and Antiquities Indemnity Program for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1540. A communication from the Director, Regulations and Disclosure Law Division, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Advance Electronic Presentation of Cargo Information for Truck Carriers Required to be Transmitted Through ACE Truck Manifest at Ports in the States of Vermont, North Dakota and New Hampshire" (19 CFR Part 123), received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1541. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report containing certain fiscal year 2006 statistical data relative to Federal sector equal employment opportunity complaints filed with the Office; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1542. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of the Chief Acquisition Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation: Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-16" (FAC 2005-16), received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1543. A communication from the Chairman, Postal Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its implementation of the Sunshine Act during calendar year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1544. A communication from the Chief Administrative Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Annual Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1545. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Department of Justice,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Control of a Chemical Precursor Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Fentanyl as a List I Chemical" (RIN1117-AB12), received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1546. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, the report of draft legislation entitled "Civil Judicial Procedure, Administration, and Technical Amendments Act of 2007"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1547. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Conference's determinations on four district courts that were subject to review under the Conference's Biennial Survey of Article III Judgeship Needs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1548. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, a draft bill intended to create additional Article III judgeships and convert temporary judgeships to permanent ones in the U.S. courts of appeals and district courts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-62. A joint resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Idaho urging Congress to consider adoption of a resolution working toward the development of a federal bipartisan, long-term solution that addresses sustainable management of federal forest lands to stabilize payments, which help support roads and schools, to forest communities throughout the western states; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 4

Whereas, it has long been the intent and policy of the federal government to hold rural communities harmless from the creation of federal lands and in 1906 the Committee on Public Lands recognized that the presence of federal lands could create hardship for many counties as they provided little revenue or commerce at that time; and

Whereas, in 1908, the federal government promised rural counties twenty-five percent of all revenues generated from the multiple-use management of the newly created national forests to support public roads and public schools; and

Whereas, in recent decades, the forest resources have not been managed in a manner to produce long-term sustainable revenue to share with schools and counties; and

Whereas, in 2000, Congress passed Public Law 106-393, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act. The Act restored historical payment levels previously made to states and counties from the federal government for road and school purposes because of declining levels of actual forest receipts; and

Whereas, the reauthorization and appropriation of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act is pending before the United States Congress, and Idaho counties are on record as being strongly supportive of a fully funded approval of this Act; and

Whereas, federal land managers continue to be faced with funding shortages. In the event the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act is not reauthorized and appropriated, counties will be faced with higher property taxes or a reduction in services and, even if the Act is reauthorized and appropriated, it will likely be the last time, and the state of Idaho must seek a long-term solution; and

Whereas, in 2006, House Joint Memorial No. 21 was adopted by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Fifty-eighth Idaho Legislature to provide one option to address the problem of declining forest receipts by urging Congress to support federal legislation transferring management of National Forest System lands within Idaho to the state of Idaho to be managed for the benefit of the rural counties and schools; and

Whereas, in February 2007, a concurrent resolution was introduced in the Idaho House of Representatives and will be voted on by the First Regular Session of the Fifty-ninth Idaho Legislature authorizing Idaho's Legislative Council to appoint an interim committee to undertake and complete an assessment of the decline in receipts on National Forest System lands, which have historically been shared with counties. The goal of the interim committee's recommendations will be to develop a federal, bipartisan, long-term solution that addresses sustainable management of federal forest lands to stabilize payments to Idaho's forest counties, which help support roads and schools, and to provide projects that enhance forest ecosystem health, provide employment opportunities, and improve cooperative relationships among those who use and care about the lands the federal government manages. The resolution calls for the interim committee to work in cooperation and coordination with the state of Idaho, its counties, its school and highway districts, along with the recognized Indian tribes of the state of Idaho. The resolution also provides that the interim committee address National Forest System lands, but only those lands that do not have special designations. The interim committee is directed to formulate a solution that will protect all valid existing rights,

existing public access and activities, including hunting, fishing and recreation, and that will not be construed to interfere with treaties or any other obligations to the Indian tribes, commitments to county governments, or the General Mining Law or Taylor Grazing Act: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the members of the First Regular Session of the Fifty-ninth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, That the legislatures of all western states should consider the adoption of similar resolutions, working toward the development of a federal, bipartisan, long-term solution that addresses sustainable management of federal forest lands to stabilize payments to forest counties throughout the western United States, which help support roads and schools, and to provide projects that enhance forest ecosystem health and provide employment opportunities, and to improve cooperative relationships among those who use and care about the lands the federal government manages; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States and to the Legislatures of the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

POM-63. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Michigan expressing the Senate's opposition to Norfolk Southern Corporation's proposed sale of its rail lines from Ypsilanti to Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids to Kalamazoo and continuing to the Indiana border; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 34

Whereas, The Norfolk Southern Corporation is considering the sale of its Michigan lines from Grand Rapids to Kalamazoo and from Ypsilanti to Kalamazoo. The Ypsilanti to Kalamazoo line carries the state's busiest high-speed AMTRAK train, the Wolverine, which travels from Detroit to Chicago. The Wolverine travels on the Norfolk Southern Railroad's rail corridor from Ypsilanti to Kalamazoo until it connects with AMTRAK's own line. Ridership on this line increased six percent in 2006 to 142,185 passengers; and

Whereas, The Ypsilanti to Kalamazoo portion of the Norfolk Southern line is a vital link between Detroit and Chicago. Expanding the high-speed rail capacity on this line is

vital to the future development of this area. New industry, including coal energy, biodiesel, and ethanol fuel plants are proposed for Michigan and specifically along the I-94 corridor located near the Ypsilanti to Kalamazoo rail line. Continued operation of this line by Norfolk Southern is essential to expansion of new industry in this area. Over 150 railroad employees' jobs are associated with the rail traffic along this line; and

Whereas, Norfolk Southern is a Class One railroad operator, earning revenue in excess of \$250 million annually. As a Class One operator, Norfolk Southern has the capacity to maintain and promote the use of these lines. The proposed sale of the Ypsilanti to Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids to Kalamazoo lines will almost certainly place the lines under the management of a Class Three operator, a rail company earning revenue of \$20 million or less annually. A Class Three operator will be far less likely to have the means to maintain the lines, thus increasing the chance of accidents. Class Three operators also rely on federal grants for line and equipment maintenance, grants that are not always guaranteed; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we express opposition to Norfolk Southern's proposed sale of its rail lines from Ypsilanti to Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids to Kalamazoo and continuing to the Indiana border; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; members of the Michigan congressional delegation; the United States Department of Transportation, Surface Transportation Board; the Norfolk Southern Corporation; AMTRAK; and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

POM-64. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine memorializing the President and Congress to fully fund the State Children's Health Insurance Program; to the Committee on Finance.

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO FULLY FUND THE STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

Whereas, The State of Maine and at least 13 other states have used up much of the federal subsidies for child health care even though the fiscal year is still not ended, due in part to the great need for these funds and also to the inadequate formula by which the money is apportioned; and

Whereas, the State Children's Health Insurance Program, known as SCHIP, was started by Congress in 1998 and is funded by a combination of federal and state funds, as well as by the premiums of participants; and

Whereas, the program was envisioned as a way to provide health insurance to the

children of the working poor and the current budget is \$5.5 billion, which is about \$745 million short of the needs of the states; and

Whereas, the State of Maine has used its SCHIP funds to help significantly with MaineCare, which has provided valuable and important health care to more than 14,850 children in our State, and without additional federal aid 3,500 to 4,000 Maine children will go uninsured; and

Whereas, the State of Maine needs at least \$6,500,000 to help the children at risk and to keep our children healthy, and other states have needs just as important: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to request that the State Children's Health Insurance Program be fully funded not only for the children of the State of Maine, but for all of the children of the working poor in the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That official copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to President George W. Bush, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate and to each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

POM-65. A joint resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Idaho urging Congress to use all efforts, energies, and diligence to withdraw the U.S. from any further participation in the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America, or any other bilateral or multilateral activity that seeks to advance, authorize, fund or in any way promote the creation of any structure to create any form of the North American Union; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL No. 5

Whereas, the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security participated in the formation of the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America (SPP) on March 23, 2005, representing a trilateral agreement between Canada, Mexico and the United States designed, among other things, to facilitate common regulatory schemes between these countries; and

Whereas, reports issued by the SPP indicate that it has implemented regulatory changes among the three countries that circumvent United States trade, transportation, homeland security and border security functions and that it is the intention of SPP to continue toward a North American Union in the future; and

Whereas, the actions taken by the SPP to coordinate border security by eliminating

obstacles to migration between Mexico and the United States actually makes the United States-Mexico border less secure and more vulnerable to possible terrorist activities, and Mexico is the primary source country of illegal immigrants, illegal drug entry and illegal human smuggling into the United States; and

Whereas, according to the U. S. Department of Commerce, the United States trade deficits with Mexico and Canada have significantly increased since the implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and the volume of imports from Mexico has soared since NAFTA, straining security checks at the U.S. border; and

Whereas, the economic and physical security of the United States is impaired by the potential loss of control of its borders attendant to the full operation of NAFTA and the SPP; and

Whereas, the regulatory and border security changes implemented and proposed by the SPP violate and threaten United States sovereignty; and

Whereas, the NAFTA Superhighway System from the west coast of Mexico through the United States and into Canada has been suggested as part of a North American Union to facilitate trade between the SPP countries; and

Whereas, the stability and economic viability of the U.S. ports along the western coast will be seriously compromised by huge cargos off-loaded at cheaper labor cost from foreign traders into the ports of Mazatlan and Lazaro Cardenas; and

Whereas, the state of Texas has already approved and begun planning of the Trans-Texas Corridor, a major multi-modal transportation project beginning at the United States-Mexico border, which would serve as an initial section of the NAFTA Superhighway System; and

Whereas, plans of Asian trading powers to divert cargo from U.S. ports such as Los Angeles to ports in Mexico will only put pressure on border inspectors, interfering with their already overwhelming job of intercepting the flow of drugs and illegals flowing into this country; and

Whereas, future unrestricted foreign trucking into the United States can pose a safety hazard due to inadequate maintenance and inspection, and the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) lack of background checks for violations in Mexico, lack of drug and alcohol testing, lack of enforcement of size and weight requirements and lack of national security procedures, which threaten the American people and undermine the very charge given to our homeland security agency to defend our borders against these threats; and

Whereas, the Eisenhower National Highway System was designed for the

national security of the United States for movement of the military, purposes of commerce from state to state, not from foreign countries, and this highway system should not be compromised by treaties or agreements with other countries that would supplant the control and management of our nation's highways by our U.S. Department of Transportation and the various states; and

Whereas, we strongly object to any treaty or agreement, which threatens to violate national security, private property, United States commerce, constitutional rights and American sovereignty and emphasize our commitment to the Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) and other cooperative working nations in mutual beneficial goals; and

Whereas, this trilateral partnership to develop a North American Union has never been presented to Congress as an agreement or treaty, and has had virtually no congressional oversight; and

Whereas, recent reports on internet news, Friday, January 26, 2007, WorldNetDaily, stating that Congressman Poe (R-Texas) asked about the U.S. Department of Transportation's work with the trade group North American Super-Corridor Coalition, Inc. (NASCO) and the department's plans to build the Trans-Texas Corridor, Congressman Poe was told that the NAFTA agreement superhighway corridor plans exist to move goods from Mexico through the United States to Canada; and

Whereas, American citizens and state and local governments throughout the United States would be negatively impacted by the SPP process: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the members of the First Regular Session of the Fifty-ninth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, That we emphatically urge and petition the Congress of the United States and particularly the congressional delegation representing the state of Idaho to use all efforts, energies and diligence to withdraw the United States from any further participation in the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America or any other bilateral or multilateral activity that seeks to advance, authorize, fund or in any way promote the creation of any structure to create any form of North American Union; and be it further

Resolved, That House Concurrent Resolution 40 of the First Session of the 110th Congress addresses the concern herein expressed by the state of Idaho; and be it further

Resolved, That we are asking our congressional delegation, our U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Mary E. Peters and President Bush to reject appropriated federal fuel tax dollars for such SPP or NAFTA when there is such a need for fuel tax dollars to be dedicated to the needs

of the states in the U.S. in order to maintain our highway system; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, and the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States.

POM-66. A joint resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Idaho supporting the participation of Taiwan in a meaningful and appropriate way in the World Health Organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 2

Whereas, direct and unobstructed participation in international health cooperation forums and programs is crucial for all parts of the world, especially with today's greater potential for the cross-border spread of various infectious diseases such as AIDS; and

Whereas, Taiwan's achievements in the field of health care are substantial, including life expectancy levels that are some of the highest in Asia, maternal and infant mortality rates that are comparable to those of western countries, free hepatitis B vaccinations for children and the eradication of polio, cholera, smallpox and the plague; and

Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and its Taiwanese counterpart have enjoyed close collaboration on a wide range of public health issues; and

Whereas, in recent years Taiwan has expressed a willingness to give financial and technical assistance to the international aid and health activities supported by the World Health Organization; and

Whereas, Taiwan's population of twenty-three million is larger than that of seventy-five percent of World Health Organization member states; and

Whereas, the United States, in its 1994 Taiwan Policy Review, declared its intention to support Taiwan's participation in appropriate international organizations; and

Whereas, Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization could bring many benefits to the state of health care, not only in Taiwan, but also regionally and globally: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the members of the First Regular Session of the Fifty-ninth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, That we support the participation by Taiwan in a meaningful and appropriate way in the World Health Organization; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be, and she is

hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, to the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States, to the Director-General of the World Health Organization and to the representative of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States.

POM-67. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Michigan memorializing Congress to invest in Head Start and quality child care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 27

Whereas, Head Start and high-quality child care prepare children for school and life success by narrowing the educational achievement gap between lower- and upper-income kids, increasing high school graduation rates, and reducing crime; and

Whereas, Studies show that at-risk children who attend Head Start and high-quality child care are better prepared for school. For example, Head Start narrows the literacy skills gap by nearly half between children in poverty and all children. The research is clear that quality early childhood education programs work to prevent crime. In Ypsilanti, Michigan, three- and four-year-olds from low-income families who were randomly assigned to a group that did not receive preschool preparation were five times more likely to have become chronic lawbreakers by age 27 than those who were assigned to the High/Scope Educational Research Foundation's Perry Preschool program; and

Whereas, Currently, only about half of eligible low-income children can attend Head Start due to state and federal funding limitations, and even fewer infants and toddlers. Less than five percent of eligible children three years old and younger are able to participate in Early Head Start. Moreover, only one in seven eligible children in working, low-income families receives help paying for quality child care through the Child Care and Development Block Grant. The combination of state and federal money for preschool has helped Michigan reach two of three at-risk four-year-olds and one of five at-risk three-year-olds; and

Whereas, Real dollar funding levels for Head Start and child care have been cut for the last several years, falling far behind the rising costs that programs face. Instead of reaching more eligible kids with comprehensive health, nutrition, and early education services, Head Start programs have been forced to shorten program hours, cut back staff, reduce parent coaching, and reduce transportation and other services that

help families participate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to increase discretionary funding in the federal budget for 2008 by \$750 million in additional funding over current levels for Head Start and \$720 million in additional funding over current levels for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG). This request does not address the unmet need in Head Start and CCDBG, but simply restores services to children to the Fiscal Year 2002 level. This is a crucial first step toward meeting the need to provide quality early childhood education and care for at-risk children. Investing in Head Start and quality child care now will improve education outcomes for our nation's at-risk children and will save lives and money down the road; and be it further

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

POM-68. A joint resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Idaho affirming the state's support of the United States campaign to secure our country and urging members of Idaho's congressional delegation to support measures to repeal the federal REAL ID Act of 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 3

Whereas, the state of Idaho recognizes the Constitution of the United States as our charter of liberty and the Bill of Rights as affirming the fundamental and inalienable rights of Americans, including freedom of privacy and freedom from unreasonable searches; and

Whereas, Idaho has a diverse population whose contributions are vital to the state's economy, culture and civic character; and

Whereas, Idaho is proud of its tradition of protecting the civil rights and liberties of all its residents, affirming the fundamental rights of all people and providing more expansive protections than are granted by the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas, the federal REAL ID Act of 2005, Public Law 109-13, creates a national identification card by mandating federal standards for state driver's licenses and identification cards and requires states to share their motor vehicle databases; and

Whereas, the REAL ID Act mandates the documents that states must require to issue driver's licenses and requires states to place uniform information on every driver's license in a standard, machine-readable format; and

Whereas, the REAL ID Act prohibits federal agencies and federally-regulated

commercial aircraft from accepting a driver's license or identification card issued by a state that has not fully complied with the act; and

Whereas, the REAL ID Act places a costly, unfunded mandate on states, with initial estimates for Idaho of more than thirty-nine million dollars with ongoing annual expenses of an estimated nine million three hundred thousand dollars and a national estimate of more than eleven billion dollars over the next five years; and

Whereas, the REAL ID Act requires the creation of a massive public sector database containing information on every American that is accessible to all motor vehicle employees and law enforcement officers nationwide and that can be used to gather and manage information on citizens. Such activities are not the business or responsibility of government; and

Whereas, the REAL ID Act enables the creation of additional massive private sector databases, combining both transactional information and driver's license information gained from scanning the machine-readable information contained on every driver's license; and

Whereas, these public and private databases are likely to contain numerous errors and false information, creating significant hardship for Americans attempting to verify their identities in order to travel on commercial aircraft, open a bank account or perform any of the numerous functions required to live in the United States today; and

Whereas, the federal trade commission estimates that ten million Americans are victims of identity theft annually, and because identity thieves are increasingly targeting motor vehicle departments, the REAL ID Act will enable the crime of identity theft by making the personal information of all Americans, including date of birth and signature, accessible from tens of thousands of locations; and

Whereas, the REAL ID Act requires a driver's license to contain a person's actual home address and makes no exception for individuals in potential danger, such as undercover law enforcement personnel or victims of stalking or criminal harassment; and

Whereas, the REAL ID Act contains onerous record verification and retention provisions that place unreasonable burdens on the motor vehicle division and on third parties required to verify records; and

Whereas, the REAL ID Act will place enormous burdens on consumers seeking new driver's licenses, such as longer lines, increased document requests, higher costs and a waiting period; and

Whereas, the REAL ID Act will place state motor vehicle staff on the front lines of immigration enforcement by forcing state employees to determine federal citizenship

and immigration status, excessively burdening both foreign-born applicants and motor vehicle staff; and

Whereas, the REAL ID Act passed without sufficient deliberation by Congress and did not receive a hearing by any congressional committee or a vote solely on its own merits, despite opposition from more than six hundred organizations; and

Whereas, the REAL ID Act eliminated a process of negotiated rulemaking initiated under the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, which had convened federal, state and local policymakers, privacy advocates and industry experts to solve the problem of the misuse of identity documents; and

Whereas, the REAL ID Act provides little security benefit and leaves identification systems open to insider fraud, counterfeit documentation and database failures: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the members of the First Regular Session of the Fifty-ninth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, That we support the government of the United States in its campaign to secure our country, while affirming the commitment of the United States that this campaign not be waged at the expense of the essential civil rights and liberties of the citizens of this country; and be it further

Resolved, That it is the policy of the state of Idaho to oppose any portion of the REAL ID Act that violates the rights and liberties guaranteed under the constitutions of the State of Idaho and the United States, including the Bill of Rights. Be it further

Resolved, That the Idaho Legislature shall enact no legislation nor authorize an appropriation to implement the provisions of the REAL ID Act in Idaho, unless such appropriation is used exclusively for the purpose of undertaking a comprehensive analysis of the costs of implementing the REAL ID Act or to mount a constitutional challenge to the act by the state Attorney General. Be it further

Resolved, That the Idaho Legislature urges the Idaho congressional delegation to support measures to repeal the REAL ID Act. Be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the President of the United States George W. Bush, the United States Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, the Governor of Idaho C. L. Otter and the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States.

POM-69. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of

Massachusetts memorializing the President and Congress to recommend more funding to the Department of Veterans Affairs in the budget for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING GEORGE W. BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO RECOMMEND MORE FUNDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS IN THE FISCAL YEAR 08 FEDERAL BUDGET.

Whereas, President George W. Bush has recommended 34.2 billion for the Department of Veterans Affairs in his proposed fiscal year 08 budget, which is an inadequate appropriation to adequately address the health of our veterans; and

Whereas, while the Bush Administration continues to tout its recommendation for an increase of \$2 billion over the previous fiscal year as a "landmark budget", the reality is that this 6% increase is barely enough to account for the cost of inflation and cannot fund the need for improvements in medical care and expansion of services; and

Whereas, more than 27,000 service members have returned home to Massachusetts since September 11, 2001, having faced a new type of warfare in the form of improvised explosive devices and are, upon return home, in need of specialized services and care; and

Whereas, the United States Government must provide to the Department of Veterans Affairs all the tools available to make this specialized care available, particularly for head, spinal cord and sight injuries and the growing need for mental health services; and

Whereas, in 2006, the Veterans Health Administration's Undersecretary for Health Policy and Coordination stated that some areas of the country did not have any mental health services available and that other areas had such long wait times that certain services were "virtually inaccessible"; and

Whereas, unfortunately, once again, Category 8 Veterans, those veterans deemed "high income" veterans by the Veterans Administration—some who make as little as \$28,000 a year—and who have been ineligible to enroll in the Veterans Administration Health Care System since 2003, may continue to be shut out of the Veterans Administration Health Care System if funding is not increased, adding to the approximately 1 million Category 8 Veterans who have been turned away since 2003; and

Whereas, while the Massachusetts State Senate has supported the Veterans Affairs' recommendations for improvements in medical equipment and facility upgrades to medical centers, for two years, the Senate has fought hard to prevent the possible consolidation of the four existing Veterans Administration medical care facilities in the greater Boston area into one "mega-plex",

since the negative impact of removing thousands of veterans from their familiar health care environment and forcing them to change physicians would have consequences that cannot be balanced by the creation of one modernized facility: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Massachusetts Senate hereby urges the President of the United States and Congress to address the Veterans Affairs Budget in a timely manner, include in the 2008 budget the Veterans Affairs' recommendations for improvements in medical equipment and facility upgrades to all Massachusetts Veterans Administration Medical Centers and to provide mandatory funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care system so as to appropriately honor and facilitate the healing of our veterans who selflessly risk their lives and well-being to protect our freedom; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be transmitted forthwith by the clerk of the Senate to the President of the United States, the Presiding Officer of each branch of Congress and to the Members thereof from the Commonwealth.

POM-70. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Vermont urging Congress to enact legislation to assure federal funding for veterans' health care; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SENATE RESOLUTION 13

Whereas, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provides medical care for veterans, including men and women, who have risked their lives to protect the security of our nation, and

Whereas, Congress appropriates funding for VA health care each year as part of the discretionary federal budget, and

Whereas, each year's federal budget for veterans' health care has been very seriously under-funded, and

Whereas, this serious and now chronic shortfall affects the access to and the quality of medical care services that the VA provides for our veterans, and

Whereas, the priority of serving veterans must be absolute and irrevocable, and must serve as the foundation for the VA and of our nation's public policy: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the Senate of the State of Vermont urgently requests that Congress enact legislation to assure Federal funding for veterans' health care, and be it further

Resolved, That Governor Douglas also request that Congress enact legislation to assure Federal funding for veterans' health care, and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor, the President, the Vice President, Secretary of Veterans Affairs,

James Nicholson; Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi; House Minority Leader, John Boehner; Senate Majority Leader, Harry Reid; Senate Minority Leader, Trent Lott; to the members of the Vermont Congressional delegation; and to Vermont veterans organizations.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ENZI, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BURR, and Mr. COBURN):

S. 14. A bill to repeal the sunset on certain tax rates and other incentives and to repeal the individual alternative minimum tax, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1120. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants for the training of graduate medical residents in preventive medicine and public health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 1121. A bill to authorize the cancellation of Perkins Loans for students who perform public service as librarians in low-income schools and public libraries; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 1122. A bill to improve the calculation of highway mileage to medium and large hub airports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 1123. A bill to provide an extension for filing a refund for the excise tax on toll telephone service, and to provide for a safe harbor for businesses claiming such a refund; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 1124. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify, modernize, and improve public notice of and access to tax lien information by providing for a national, Internet accessible, filing system for Federal tax liens, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. SMITH, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. HAGEL, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1125. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to encourage investment in the expansion of freight rail infrastructure capacity and to enhance modal tax equity; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 1126. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to expand and strengthen cooperative efforts to monitor, restore, and protect the resource productivity, water quality, and marine ecosystems of the Gulf of Mexico; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 1127. A bill for the relief of Alexandria S. Banks Desutter and Nicholas S. Banks Desutter; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1128. A bill to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to establish a Summer of Service State grant program, a Summer of Service national direct grant program, and related national activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1129. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of governmental plan with respect to Indian tribal governments; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1130. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore, increase, and make permanent the exclusion from gross income for amounts received under qualified group legal services plans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 1131. A bill to amend the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 to establish a program to provide assistance to States and nonprofit organizations to preserve suburban forest land and open space and contain suburban sprawl; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1132. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Indian tribes to receive charitable contributions of

apparently wholesome food; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1133. A bill to provide additional protections for recipients of the earned income tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 1134. A bill to maximize transparency and accountability for direct appropriations to non-Federal entities, including those instances when Congress appropriates funds to a Federal agency specifically in order to contract with a congressionally identified non-Federal entity; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SESSIONS:

S. 1135. A bill to amend chapter 1 of title 9, United States Code, to establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses in contracts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. DODD):

S. 1136. A bill to promote the economic security and safety of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1137. A bill to authorize grants to carry out projects to provide education on preventing teen pregnancies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. CARPER, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. Res. 150. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 7 through 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. THOMAS):

S. Res. 151. A resolution commending the University of Wyoming Cowgirls for their championship victory in the Women's National Invitation Tournament; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BUNNING (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr.

KERRY, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 152. A resolution honoring the lifetime achievements of Jackie Robinson; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID:

S. Res. 153. A resolution making temporary appointments to the Select Committee on Ethics; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 3

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 3, a bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fair prescription drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 170

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communications services.

S. 180

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 180, a bill to provide a permanent deduction for State and local general sales taxes.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States.

S. 211

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services, volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 221

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 221, a bill to amend title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to livestock and poultry contracts.

S. 254

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] were added as cosponsors of S. 254, a bill to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi.

S. 261

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 261, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure and foster continued patient quality of care by establishing facility and patient criteria for long-term care hospitals and related improvements under the Medicare program.

S. 359

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 359, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide additional support to students.

S. 387

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 387, a bill to prohibit the sale by the Department of Defense of parts for F-14 fighter aircraft.

S. 399

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 399, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include podiatrists as physicians for purposes of covering physicians services under the Medicaid program.

S. 479

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 479, a bill to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.

S. 486

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 486, a bill to establish requirements for lenders and institutions of higher education in order to protect students and other borrowers receiving educational loans.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 566

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 566, a bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to establish a

rural entrepreneur and microenterprise assistance program.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 621

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 621, a bill to establish commissions to review the facts and circumstances surrounding injustices suffered by European Americans, European Latin Americans, and Jewish refugees during World War II.

S. 638

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] were added as cosponsors of S. 638, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 667

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 667, a bill to expand programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse and neglect prevention, and early identification of developmental and health delays, including potential mental health concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 675

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 675, a bill to provide competitive grants for training court reporters and closed captioners to meet requirements for realtime writers under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

S. 742

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 742, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reduce the health risks posed by asbestos-containing products, and for other purposes.

S. 761

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 761, a bill to invest in innovation and education to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON]

was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 805, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa in the effort to achieve internationally recognized goals in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other major diseases and the reduction of maternal and child mortality by improving human health care capacity and improving retention of medical health professionals in sub-Saharan Africa, and for other purposes.

S. 807

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 807, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 to provide that manure shall not be considered to be a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

S. 831

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 831, a bill to authorize States and local governments to prohibit the investment of State assets in any company that has a qualifying business relationship with Sudan.

S. 902

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 902, a bill to provide support and assistance for families of members of the National Guard and Reserve who are undergoing deployment, and for other purposes.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 911, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 958

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 958, a bill to establish an adolescent literacy program.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Ohio [Mr.

BROWN], the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 962

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of S. 962, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize and improve the carbon capture and storage research, development, and demonstration program of the Department of Energy and for other purposes.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 982

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 982, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for integration of mental health services and mental health treatment outreach teams, and for other purposes.

S. 991

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 991, a bill to establish the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation under the authorities of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961.

S. 1018

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1018, a bill to address security risks posed by global climate change and for other purposes.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1040, a bill to repeal the current Internal Revenue Code and replace it with a flat tax, thereby guaranteeing economic growth and greater fairness for all Americans.

S. 1055

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1055, a bill to promote the future of the American automobile industry, and for other purposes.

S. 1085

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1085, a bill to require air carriers to publish customer service data and flight delay history.

S. 1092

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] were added as cosponsors of S. 1092, a bill to temporarily increase the number of visas which may be issued to certain highly skilled workers.

S. 1114

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1114, a bill to reiterate the exclusivity of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 as the sole authority to permit the conduct of electronic surveillance, to modernize surveillance authorities, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 22

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 22, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster General that a commemorative postage stamp be issued to promote public awareness of Down syndrome.

SENATE RESOLUTION 118

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 118, a resolution urging the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt.

SENATE RESOLUTION 123

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] and the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 123, a resolution reforming the congressional earmark process.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on whether the Army and Marine Corps are properly sized, organized, and equipped to respond to the most likely missions over the next two decades while retaining adequate capability to respond to all contingencies along the spectrum of combat.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE,
AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of this hearing is to examine the role of the Federal Communications Commission in reviewing the XM-Sirius merger, and issues related to the effect of this proposed merger on competition and the public interest.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT
AND WORKPLACE SAFETY

The Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety be authorized to meet to hold a hearing on domestic violence in the workplace during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at 10 a.m., in SD-628.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND
MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

The Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support be authorized to meet, in closed session, during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at 3 p.m., to receive a briefing on the current readiness of U.S. Ground Forces.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITIES,
INSURANCE, AND INVESTMENT

The Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 17, 2007, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing on "subprime mortgage market turmoil: Examining the role of securitization."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:31 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 988. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5757 Tilton Avenue in Riverside, California, as the "Lieutenant Todd Jason Bryant Post Office".

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent

resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 71. Concurrent resolution commemorating the 85th Anniversary of the founding of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), a leading association for the Nation's 1.3 million American citizens of Greek ancestry, and Philhellenes.

H. Con. Res. 88. Concurrent resolution honoring the life of Ernest Gallo.

HOUSE BILL AND CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION REFERRED

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

H.R. 988. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5757 Tilton Avenue in Riverside, California, as the "Lieutenant Todd Jason Bryant Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 71. Concurrent resolution commemorating the 85th Anniversary of the founding of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), a leading association for the Nation's 1.3 million American citizens of Greek ancestry, and Philhellenes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF CERTAIN LEGISLATION

Mr. DEMINT asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 123) reforming the congressional earmark process; that the resolution be considered, and agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

Pending debate,

Mr. COBURN asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 123) reforming the congressional earmark process; that the resolution be considered, and agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION
ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 372) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United

States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 847, proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. AKAKA), to amendment No. 843 (in the nature of a substitute), proposed by Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. BOND), to the bill.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER asked unanimous consent that amendments numbered 845, 846, 856, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, and 872 be deemed proposed and agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Mr. COBURN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 847 to amendment No. 843 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. CORNYN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose amendments numbered 848 through 853 en bloc.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 847 to amendment No. 843 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER asked unanimous consent that amendments numbered 845, 846, 856, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, and 872 be deemed proposed and agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Mr. CORNYN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 847 to amendment No. 843 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 843 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 849).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 843 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER, by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was modified, as indicated, and agreed to: Mr. BINGAMAN, amendment No. 846, as modified; Mr. BOND, amendment No. 856; Mr. BOND, amendment No. 858; Mr. BOND, amendment No. 859; Mr. BOND, amendment No. 860, as modified;

Mr. BOND (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER), amendment No. 861, as modified; Mr. BOND (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER), amendment No. 862; Mr. BOND (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER), amendment No. 863; and Mr. BOND (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER), amendment No. 872, as modified.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 849 to amendment No. 843 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:40 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION
ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 372.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 849 to amendment No. 843 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. KYL to amend the pending amendment, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 866).

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF CERTAIN LEGISLATION

Mrs. FEINSTEIN asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 223) to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form; that the reported amendment be agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Mr. ALEXANDER objected.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION
ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 372.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 866 to amendment No. 849 to amendment No. 843 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER,

Ordered, That the votes agreeing to amendments numbered 856 and 859 be vitiated.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 866 to amendment No. 849 to amendment No. 843 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER,

Ordered, That, at 5:45 p.m. on today, the motion to proceed to consider the motion to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill S. 372 be agreed to; that the motion to reconsider then be agreed to; and that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on bill S. 372.

Ordered further, That Senators be authorized to "file" second-degree amendments to the bill until 4:45 p.m. on today.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 866 to amendment No. 849 to amendment No. 843 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The hour of 5:45 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The motion to proceed to consider the motion to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on bill S. 372 was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The motion to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on bill S. 372 was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SALAZAR in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Thursday, April 12, 2007, to bring to a close debate on bill S. 372.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 12, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 50, nays... 45

[Rollcall Vote No. 131 Leg.]

YEAS --- 50

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE),

Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 45

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So, upon reconsideration, the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 866 to amendment No. 849 to amendment No. 843 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY
OF WYOMING COWGIRLS

On the request of Mr. BROWN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MENENDEZ in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 151) commending the University of Wyoming Cowgirls for their championship victory in the Women's National Invitation Tournament, submitted today by Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. THOMAS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING THE LIFETIME
ACHIEVEMENTS OF JACKIE
ROBINSON

On the request of Mr. BROWN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 152) honoring the lifetime achievements of Jackie Robinson, submitted today by Mr. BUNNING (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. KERRY, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. CARDIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MAKING TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS TO THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

On the request of Mr. BROWN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 153) making temporary appointments to the Select Committee on Ethics, submitted today by Mr. REID, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL MISSING PERSONS DAY"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 112) designating April 6, 2007, as "National Missing Persons Day".

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 8:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 8:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the majority and minority leaders, or their designees; that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 3; that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on said motion to proceed; that, if said motion to bring to a close debate is not agreed to, there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Mr. LEAHY and Mr. SPECTER, or their designees, on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 378; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to

the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 378.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

At 7:25 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 8:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 8:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, April 18, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1549. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Apricots Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Suspension of Container Regulations" (Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0031), received on April 16, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1550. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Olives Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-06-0225), received on April 16, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1551. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Washington; Modification of Administrative Rules Governing Committee Representation" (Docket No. AMS-FV-06-0182), received on April 16, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1552. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Almonds Grown in California; Outgoing Quality Control Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-06-0181), received on April 16, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1553. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Onions Grown in South Texas; Exemption of Onions for Export" (Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0043), received on April 16, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1554. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of the Salable Quantity and Allotment Percentage for Class 1 and Class 3 Spearmint Oil for the 2006-2007 Marketing Year" (Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0039), received on April 16, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1555. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Olives Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. FV07-932-1 FR), received on April 16, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1556. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Hourly Fee Rates for Science and Technology Laboratory Services - Fiscal Year 2007-2009" ((RIN0581-AC48)(Docket No. ST-05-01)), received on April 16, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1557. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Raisins Produced from Grapes Grown in California; Final Free and Reserve Percentages for 2006-07 Crop Natural Seedless Raisins" (Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0027), received on April 16, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1558. A communication from the Acting Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Army's Recruiter Incentive Pay Pilot Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1559. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the costs, benefits, feasibility, and suitability of locating support functions for Fort Belvoir and the Engineering Proving Grounds on property in Springfield, Virginia; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1560. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final List of Fisheries for 2007" (RIN0648-AU19), received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1561. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the implementation of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Land Withdrawal Act during fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1562. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, the report of draft legislation intended to implement the Convention on Supplementary Compensation

for Nuclear Damage; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1563. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2007-61 - 2007-78); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1564. A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to current military, diplomatic, political, and economic measures that are being or have been undertaken to complete our mission in Iraq successfully; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1565. A communication from the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a certification related to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1566. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of the required determination to waive certain restrictions on maintaining a Palestine Liberation Organization Office and on the receipt and expenditure of PLO funds for a period of six months; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1567. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, the report of a proposal intended to extend the authorization of appropriations for the 1998 Tropical Forest Conservation Act through fiscal year 2010; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1568. A communication from the Director, Division for Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pay Administration (General)" (RIN3206-AK74), received on April 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1569. A communication from the Director, Insurance Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Waiver of Requirements for Continued Coverage During Retirement" (RIN3206-AI62), received on April 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1570. A communication from the Director, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions and Technical Corrections Affecting Requirements for Ex Parte and Inter Partes Reexamination" (RIN0651-

AB77), received on April 16, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. BAYH):

S. 1138. A bill to enhance nuclear safeguards and to provide assurances of nuclear fuel supply to countries that forgo certain fuel cycle activities; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 1139. A bill to establish the National Landscape Conservation System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. 1140. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the limitation on the foreign earned income exclusion, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. KERRY, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1141. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employees not covered by qualified retirement plans to save for retirement through automatic payroll deposit IRAs, to facilitate similar saving by the self-employed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. REED, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. SUNUNU):

S. 1142. A bill to authorize the acquisition of interests in undeveloped coastal areas in order better to ensure their protection from development; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 1143. A bill to designate the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and the surrounding Federal land in the State of Florida as an Outstanding Natural Area and as a unit of the National Landscape System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 1144. A bill to provide for an assessment of the achievements by the Government of Iraq of benchmarks for political settlement and national reconciliation in Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1145. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BURR, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 1146. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans who live in rural areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 1147. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to terminate the administrative freeze on the enrollment into the health care system of the Department of Veterans Affairs of veterans in the lowest priority category for enrollment (referred to as "Priority 8"); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 1148. A bill to establish the Champlain Quadracentennial Commemoration Commission and the Hudson-Fulton 400th Commemoration Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 1149. A bill to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act to authorize the interstate distribution of State-inspected meat and poultry if the Secretary of Agriculture determines that the State inspection requirements are at least equal to Federal inspection requirements and to require the Secretary to reimburse State agencies for part of the costs of the inspections; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1150. A bill to enhance the State inspection of meat and poultry in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. OBAMA:

S. 1151. A bill to provide incentives to the auto industry to accelerate efforts to develop more energy-efficient vehicles to lessen dependence on oil; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 1152. A bill to promote wildland firefighter safety; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 1153. A bill to require assessment of the impact on small business concerns of rules relating to internal controls, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 1154. A bill to promote biogas production, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 1155. A bill to treat payments under the Conservation Reserve Program as rentals from real estate; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1156. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize the Best Pharmaceuticals for Children program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. Res. 154. A resolution demanding the return of the USS Pueblo to the United States Navy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. Res. 155. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on efforts to control violence and strengthen the rule of law in Guatemala; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. Res. 156. A resolution commending the achievements of the Rutgers University women's basketball team and applauding the character and integrity of the players as student-athletes; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr.

CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 157. A resolution extending the best wishes of the Senate to New Jersey Governor Jon S. Corzine and expressing the Senate's hope for his speedy and complete recovery; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. Res. 158. A resolution designating April 20, 2007, as "National and Global Youth Service Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. CONRAD):

S. Res. 159. A resolution commending the Association for Advanced Life Underwriting

on its 50th anniversary; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. Res. 160. A resolution recognizing the importance of Hot Springs National Park on the 175th anniversary of the enactment of the Act that authorized the establishment of Hot Springs Reservation; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WEBB (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. Res. 161. A resolution honoring the life of Oliver White Hill, a pioneer in the field of American civil rights law, on the occasion of his 100th birthday; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. Con. Res. 28. A concurrent resolution congratulating the City of Chicago for being chosen to represent the United States in the international competition to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and encouraging the International Olympic Committee to select Chicago as the site of the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 3

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 3, a bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fair prescription drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 67

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 67, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit former members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces are entitled to travel on such aircraft.

S. 231

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 231, a bill to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 368

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 368, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to

enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 378

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] were added as cosponsors of S. 378, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, and for other purposes.

S. 534

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 534, a bill to bring the FBI to full strength to carry out its mission.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 551

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 551, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit to certain agriculture-related businesses for the cost of protecting certain chemicals.

S. 573

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 573, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 600

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 600, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish the School-Based Health Clinic program, and for other purposes.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 604, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to limit increases in the certain costs of health care services under the health care programs of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 731

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of S. 731, a bill to develop a methodology for, and complete, a national assessment of

geological storage capacity for carbon dioxide, and for other purposes.

S. 761

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 761, a bill to invest in innovation and education to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 796

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 796, a bill to amend title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide that exchange-rate misalignment by any foreign nation is a countervailable export subsidy, to amend the Exchange Rates and International Economic Policy Coordination Act of 1988 to clarify the definition of manipulation with respect to currency, and for other purposes.

S. 860

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 860, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States the option to provide Medicaid coverage for low-income individuals infected with HIV.

S. 875

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 875, a bill to improve energy security of the United States through a 50 percent reduction in the oil intensity of the economy of the United States by 2030 and the prudent expansion of secure oil supplies, to be achieved by raising the fuel efficiency of the vehicular transportation fleet, increasing the availability of alternative fuel sources, fostering responsible oil exploration and production, and improving international arrangements to secure the global oil supply, and for other purposes.

S. 881

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 881, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to amend the Public Health

Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

S. 937

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 937, a bill to improve support and services for individuals with autism and their families.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 992

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 992, a bill to achieve emission reductions and cost savings through accelerated use of cost-effective lighting technologies in public buildings, and for other purposes.

S. 1012

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1012, a bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 1025

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1025, a bill to promote freedom, fairness, and economic opportunity by repealing the income tax and other taxes, abolishing the Internal Revenue Service, and enacting a national sales tax to be administered primarily by the States.

S. 1042

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] were added as cosponsors of S. 1042, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly.

S. 1060

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1060, a bill to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, and for other purposes.

S. 1062

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1062, a bill to establish a congressional commemorative medal for organ donors and their families.

S. 1065

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1065, a bill to improve the diagnosis and treatment of traumatic brain injury in members and former members of the Armed Forces, to review and expand telehealth and telemental health programs of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1087

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1087, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages on account of sex, race, or national origin, and for other purposes.

S. 1117

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1117, a bill to establish a grant program to provide vision care to children, and for other purposes.

S. 1122

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1122, a bill to improve the calculation of highway mileage to medium and large hub airports, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 1, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to require a balanced budget and protect Social Security surpluses.

SENATE RESOLUTION 106

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 106, a resolution calling on the President to ensure

that the foreign policy of the United States reflects appropriate understanding and sensitivity concerning issues related to human rights, ethnic cleansing, and genocide documented in the United States record relating to the Armenian Genocide.

SENATE RESOLUTION 134

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 134, a resolution designating September 2007 as "Adopt a School Library Month".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday April 18, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in SD-106, Senate Dirksen Office Building. The title of this committee hearing is "Economic Challenges and Opportunities Facing American Agricultural Producers Today."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office building. The purpose of this hearing is to examine how America's trade policy has impacted the U.S. economy, consumers, and workers.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of this hearing is to review the Coast Guard's proposed FY 2008 budget, and related oversight matters.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet for a hearing on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in 406 Dirksen Senate Office Building. The agenda for the hearing is the nomination of Lieutenant General Robert L. Van Antwerp, Jr., to be Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at 10 a.m., in

215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Examining the Administration's Plan for Reducing the Tax Gap: What are the Goals, Benchmarks and Timetables?"

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a nomination hearing.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at 10 a.m. in SH-216. We will be considering the following:

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet to hold an off-the-floor markup during the session on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at a time to coincide with the first vote and a place to be determined to consider pending committee business.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on Repealing Limitation on Party Expenditures on Behalf of Candidates in General Elections.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate for a hearing entitled "Sarbanes-Oxley and Small Business: Addressing Proposed Regulatory Changes and their Impact on Capital Markets," on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, beginning at 10 a.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of Senate on Wednesday, April 18, 2007 to hold a Business Meeting to markup the nomination of Thomas E. Harvey, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans' Affairs, Congressional Affairs.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY

The Joint Committee on the Library be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct its organization meeting for the 110th Congress.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY

The Joint Committee on Printing be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct its organization meeting for the 110th Congress.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

The Subcommittee on Personnel and the Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support be authorized to meet in open session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at 3 p.m., to receive testimony on the readiness impact of quality of life and family support programs to assist families of active duty, National Guard, and Reserve military personnel.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 1:55 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 309. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a demonstration program to facilitate landscape restoration programs within certain units of the National Park System established by law to preserve and interpret resources associated with American history, and for other purposes.

H.R. 609. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Central Texas Water Recycling and Reuse Project, and for other purposes.

H.R. 786. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Los Angeles County Water Supply Augmentation Demonstration Project, and for other purposes.

H.R. 815. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain land in Clark County, Nevada, for use by the Nevada National Guard.

H.R. 865. An act to grant rights-of-way for electric transmission lines over certain Native allotments in the State of Alaska.

H.R. 886. An act to enhance ecosystem protection and the range of outdoor opportunities protected by statute in the Skykomish River valley of the State of Washington by designating certain lower-elevation Federal lands as wilderness, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1191. An act to authorize the National Park Service to pay for services rendered by subcontractors under a General Services Administration Indefinite Deliver/Indefinite Quantity Contract issued for work to be completed at the Grand Canyon National Park.

H.R. 1515. An act to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to treat certain communities as metropolitan cities for purposes of the community development block grant program.

H.R. 1677. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance taxpayer protections and outreach.

H.R. 1681. An act to amend the Congressional Charter of The American National Red Cross to modernize its governance structure, to enhance the ability of the board of governors of The American National Red Cross to support the critical mission of The American National Red Cross in the 21st century, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 76. Concurrent resolution honoring the 50th Anniversary of the International Geophysical Year (IGY) and its past contributions to space research, and looking forward to future accomplishments.

H. Con. Res. 100. Concurrent resolution condemning the recent violent actions of the Government of Zimbabwe against peaceful opposition party activists and members of civil society.

HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS REFERRED

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

H.R. 309. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a demonstration program to facilitate landscape restoration programs within certain units of the National Park System established by law to preserve and interpret resources associated with American history, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 609. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Central Texas Water Recycling and Reuse Project, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 786. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Los Angeles County Water Supply Augmentation Demonstration Project, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 815. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain land in Clark County, Nevada, for use by the Nevada National Guard; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 886. An act to enhance ecosystem protection and the range of outdoor opportunities protected by statute in the Skykomish River valley of the State of Washington by designating certain lower-elevation Federal lands as wilderness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1191. An act to authorize the National Park Service to pay for services rendered by subcontractors under a General Services Administration Indefinite Deliver Indefinite Quantity Contract issued for work to be completed at the Grand Canyon National Park; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1515. An act to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to treat certain communities as metropolitan cities for purposes of the community development block grant program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1677. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance taxpayer protections and outreach; to the Committee on Finance.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 76. Concurrent resolution honoring the 50th Anniversary of the International Geophysical Year (IGY) and its past contributions to space research, and looking forward to future accomplishments; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H. Con. Res. 100. Concurrent resolution condemning the recent violent actions of the Government of Zimbabwe against peaceful opposition party activists and members of civil society; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 1681. An act to amend the Congressional Charter of The American National Red Cross to modernize its governance structure, to enhance the ability of the board of governors of The American National Red Cross to support the critical mission of The American National Red Cross in the 21st century, and for other purposes.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 3

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the motion, by Mr. REID, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 3) to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fair

prescription drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion.

The question being on agreeing to motion.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Monday, April 16, 2007, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 3.

Pursuant to the order of Monday, April 16, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 55, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 132 Leg.]

YEAS --- 55

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 42

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Reid, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. REID, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 3.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

Pending debate,

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 378

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Monday, April 16, 2007, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider the bill (S. 378) to amend

title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to the order of Monday, April 16, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 93, nays... 3

[Rollcall Vote No. 133 Leg.]

YEAS --- 93

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 3

Coburn, Gregg, Inhofe.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 378.

After debate,

The motion was agreed to.

Whereupon,

COURT SECURITY IMPROVEMENT ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 378) to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment.

After debate,

The reported amendment was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. SPECTER) to further amend the bill, on various pages and lines, by striking certain

words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 896).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent,

On motion by Mr. COBURN to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 891).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. COBURN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That amendment No. 896 be agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 891 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. LEAHY to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 59, nays... 38

[Rollcall Vote No. 134 Leg.]

YEAS --- 59

Akaka, Alexander, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Cochran, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 38

Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kohl, Kyl, Martinez, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill S. 378:

ROBERT MENENDEZ, SHERROD BROWN, DICK DURBIN, HARRY REID, RON WYDEN, DEBBIE STABENOW, PAT LEAHY, S. WHITEHOUSE, TED KENNEDY, TOM CARPER, KENT CONRAD, FRANK R. LAUTENBERG, J. LIEBERMAN, CLAIRE MCCASKILL, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., PATTY MURRAY, JAY ROCKEFELLER.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER

CONGRESSIONAL AWARD BOARD

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the minority leader, pursuant to Public Law 96-114, as amended, had appointed Mr. ISAKSON to the Congressional Award Board.

COMMENDING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE RUTGERS UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

On the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 156) commending the achievements of the Rutgers University women's basketball team and applauding the character and integrity of the players as student-athletes, submitted today by Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. OBAMA), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXTENDING THE BEST WISHES OF THE SENATE TO NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR JON S. CORZINE

On the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 157) extending the best wishes of the Senate to New Jersey Governor Jon S. Corzine and expressing the Senate's hope for his speedy and complete recovery, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms.

COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL AND GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY"

On the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 158) designating April 20, 2007, as "National and Global Youth Service Day", submitted today by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. STEVENS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMENDING THE ASSOCIATION
FOR ADVANCED LIFE
UNDERWRITING ON ITS 50TH
ANNIVERSARY

On the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 159) commending the Association for Advanced Life Underwriting on its 50th anniversary, submitted today by Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. CONRAD), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE
OF HOT SPRINGS NATIONAL PARK

On the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 160) recognizing the importance of Hot Springs National Park on the 175th anniversary of the enactment of the Act that authorized the establishment of Hot Springs Reservation, submitted today by Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. PRYOR), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING THE LIFE OF OLIVER
WHITE HILL

On the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 161) honoring the life of Oliver White Hill, a pioneer in the field of American civil rights law, on the occasion of his 100th birthday, submitted today by Mr. WEBB (for himself and Mr. WARNER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING CHICAGO ON
SELECTION AS HOST OF THE 2016
OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC
GAMES

On the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 28) congratulating the City of Chicago for being chosen to represent the United States in the international competition to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and encouraging the International Olympic Committee to select Chicago as the site of the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games, submitted today by Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. STEVENS), and at the desk; and

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMENDING GENERAL PETER J.
SCHOOMAKER

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

Ordered, That the Committee on Armed Services be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 139) commending General Peter J. Schoomaker for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ERNEST
GALLO

On the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 88) honoring the life of Ernest Gallo, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AMENDING THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS
REFORM AND RESTRUCTURING
ACT OF 1998

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 1003) to amend the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 to reauthorize the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business; that the first 30 minutes therein be controlled by the majority leader, and the second 30 minutes therein be controlled by the minority leader, or his designee; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 378.

Ordered further, That the quorum under the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate be waived relative to the motion to bring to a close debate on bill S. 378.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

At 7:24 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2007

Mr. ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Reverend Dr. Tim Smith, of Valley Presbyterian Church,

Paradise Valley, Arizona, offered a prayer, and Mr. CASEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 19, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., a Senator from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CASEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business.
Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1571. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the assessment of the cattle and hog industries; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1572. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Department's intent to close the Defense commissary stores at Bad Nauheim,

Germany, on or about June 30, 2007, and at Giessen, Germany, on or about September 1, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1573. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the determination that the Joint Cargo Aircraft is subject to realistic survivability testing; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1574. A communication from the Senior Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Home Loan Bank Appointive Directors" (RIN3069-AB33), received on April 17, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1575. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "HOME Investment Partnerships Program; American Dream Downpayment Initiative and Amendments to Homeownership Affordability" ((RIN2501-AC93)(FR-4832-F-02)), received on April 17, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

EC-1576. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Condominiums in Puerto Rico on Evidence of Presentment of Legal Documents" ((RIN2502-AI36)(FR-5009-F-02)), received on April 17, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1577. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Processor Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID No. 031507D), received on April 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1578. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 of the Gulf of Alaska" (ID No. 032607F), received on April 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1579. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone

Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 610 of the Gulf of Alaska" (ID No. 031507D), received on April 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1580. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Continuation of the Current Prohibition on the Harvest of Certain Shellfish from Areas Contaminated by the Toxin that Causes Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning" (RIN0648-AT48), received on April 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1581. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Test Procedures and Labeling Standards for Recycled Oil" (RIN3084-AB06), received on April 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1582. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the implementation of the Clean Coal Power Initiative; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1583. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Extension of Attorney Fee Payment System to Title XVI; 5-Year Demonstration Project Extending Fee Withholding and Payment Procedures to Eligible Non-Attorney Representatives; Definition of Past-due Benefits; and Assessment for Fee Payment Services" (RIN0960-AG35), received on April 17, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1584. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Finalizing Medicare Regulations under Section 902 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 for Calendar Year 2006"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1585. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report providing descriptions of all programs or projects of the International Atomic Energy Agency in each country described in Section 307(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1586. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, United States Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Multilateral Development bank loans likely to have substantial adverse impacts on environment, natural resources, public health,

and indigenous peoples; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1587. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Letter Report: Sufficiency Review of the Water and Sewer Authority's Fiscal Year 2007 Revenue Estimate in Support of \$50,000,000 in Commercial Paper Notes"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1588. A communication from the Rules Administrator, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suicide Prevention Program Final Rule" ((RIN1120-AB06)(72 FR 12085)), received on April 17, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1589. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report regarding the federal courts' compliance with the requirements of the E-Government Act of 2002; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1590. A communication from the Chief, Regulatory Management Division, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Petitioning Requirements for the O and P Nonimmigrant Classifications" (RIN1615-AB17), received on April 17, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1591. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bureau's Annual Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1592. A communication from the Director, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Correspondence with the Madrid Processing Unit of the United States Patent and Trademark Office" (RIN0651-AC11), received on April 16, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 1157. A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to eliminate the consumptive demand exception relating to the importation of goods made with forced labor; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 1158. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to increase the use of renewable and alternative fuel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. ROBERTS,

Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. WARNER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DODD, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1159. A bill to amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CASEY, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BURR, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1160. A bill to ensure an abundant and affordable supply of highly nutritious fruits, vegetables, and other specialty crops for American consumers and international markets by enhancing the competitiveness of United States-grown specialty crops; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. SCHUMER, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1161. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize the expansion of medicare coverage of medical nutrition therapy services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 1162. A bill to amend the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act with respect to the labeling of cigarette packages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. WEBB):

S. 1163. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve compensation and specially adapted housing for veterans in certain cases of impairment of vision involving both eyes, and to provide for the use of the National Directory of New Hires for income verification purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. 1164. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve patient access to, and utilization of, the colorectal cancer screening benefit under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN:

S. 1165. A bill to require Federal buildings to be designed, constructed, and certified to meet, at a minimum, the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design green building rating standard identified as silver by the United States Green Building Council,

and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WARNER:

S. 1166. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income certain zone compensation of civilian employees of the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 1167. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 in order to provide funding for student loan repayment for civil legal assistance attorneys; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ALEXANDER:

S. 1168. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish a regulatory program for sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, mercury, and carbon dioxide emissions from the electric generating sector; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 1169. A bill to ensure the provision of high quality health care coverage for uninsured individuals through State health care coverage pilot projects that expand coverage and access and improve quality and efficiency in the health care system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. REED, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BAYH, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1170. A bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 1171. A bill to amend the Colorado River Storage Project Act and Public Law 87-483 to authorize the construction and rehabilitation of water infrastructure in Northwestern New Mexico, to authorize the use of the reclamation fund to fund the Reclamation Water Settlements Fund, to authorize the conveyance of certain Reclamation land and infrastructure, to authorize the Commissioner of Reclamation to provide for the delivery of water, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. REED, Mr. WYDEN,

Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 1172. A bill to reduce hunger in the United States; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BAUCUS, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1173. A bill to protect, consistent with *Roe v. Wade*, a woman's freedom to choose to bear a child or terminate a pregnancy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 1174. A bill to amend the Natural Gas Act to modify a provision relating to the siting, construction, expansion, and operation of liquefied natural gas terminals; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 1175. A bill to end the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 231

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 231, a bill to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

S. 254

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] were added as cosponsors of S. 254, a bill to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi.

S. 378

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 378, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, and for other purposes.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 430, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 479

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 479, a bill to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.

S. 502

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 502, a bill to repeal the sunset on the reduction of capital gains rates for individuals and on the taxation of dividends of individuals at capital gains rates.

S. 506

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 506, a bill to improve efficiency in the Federal Government through the use of high-performance green buildings, and for other purposes.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 558

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 558, a bill to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services.

S. 573

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 573, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 604, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to limit increases in the certain costs of health care services under the health care programs of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 609

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 609, a bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs

established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

S. 648

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of S. 648, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the eligibility age for receipt of non-regular military service retired pay for members of the Ready Reserve in active federal status or on active duty for significant periods.

S. 659

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 659, a bill to amend section 1477 of title 10, United States Code, to provide for the payment of the death gratuity with respect to members of the Armed Forces without a surviving spouse who are survived by a minor child.

S. 713

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to ensure dignity in care for members of the Armed Forces recovering from injuries.

S. 721

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 721, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 761

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 761, a bill to invest in innovation and education to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy.

S. 796

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 796, a bill to amend title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide that exchange-rate misalignment by any foreign nation is a countervailable export subsidy, to amend the Exchange Rates and International Economic Policy Coordination Act of 1988 to clarify the definition of manipulation with respect to currency, and for other purposes.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 805, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa in the effort to achieve internationally recognized goals in the treatment and prevention of

HIV/AIDS and other major diseases and the reduction of maternal and child mortality by improving human health care capacity and improving retention of medical health professionals in sub-Saharan Africa, and for other purposes.

S. 815

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 815, a bill to provide health care benefits to veterans with a service-connected disability at non-Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities that receive payments under the Medicare program or the TRICARE program.

S. 871

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 871, a bill to establish and provide for the treatment of Individual Development Accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 875

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 875, a bill to improve energy security of the United States through a 50 percent reduction in the oil intensity of the economy of the United States by 2030 and the prudent expansion of secure oil supplies, to be achieved by raising the fuel efficiency of the vehicular transportation fleet, increasing the availability of alternative fuel sources, fostering responsible oil exploration and production, and improving international arrangements to secure the global oil supply, and for other purposes.

S. 897

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 897, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide more help to Alzheimer's disease caregivers.

S. 898

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 898, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to fund breakthroughs in Alzheimer's disease research while providing more help to caregivers and increasing public education about prevention.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to

provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 972

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 972, a bill to provide for the reduction of adolescent pregnancy, HIV rates, and other sexually transmitted diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 999, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

S. 1018

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1018, a bill to address security risks posed by global climate change and for other purposes.

S. 1060

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 1060, a bill to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, and for other purposes.

S. 1115

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1115, a bill to promote the efficient use of oil, natural gas, and electricity, reduce oil consumption, and heighten energy efficiency standards for consumer products and industrial equipment, and for other purposes.

S. 1125

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1125, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to encourage investment in the expansion of freight rail infrastructure capacity and to enhance modal tax equity.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 22

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 22, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster General that a commemorative postage stamp be issued to promote public awareness of Down syndrome.

SENATE RESOLUTION 106

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 106, a resolution calling on the President to ensure that the foreign policy of the United States reflects appropriate understanding and sensitivity concerning issues related to human rights, ethnic cleansing, and genocide documented in the United States record relating to the Armenian Genocide.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 19, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on the Department of Defense's management of costs under the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program (LOGCAP) contract in Iraq.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 19, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss the importance of basic research to U.S. competitiveness in science.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 19, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 2125 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Grains, Cane, and Automobiles: Tax Incentives for Alternative Fuels and Vehicles".

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, April 19, 2007, at 9 a.m. for a hearing titled "Dangerous Exposure: The Impact of Global Warming on Private and Federal Insurance."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct hearing on

"Department of Justice Oversight" on Thursday, April 19, 2007 at 9:30 a.m., in Hart Senate Office Building room 216.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON
INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 19, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet Thursday, April 19, 2007 from 10 a.m. to noon in Dirksen 562 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT,
GOVERNMENT INFORMATION,
FEDERAL SERVICES, AND
INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

The Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services and International Security be authorized to meet on Thursday, April 19, 2007 at 2 p.m. for a hearing entitled, "The Road Ahead: Implementing Postal Reform."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC
FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces be authorized to meet in open and closed sessions during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 19, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., to receive testimony on military space programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years defense program.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:42 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1361. An act to improve the disaster relief programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

At 4:36 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1132. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore.

COURT SECURITY IMPROVEMENT
ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. OBAMA in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending

business, viz, the bill (S. 378) to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. STEVENS) to further amend the bill, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 897).

Pending debate,

Mrs. FEINSTEIN raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates provisions of section 505(a) of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), and therefore is not in order.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

Ordered, That, at 2 p.m. on today, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to a motion to waive; that the time until 2 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between Mrs. FEINSTEIN and Mr. ENSIGN, or their designees; that, if said motion to waive is not agreed to, without further intervening action or debate, the bill be read the third time, and the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

The question being on the point of order raised by Mrs. FEINSTEIN.

After debate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SALAZAR in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall the bill, as amended, pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 97, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 135 Leg.]

YEAS --- 97

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter,

Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

On motion by Ms. CANTWELL to reconsider the vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. CANTWELL,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF
BILL S. 761

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, at 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 761) to invest in innovation and education to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy; that, on tomorrow, there only be debate on the bill; and that, on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, Mr. COBURN be recognized to speak for one hour on the bill.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SENATE
CONGRESSIONAL-EXECUTIVE
COMMISSION ON THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. KLOBUCHAR in the chair) announced that the President of the Senate, after consultation with the minority leader, pursuant to Public Law 106-286, had appointed the following members to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Mr. HAGEL, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. SMITH, Mr. MARTINEZ.

JUDICIAL DISCLOSURE
RESPONSIBILITY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1130) to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to extend the authority to withhold from public availability a financial disclosure report filed by an individual who is a judicial officer or judicial employee, to the extent necessary to protect the safety of that individual or a family member of that individual, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 10:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, at 10:30 a.m., the Senate proceed to consider bill S. 761, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

At 4:45 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2007

Mr. SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, April 20, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. WHITEHOUSE took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business. Pending debate,

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1176. A bill to require enhanced disclosure to consumers regarding the consequences of making only minimum required payments in the repayment of credit card debt, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. GREGG, Mr. DODD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1177. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish a national uniform multiple air pollutant regulatory program for the electric generating sector; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. SMITH):

S. 1178. A bill to strengthen data protection and safeguards, require data breach notification, and further prevent identity theft; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 1179. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the financing for Superfund for purposes of cleanup activities with respect to those Superfund sites for which removal and remedial action is estimated to cost more than \$50,000,000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 1180. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the placed-in-service date requirement for low-income housing credit buildings in the Gulf Opportunity Zone, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. OBAMA:

S. 1181. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide shareholders with an advisory vote on executive compensation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1182. A bill to amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to increase the authorization of appropriations and modify the date on which the authority of the Secretary of the Interior terminates under the Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE
RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. REID, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 162. A resolution commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DOMENICI, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. Res. 163. A resolution designating the third week of April 2007 as "National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. DODD, Mr. BURR, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CORKER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. CONRAD, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. Res. 164. A resolution designating the week beginning April 22, 2007, as "Week of the Young Child"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 21

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 21, a bill to expand access to preventive health care services that help reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce abortions, and improve access to women's health care.

S. 24

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 24, a bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to require a health advisory and monitoring of drinking water for perchlorate.

S. 98

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 98, a bill to foster the development of minority-owned small businesses.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States.

S. 206

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 206, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 326

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special period of limitation when uniformed services retirement pay is reduced as result of award of disability compensation.

S. 380

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 380, a bill to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 392, a bill to ensure payment of United States assessments for United Nations peacekeeping operations for the 2005 through 2008 time period.

S. 573

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 573, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart

disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 638

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 638, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 761

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] and the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 761, a bill to invest in innovation and education to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 777

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 777, a bill to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 803, a bill to repeal a provision enacted to end Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 831

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] were added as cosponsors of S. 831, a bill to authorize States and local governments to prohibit the investment of State assets in any company that has a qualifying business relationship with Sudan.

S. 860

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 860, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States the option to provide Medicaid coverage for low-income individuals infected with HIV.

S. 871

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 871, a bill to establish and provide for the treatment of Individual Development Accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 935

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from California

[Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 935, a bill to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 991

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of S. 991, a bill to establish the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation under the authorities of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961.

S. 992

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 992, a bill to achieve emission reductions and cost savings through accelerated use of cost-effective lighting technologies in public buildings, and for other purposes.

S. 1017

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1017, a bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to prohibit the use of certain anti-competitive forward contracts.

S. 1038

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1038, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand workplace health incentives by equalizing the tax consequences of employee athletic facility use.

S. 1042

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1042, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly.

S. 1128

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1128, a bill to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to establish a Summer of Service State grant program, a Summer of Service national direct grant program, and related national activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1154

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1154, a bill to promote biogas production, and for other purposes.

S. 1155

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1155, a bill to treat payments under the Conservation Reserve Program as rentals from real estate.

S. 1156

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1156, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize the Best Pharmaceuticals for Children program.

S. 1160

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1160, a bill to ensure an abundant and affordable supply of highly nutritious fruits, vegetables, and other specialty crops for American consumers and international markets by enhancing the competitiveness of United States-grown specialty crops.

S. 1168

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1168, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish a regulatory program for sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, mercury, and carbon dioxide emissions from the electric generating sector.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:45 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1905. An act to provide for the treatment of the District of Columbia as a Congressional district for purposes of representation in the House of Representatives, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1591) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints the following as managers of the conference on the part of the House: Mr. OBEY, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. VISCLOSKY, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. DICKS, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr.

MOLLOHAN, Mr. OLVER, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. WOLF, Mr. WALSH, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, and Mr. WICKER.

At 1:25 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 137. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

H.R. 727. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to add requirements regarding trauma care, and for other purposes.

H.R. 753. An act to redesignate the Federal building located at 167 North Main Street in Memphis, Tennessee, as the "Clifford Davis and Odell Horton Federal Building".

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 1905. An act to provide for the treatment of the District of Columbia as a Congressional district for purposes of representation in the House of Representatives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

IMPROVING THE COMPETITIVENESS OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY THROUGH INVESTMENT IN INNOVATION AND EDUCATION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 761) to invest in innovation and education to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill. The question being on passage of the bill. Pending debate,

MOMENT OF SILENCE

At 12 noon, Mr. REID asked that the Senate observe a moment of silence in observance of the shooting tragedy at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University on Monday, April 16, 2007.

RECESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 12:01 p.m.,

Ordered, That the Senate recess, subject to the call of the chair.

AT 2:13 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order.

IMPROVING THE COMPETITIVENESS OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY THROUGH INVESTMENT IN INNOVATION AND EDUCATION

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 761.

The question being on passage of the bill. Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BILL NELSON,

That the Senate proceed to executive session; and after consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BILL NELSON,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COUNCIL

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 96-388, as amended by Public Law 97-84 and Public Law 106-292, had appointed the following Senators to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council for the 110th Congress: Mr. HATCH, Mr. COLEMAN.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

SENATE NATIONAL SECURITY WORKING GROUP

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that the majority leader, pursuant to S. Res. 105 (adopted April 13, 1989), as amended by S. Res. 149 (adopted October 5, 1993), as amended by Public Law 105-275, further amended by S. Res. 75 (adopted March 25, 1999), amended by S. Res. 383 (adopted October 27, 2000), and amended by S. Res. 355 (adopted November 13, 2002), and further amended by S. Res. 480 (adopted November 20, 2004), had appointed the following Senators to serve as members of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 110th Congress: Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. KYL, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. LOTT.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL
SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME
AWARENESS WEEK"

On the request of Mr. BILL NELSON,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 163) designating the third week of April 2007 as "National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week", submitted today by Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DOMENICI, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. LIEBERMAN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "WEEK OF THE
YOUNG CHILD"

On the request of Mr. BILL NELSON,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 164) designating the week beginning April 22, 2007, as "Week of the Young Child", submitted today by Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. DODD, Mr. BURR, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CORKER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. CONRAD, and Mrs. LINCOLN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, APRIL
23, 2007, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BILL NELSON,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 23, 2007; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 2:45 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein; that the first half of the time therein be controlled by

the majority leader, or his designee, and the second half of the time therein be controlled by the minority leader, or his designee; and that, at 2:45 p.m., the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 761.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BILL NELSON,

At 2:45 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 23, 2007.

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2007

Mr. JIM WEBB, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Reverend Sunday Adelaja, Embassy of God Church, Kiev, Ukraine, offered a prayer, and Mr. WEBB led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, April 23, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JIM WEBB, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. WEBB took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, April 20, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, April 20, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Friday, April 20, 2007,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1593. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Army that is identified as being case number 04-07; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1594. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Donald J. Wetekam, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1595. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Albert M. Calland III, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1596. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 17426) received on April 18, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1597. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 17413) received on April 18, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1598. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Secretary of the Army's review of the report of the Chief of Engineers on the Ventura River; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1599. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the views of the South Florida Water Management District, the State of Florida, the Department of the Interior,

and the Environmental Protection Agency on the Picayune Strand ecosystem restoration project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1600. A communication from the Chief of the Regulatory Management Division, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of the Standardized Request for Evidence Processing Timeframe" (RIN1615-AB13) received on April 18, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BURR, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. SMITH, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. REED, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1183. A bill to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1184. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study regarding the suitability and feasibility of designating certain historic buildings and areas in Taunton, Massachusetts, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. BURR, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1185. A bill to provide grants to States to improve high schools and raise graduation rates while ensuring rigorous standards, to develop and implement effective school models for struggling students and dropouts, and to improve State policies to raise graduation rates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 1186. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for the expedited consideration of certain proposed rescissions of budget authority; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 1187. A bill to require the Architect of the Capitol to develop a plan to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from the Capitol complex, with the goal of achieving carbon

neutrality at the complex by December 31, 2020; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BAYH, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 1188. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to enhance the ability to produce fruits and vegetables on covered commodity base acres; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 1189. A bill to designate the Federal building and United States Courthouse located at 100 East 8th Avenue in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, as the "George Howard, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms.

STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 165. A resolution relative to the death of Representative Juanita Millender-McDonald, of California; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. Res. 166. A resolution commemorating the lifetime achievement of the Reverend Leon H. Sullivan; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 119

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 119, a bill to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts, and for other purposes.

S. 223

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 223, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 406

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 406, a bill to ensure local governments have the flexibility needed to enhance decision-making regarding certain mass transit projects.

S. 408

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 408, a bill to recognize the heritage of hunting and provide opportunities for continued hunting on Federal public land.

S. 469

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 469, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

S. 479

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 479, a bill to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to

determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 548

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 548, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor.

S. 558

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 558, a bill to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services.

S. 573

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 573, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 582, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to classify automatic fire sprinkler systems as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] were added as cosponsors of S. 626, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 638

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 638, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 667

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 667, a bill to expand programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse and neglect prevention, and early identification of developmental and health delays, including potential mental health concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 721

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 721, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to establish a competitive grant program to build capacity in veterinary medical education and expand the workforce of veterinarians engaged in public health practice and biomedical research.

S. 761

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] were added as cosponsors of S. 761, a bill to invest in innovation and education to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy.

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 761, *supra*.

S. 766

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 766, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies of victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 794

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 794, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option to expand or add coverage of pregnant women under the Medicaid and State children's health insurance programs, and for other purposes.

S. 858

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] were added as cosponsors of S. 858, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the transportation fringe benefit to bicycle commuters.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

S. 948

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 948,

a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize funding for the establishment of a program on children and the media within the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development to study the role and impact of electronic media in the development of children.

S. 960

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 960, a bill to establish the United States Public Service Academy.

S. 962

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 962, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize and improve the carbon capture and storage research, development, and demonstration program of the Department of Energy and for other purposes.

S. 968

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 968, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide increased assistance for the prevention, treatment, and control of tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

S. 991

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 991, a bill to establish the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation under the authorities of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961.

S. 1012

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1012, a bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 1042

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1042, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly.

S. 1060

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1060, a bill to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime

Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, and for other purposes.

S. 1090

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1090, a bill to amend the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 to assist the neediest of senior citizens by modifying the eligibility criteria for supplemental foods provided under the commodity supplemental food program to take into account the extraordinarily high out-of-pocket medical expenses that senior citizens pay, and for other purposes.

S. 1105

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1105, a bill to provide Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes to prosecute hate crimes, and for other purposes.

S. 1117

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1117, a bill to establish a grant program to provide vision care to children, and for other purposes.

S. 1125

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1125, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to encourage investment in the expansion of freight rail infrastructure capacity and to enhance modal tax equity.

S. 1146

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1146, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans who live in rural areas, and for other purposes.

S. 1173

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1173, a bill to protect, consistent with *Roe v. Wade*, a woman's freedom to choose to bear a child or terminate a pregnancy, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 26

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 26, a concurrent resolution recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and commending recipients of the Purple Heart for their courageous demonstrations of gallantry and heroism on behalf of the United States.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 27

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 27, a concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "National Purple Heart Recognition Day".

SENATE RESOLUTION 82

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 82, a resolution designating August 16, 2007 as "National Airborne Day".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. INOUE,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Monday, April 23, 2007, at 3 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to receive testimony on S. 1115, a bill to promote the efficient use of oil, natural gas, and electricity, reduce oil consumption, and heighten energy efficiency standards for consumer products and industrial equipment, and for other purposes.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Monday, April 23, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. for a hearing titled "Protecting College Campuses: Best Practices."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1257. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide shareholders with an advisory vote on executive compensation.

H.R. 1495. An act to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Speaker removes Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, as a conferee and appoints Ms.

KILPATRICK of Michigan, to fill the vacancy thereon, on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1591) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: Mr. MCCAUL of Texas, Mr. WELLER of Illinois, Mr. DREIER of California, Mr. MACK of Florida, and Mr. FORTUNO of Puerto Rico.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d, clause 10 of rule 1, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group: Mr. MANZULLO of Illinois, Mr. MCCOTTER of Michigan, Mr. STEARNS of Florida, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, and Mr. BROWN of South Carolina.

At 3:10 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1003. An act to amend the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 to reauthorize the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy.

H.R. 1130. An act to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to extend the authority to withhold from public availability a financial disclosure report filed by an individual who is a judicial officer or judicial employee, to the extent necessary to protect the safety of the individual or a family member of that individual, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 865. An act to grant rights-of-way for electric transmission lines over certain Native allotments in the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1257. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide shareholders with an advisory vote on executive compensation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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EDUCATION

Pursuant to the order of Friday, April 20, 2007,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 761) to invest in innovation and education to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER) to amend the bill on various pages and lines, striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 904).

After debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. INOUE,

Ordered, That the pending amendment be withdrawn.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. INOUE (for himself and Mr. STEVENS) to amend the bill on various pages and lines, striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 906).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN to further amend the bill on various pages and lines, striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 908).

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION
ON TOMORROW

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 12 noon on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Halil Suletman Ozerden, to be United States District Judge, that there be 10 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon between the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on the Judiciary, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; and that the President then be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF
REPRESENTATIVE JUANITA
MILLENDER-McDONALD, OF
CALIFORNIA

On the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 165) relative to the death of Representative Juanita Millender-McDonald, of California, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFETIME
ACHIEVEMENT OF THE REVEREND
LEON H. SULLIVAN

On the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 166) commemorating the lifetime achievement of the Reverend Leon H. Sullivan, submitted today by Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. SPECTER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS
GOVERNANCE MODERNIZATION
ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 1681) to amend the Congressional Charter of The American National Red Cross to modernize its governance structure, to enhance the ability of the board of governors of The American National Red Cross to support the critical mission of The American National Red Cross in the 21st century, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business; that the first 30 minutes therein be controlled by the minority leader, or his designee, and the second 30 minutes therein be controlled by the majority leader, or his designee; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 761.

Ordered further, That, following the aforementioned vote on tomorrow, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

At 5:26 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 165 as a further mark of respect for the late Representative Juanita

Millender-McDonald, and under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2007

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. TESTER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 24, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. TESTER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business.
Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1601. A communication from the Under Secretary (Research Education Economics), Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Innovation Research Grants Program" (RIN0524-AA31), received on April 20, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1602. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act that is identified as being case number 05-07; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1603. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 230.146 Rules Under Section 18 of the Act (17 CFR 230.146)" (RIN3235-AJ73), received on April 20, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1604. A communication from the Director of the Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expanded Examination Cycle for Certain Small Insured Depository Institutions and U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks" (RIN3064-AD17), received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1605. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Emissions of Greenhouse Gases in the United States 2005 Executive Summary"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1606. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, the report of a draft bill intended to repeal certain oil and gas incentives contained in the Energy Policy Act of 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1607. A communication from the Acting Inspector General, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Interagency Review of U.S. Export Controls for China"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1608. A communication from the Director of Defense Research and Engineering, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the management and adequacy of biometrics programs; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1609. A communication from the Chief Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the activities carried out by

the Family Court during 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1610. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the use of student loan repayments by Federal agencies during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1611. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of five recommendations for legislative action; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-1612. A communication from the Chairman, Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's sixth report; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of a committee was submitted:

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1082. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize and amend the prescription drug user fee provisions, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 1190. A bill to promote the deployment and adoption of telecommunications services and information technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1191. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to award grants to States to establish revolving loan funds to provide loans to small manufacturers to develop new products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. KYL):

S. 1192. A bill to increase the number of Federal judgeships in certain judicial districts with heavy caseloads of criminal immigration cases; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1193. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 2 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 1194. A bill to improve the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself and Mr. WEBB):

S. 1195. A bill to establish the Comprehensive Entitlement Reform Commission; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1196. A bill to improve mental health care for wounded members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. SMITH):

S. 1197. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the deduction for depreciation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1198. A bill to determine successful methods to provide protection from catastrophic health expenses for individuals who have exceeded health insurance lifetime limits, to provide catastrophic health insurance coverage for uninsured individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1199. A bill to strengthen the capacity of eligible institutions to provide instruction in nanotechnology; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. REID, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. TESTER, Mr. INOUE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BAUCUS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. OBAMA, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 1200. A bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend the Act; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 1201. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce emissions from electric powerplants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SESSIONS:

S. 1202. A bill to require agencies and persons in possession of computerized data containing sensitive personal information, to disclose security breaches where such breach

poses a significant risk of identity theft; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 1203. A bill to enhance the management of electricity programs at the Department of Energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. KOHL):

S. Res. 167. A resolution congratulating the University of Wisconsin men's indoor track and field team on becoming the 2006-2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Indoor Track and Field Champions; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. KOHL):

S. Res. 168. A resolution congratulating the University of Wisconsin women's hockey team for winning the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Ice Hockey Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. Res. 169. A resolution recognizing Susan G. Komen for the Cure on its leadership in the breast cancer movement on the occasion of its 25th anniversary; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. INOUE, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. DODD):

S. Res. 170. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a National Child Care Worthy Wage Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 95

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 95, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to ensure that every uninsured child in America has health insurance coverage, and for other purposes.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 294, a bill to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 329

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr.

DOMENICI] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 383

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 383, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the period of eligibility for health care for combat service in the Persian Gulf War or future hostilities from two years to five years after discharge or release.

S. 459

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 459, a bill to require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies, lumpectomies, and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer and coverage for secondary consultations.

S. 479

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 479, a bill to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.

S. 573

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE], the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU], the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL], the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 573, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 597

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 597, a bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

S. 614

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 614, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to double the child tax credit for the first year, to expand the credit dependent care services, to provide relief from the alternative minimum tax, and for other purposes.

S. 621

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 621, a bill to establish commissions to review the facts and circumstances surrounding injustices suffered

by European Americans, European Latin Americans, and Jewish refugees during World War II.

S. 725

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 725, a bill to amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to reauthorize and improve that Act.

S. 731

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 731, a bill to develop a methodology for, and complete, a national assessment of geological storage capacity for carbon dioxide, and for other purposes.

S. 755

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 755, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require States to provide diabetes screening tests under the Medicaid program for adult enrollees with diabetes risk factors, to ensure that States offer a comprehensive package of benefits under that program for individuals with diabetes, and for other purposes.

S. 761

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 761, a bill to invest in innovation and education to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy.

S. 766

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 766, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies of victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 790

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 790, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to permit the simplified

summer food programs to be carried out in all States and by all service institutions.

S. 829

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 829, a bill to reauthorize the HOPE VI program for revitalization of severely distressed public housing, and for other purposes.

S. 840

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 840, a bill to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize assistance for domestic and foreign programs and centers for the treatment of victims of torture, and for other purposes.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] were added as cosponsors of S. 901, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

S. 935

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 935, a bill to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD] and the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 973

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 973, a bill to amend the Mandatory Victims' Restitution Act to improve restitution for victims of crime, and for other purposes.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 999, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

S. 1018

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1018, a bill to address security risks posed by global climate change and for other purposes.

S. 1084

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1084, a bill to provide housing assistance for very low-income veterans.

S. 1087

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1087, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages on account of sex, race, or national origin, and for other purposes.

S. 1115

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1115, a bill to promote the efficient use of oil, natural gas, and electricity, reduce oil consumption, and heighten energy efficiency standards for consumer products and industrial equipment, and for other purposes.

S. 1132

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1132, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Indian tribes to receive charitable contributions of apparently wholesome food.

S. 1145

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1145, a bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform.

S. 1161

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1161, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize the expansion of medicare coverage of medical nutrition therapy services.

S. 1172

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1172, a bill to reduce hunger in the United States.

S. 1175

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] were added as cosponsors of S. 1175, a bill to end the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, and for other purposes.

S. 1178

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1178, a bill to strengthen data protection and safeguards,

require data breach notification, and further prevent identity theft.

S. 1183

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1183, a bill to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1185

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1185, a bill to provide grants to States to improve high schools and raise graduation rates while ensuring rigorous standards, to develop and implement effective school models for struggling students and dropouts, and to improve State policies to raise graduation rates, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 26

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 26, a concurrent resolution recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and commending recipients of the Purple Heart for their courageous demonstrations of gallantry and heroism on behalf of the United States.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 27

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 27, a concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "National Purple Heart Recognition Day".

SENATE RESOLUTION 30

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG], the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 30, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the need for the United States to address global climate change through the negotiation of fair and effective international commitments.

SENATE RESOLUTION 125

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 125, a resolution designating May 18, 2007, as "Endangered Species Day", and encouraging the people of the United States to become educated about, and aware of, threats to species, success stories in species recovery,

and the opportunity to promote species conservation worldwide.

SENATE RESOLUTION 162

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 162, a resolution commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,
NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing during the session of the Senate on April 24, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in SD-106. The title of this committee hearing is, "Challenges and Opportunities Facing American Agriculture Producers Today, Part II."

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on United States Pacific Command, United States Forces Korea, and United States Special Operations Command in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years defense program.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE,
AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at 9:45 a.m. in Room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION,
PENSIONS, AND LABOR

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet to hold a hearing on the No Child Left Behind Reauthorization during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at 10 a.m. in SD-628.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on

"The Insurrection Act Rider and State Control of the National Guard" on Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON
INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 24, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISASTER
RECOVERY

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery be authorized to meet on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. for a hearing titled "Beyond Trailers, Part I: Creating a More Flexible, Efficient, and Cost Effective Federal Disaster Housing Program."

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON
INVESTIGATIONS

The Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations be authorized to meet on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., for a hearing entitled "Transit Benefits: How Some Federal Employees Are Taking Uncle Sam for a Ride."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS
AND THE LAW

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law be authorized to meet on Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing on "A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier" in room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND
MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

The Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at 3 p.m., to receive testimony on the readiness of U.S. ground forces in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years defense program.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:25 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 625. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4230 Maine Avenue in Baldwin Park, California, as the "Atanacio Haro-Marin Post Office".

H.R. 1402. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 320 South Lecanto Highway in Lecanto, Florida, as the "Sergeant Dennis J. Flanagan Lecanto Post Office Building".

H.R. 1434. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at

896 Pittsburgh Street in Springdale, Pennsylvania, as the "Rachel Carson Post Office Building".

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

S. 521. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse and customhouse located at 515 West First Street in Duluth, Minnesota, as the "Gerald W. Heaney Federal Building and United States Courthouse and Customhouse".

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution:

H. Res. 328. Resolution relative to the death of the Honorable Juanita Millender-McDonald, a Representative from the State of California.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore reported that he had signed the following enrolled bills, which were previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 137. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

H.R. 727. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to add requirements regarding trauma care, and for other purposes.

H.R. 753. To redesignate the Federal building located at 167 North Main Street in Memphis, Tennessee, as the "Clifford Davis and Odell Horton Federal Building".

H.R. 1003. An act to amend the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 to reauthorize the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy.

H.R. 1130. An act to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to extend the authority to withhold from public availability a financial disclosure report filed by an individual who is a judicial officer or judicial employee, to the extent necessary to protect the safety of that individual or a family member of that individual, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 625. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4230 Maine Avenue in Baldwin Park, California, as the "Atanacio Haro-Marin Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1402. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 320 South Lecanto Highway in Lecanto, Florida, as the "Sergeant Dennis J. Flanagan Lecanto Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1434. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 896 Pittsburgh Street in Springdale, Pennsylvania, as the "Rachel Carson Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

IMPROVING THE COMPETITIVENESS OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY THROUGH INVESTMENT IN INNOVATION AND EDUCATION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 761) to invest in innovation and education to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 908, proposed by Mr. BINGAMAN, to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. ENSIGN) to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 928).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. ENSIGN) to further amend the bill on page 8, by striking all beginning on line 7 through line 9, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 929).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That, at 2:15 p.m., there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Mr. BAUCUS and Mr. DEMINT on the pending amendment No. 929; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to said amendment; and that no amendments be in order thereto.

Ordered further, That following said vote, Mr. KENNEDY be recognized to speak; and that, following remarks by him, Mr. COBURN be recognized as pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 19, 2007.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 929 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

IMPROVING THE COMPETITIVENESS OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY THROUGH INVESTMENT IN INNOVATION AND EDUCATION

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 761.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 929 to the bill, as amended.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:35 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

IMPROVING THE COMPETITIVENESS OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY THROUGH INVESTMENT IN INNOVATION AND EDUCATION

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 761.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 929 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. DEMINT,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 96, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 137 Leg.]

YEAS --- 96

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg,

Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 928 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY to further amend the bill on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 940).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. COBURN to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 917).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ALEXANDER,

Ordered, That there be 4 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on amendment No. 917; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote thereon.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 917 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Mr. BINGAMAN called for the regular order with respect to amendment No. 928.

Whereupon,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 928 to the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN for Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. REED) to insert in lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the pending amendment, other words (being amendment No. 947).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That, at 5:10 p.m., amendment No. 947 be modified to reflect first-degree status; that there be 20 minutes for concurrent debate on amendments numbered 928 and 947, as modified, divided and controlled, as follows: Mr. DODD, 5 minutes; Mr. SHELBY, 5 minutes; and Mr. DEMINT, 10 minutes; that no amendment be in order to either amendment; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 947, as modified; that, following said vote, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No.

928, with no intervening action or debate; and that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate between the votes.

Ordered further, That, following said votes, there be 4 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Mr. BINGAMAN and Mr. COBURN on amendment No. 917, as pursuant to the order of today; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to said amendment, with no intervening action or debate; and that no amendment be in order to the amendment.

Ordered further, That, following disposition of amendments numbered 947, as modified, 928, and 917, it be in order to propose amendment No. 938 and amendment No. 936; and that the Senate then return to its regular order.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That Mrs. HUTCHISON be recognized for 10 minutes; and that, following remarks by her, Mr. CORNYN be recognized for 10 minutes.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 947 to amendment No. 928 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN to further amend the bill in division A, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 902).

After debate,

Mr. CORNYN withdrew his pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 947 to amendment No. 928 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 908 be modified and agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 947 to amendment No. 928 to the bill, as amended.

Mr. BINGAMAN called for the regular order with respect amendment No. 940.

Whereupon,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 940 to the bill, as amended.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 947 to amendment No. 928 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The hour of 5:10 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The amendment No. 947 was modified to reflect first-degree status.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 947, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. DODD,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 97, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 138 Leg.]

YEAS --- 97

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 928 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. DODD to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. DODD,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 62, nays... 35

[Rollcall Vote No. 139 Leg.]

YEAS --- 62

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Cochran, Collins, Conrad, Crapo, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Harkin, Hatch, Inouye, Kennedy, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Snowe, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Thomas, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 35

Alexander, Allard, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Grassley,

Gregg, Hagel, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Landrieu, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Roberts, Smith, Specter, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. DODD to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. DODD,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 917 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 54, nays... 43

[Rollcall Vote No. 140 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Cochran, Conrad, Dodd, Domenici, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 43

Allard, Bayh, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kohl, Kyl, Lieberman, Lott, Martinez, McConnell, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

So the motion was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN (for Mr. SUNUNU) to further amend the bill by striking section 4002 (being amendment No. 938).

The pending amendment was deemed laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN for Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. LEAHY, and Mrs. LINCOLN) to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 936).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate resumes consideration of the pending bill S. 761 on tomorrow, there be 30 minutes, equally

divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate between Mr. SUNUNU and Mr. KENNEDY, or their designees, on amendment No. 938; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; and that no amendment be in order to the amendment prior to the vote.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 936 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

SENATE DELEGATION TO THE CANADA-U.S. INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MENENDEZ in the chair) announced that the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d-276g, as amended, had appointed Mr. LEAHY as a member of the Senate Delegation to the Canada – U.S. Interparliamentary Group during the Second Session of the 108th Congress.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

SENATE DELEGATION TO THE CANADA-U.S. INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d-276g, as amended, had appointed Mr. GRASSLEY and Mr. VOINOVICH as members of the Senate Delegation to the Canada – U.S. Interparliamentary Group during the Second Session of the 108th Congress.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE RECORDS OF CONGRESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the minority leader, pursuant to Public Law 101-509 had appointed Terry Birdwhistell, of Kentucky, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN MEN'S INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD TEAM

On the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 167) congratulating the University of Wisconsin men's indoor track and field team on becoming the 2006-2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Indoor Track and Field Champions, submitted today by Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. KOHL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM

On the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 168) congratulating the University of Wisconsin women's hockey team for winning the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Ice Hockey Championship, submitted today by Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. KOHL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE

On the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 169) recognizing Susan G. Komen for the Cure on its leadership in the breast cancer movement on the occasion of its 25th anniversary, submitted today by Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Ms. MIKULSKI), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the

transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein; that the first 30 minutes therein be controlled by the majority, and the second 30 minutes therein be controlled by the minority; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 761.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. ALEXANDER.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today, At 7:58 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, April 25, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1613. A communication from the Deputy Director for Regulations, Office of Pipeline Safety, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pipeline Safety: Design and Construction Requirements to Reduce Internal Corrosion in Gas Transmission Pipelines" (RIN2137-AE09) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1614. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Revision of Requirements for Authorization of Use of International Standards" (RIN2137-AE01) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1615. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Part 95 Instrument Flight Rules (18)" ((RIN2120-AA63)(Amdt. No. 467)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1616. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (127)" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3212)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1617. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (8)" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3211))

received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1618. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (85)" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3210)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1619. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (11)" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3209)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1620. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (22)" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3208)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1621. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Corporation 501-D Series Turboprop Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2001-NE-01)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1622. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney PW4077D, PW4084D, PW4090, and PW4090-3 Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2006-NE-05)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1623. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A318, A319, A320 and A321 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2007-NM-026)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1624. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Aircraft Company Beech Models 45, A45, and D45 Airplanes"

((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-33)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1625. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-235)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1626. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; EADS SOCATA Model TBM 700 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-61)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1627. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A318, A319, A320, and A321 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2006-NM-173)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1628. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Microturbo Saphir 20 Models 095 Auxiliary Power Units" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2006-NE-21)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1629. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company CF6-80C2 Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2006-NE-01)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1630. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH Model MBB-BK 117 C-2 Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-SW-28)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1631. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Teledyne Continental Motors GTSIO-520 Series Reciprocating Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NE-05)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1632. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330 Airplanes and Model A340-200 and -300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-157)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1633. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A319, A320, and A321 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-216)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1634. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Aircraft Engines CF34-3A1/-3B/-3B1 Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NE-06)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1635. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Glasflugel Models H 301 'Libelle,' H 301B 'Libelle,' Standard 'Libelle,' and Standard Libelle-201B Sailplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-28)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1636. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney JT9D Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 98-ANE-47)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1637. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Alpha Aviation Design Limited Model R2160 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-

(Docket No. 2006-CE-78)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1638. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Mooney Airplane Company, Inc., Models M20M and M20R Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-51)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1639. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; SOCATA-Groupe AEROSPATIALE Models M.S. 760, M.S. 760 A, and M.S. 760 B Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-74)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1640. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company Models 172R, 172S, 182S, 182T, T182T, 206H, and T206H Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-38)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1641. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-600, -700, -700C, and -800 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-096)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1642. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Legal Description of Class D and E Airspace; Fairbanks, Fort Wainwright Army Airfield, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AAL-16)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1643. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Huslia, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AAL-13)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1644. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Low Altitude Reporting Point; AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AAL-17)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1645. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of the Norton Sound Low Offshore Airspace Area; AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AAL-10)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1646. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E5 Airspace; Potosi, MO" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ACE-14)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1647. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Adak, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AAL-12)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1648. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class D Airspace; Broomfield, CO" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AWP-10)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1649. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Wellington Municipal Airport, KS" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ACE-44)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1650. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Kaiser/Lake Ozark MO" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ACE-6)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1651. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation

Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Willow, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AAL-02)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1652. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Offshore Airspace Area 1485L and Revision of Control 1485H; Barrow, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AAL-9)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1653. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Class D Airspace; Elko, NV" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AWP-11)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1654. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Provo, UT" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AWP-5)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1655. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Kalispell, MT" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 05-ANM-15)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1656. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Pinedale, WY" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 05-ANM-17)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1657. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Eagle, CO" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ANM-2)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1658. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of

Class E Airspace; Mooresville, NC" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ASO-8)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1659. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Class E2 Surface Area; Elko, NV" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AWP-12)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1660. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class D and E Airspace; Amendment of Class E Airspace; Leesburg, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ASO-3)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1661. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Fremont, MI" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AGL-01)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1662. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inspection Authorization Two-Year Renewal" ((RIN2120-AI83)(Docket No. FAA-2007-27108)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1663. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Incorporation of EuroSID II Dummy Into 49 CFR Part 572" (RIN2127-AI89) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1664. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Incorporation of SID-II's Side Impact Crash Test Dummy Into Part 572" (RIN2127-AJ16) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1665. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Temporary Rule; Inseason Retention Limit Adjustment" (ID

No. 032107B) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1666. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Less Than 60 Feet LOA Using Pot or Hook-and-Line Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID No. 032807A) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1667. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Temporary Rule for Interim Measures to Address Overfishing of Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper During 2007" (RIN0648-AT87) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1668. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Revisions to the Nevada State Implementation Plan; Definition, Emergency Episode, and Monitoring Regulations" (FRL No. 8300-5) received on April 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1669. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Air Act Full Approval of Revisions to the State of Hawaii Operating Permit Program" (FRL No. 8303-5) received on April 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1670. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Glyphosate; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8122-8) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1671. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Revisions to Plant-Incorporated Protectant Tolerance Exemptions" (FRL No. 7742-2) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1672. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Peopixonazole; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL No. 8121-2) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1673. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cooperative Agreements and Superfund State Contracts for Superfund Response Actions" (FRL No. 8306-2) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1674. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Albuquerque/Bernalillo County; Prevention of Significant Deterioration and New Source Review" (FRL No. 8305-1) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1675. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State Operating Permit Programs; Maryland; Revisions to the Acid Rain Regulations" (FRL No. 8304-8) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1676. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevention of Significant Deterioration, Nonattainment New Source Review, and Title V: Treatment of Certain Ethanol Production Facilities Under the 'Major Emitting Facility' Definition" ((RIN2060-AN77)(FRL No. 8301-4)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1677. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Temporary Exhaust Emission Test Procedure Option for All Terrain Vehicles" (FRL No. 8305-8) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1678. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Approval of Revision to Rescind Portions of the Ohio Transportation Conformity Regulations" (FRL No. 8305-3) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1679. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Surface Coating of Automobiles and Light-Duty Trucks; National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Surface Coating of Plastic Parts and Products" (FRL No. 8304-2) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1680. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Air Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Halogenated Solvent Cleaning" (FRL No. 8303-6) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1681. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Extension of the Reformulated Gasoline Program to Illinois Portion of the St. Louis, Illinois-Missouri Ozone Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 8304-1) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1682. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Performance for Fossil-Fuel-Fired Steam Generators for Which Construction is Commenced After August 17, 1971; Standards of Performance for Electric Utility Steam Generating Units for Which Construction is Commenced After September 18, 1978; Standards of Performance for Industrial-Commercial-Institutional Steam Generating Units; and Standards of Performance for Small Industrial-Commercial-Institutional Steam Generating Units" ((RIN2060-AN97)(FRL No. 8304-8)) received on April 23, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1683. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - May 2007" (Rev. Rul. 2007-29) received on April 20, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1684. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appeals Settlement Guidelines: S Corporation Shareholders Attempt to Transfer the Incidence of Taxation on S Corporation Income by Donating S Corporation Stock to a Tax Exempt Organization While Retaining the Economic Benefits Associated with the Stock" (Notice 2004-30) received on April 20, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1685. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coordinated Issue: Distressed Asset/Debt Tax Shelters" (UIL No. 9300.99-05) received on April 20, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1686. A communication from the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and Federal Disability Insurance Trust Funds, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's 2007 Annual Report; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1687. A communication from the Boards of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance and Federal Supplementary Insurance Trust Funds, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2007 Annual Report of the Boards; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1688. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure: National Median Gross Income Figures for 2007" (Rev. Proc. 2007-31) received on April 24, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1689. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update" (Notice 2007-32) received on April 24, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1690. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12978 relative to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1691. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pennsylvania Regulatory Program" (PA-147-FOR) received on April 25, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1692. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, weekly reports for the period from February 28, 2007 to April 24, 2007 relative to post-liberation Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1693. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, the report of proposed legislation entitled "Workforce Investment Act Amendments of 2007"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1694. A communication from the Director, Division for Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allowances and Differentials" (RIN3206-AL07) received on April 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1695. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-37, "Class Exclusion Standards Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on April 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1696. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-35, "Retail Service Station Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on April 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1697. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-36, "Quality Teacher Incentive Clarification Temporary Act of 2007" received on April 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1698. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-34, "Comprehensive Plan Response to NCPC Recommendations and Technical Corrections Act of 2007" received on April 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1699. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-33, "Nonprofit Organizations Oversight Improvement

Amendment Act of 2007" received on April 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1700. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-38, "Public Education Reform Amendment Act of 2007" received on April 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1701. A communication from the Office Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Relief from Fingerprinting and Criminal History Records Check for Designated Categories of Individuals Permitted Unescorted Access to Certain Radioactive Materials or Other Property" (AI04) received on April 17, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-71. A joint resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Maine memorializing the President and Congress to fulfill the intent to fund sixty percent of the costs of special education and to end unfunded mandates; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

JOINT RESOLUTION

We, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States as follows:

Whereas, the Congress of the United States has found that all children deserve a high-quality education, including children with disabilities; and

Whereas, the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 United States Code, Section 1400. et seq., provides that the Federal Government and state and local governments are to share in the expense of education for children with disabilities and commits the Federal Government to provide funds to assist with the excess expenses of education for children with disabilities; and

Whereas, the Congress of the United States has committed to contribute up to 40 percent of the average per-pupil expenditure of educating children with disabilities and the Federal Government has failed to meet this commitment to assist the states; and

Whereas, the Federal Government has never contributed more than a fraction of the

national average per-pupil expenditure to assist with the excess expenses of educating children with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; and

Whereas, this failure of the Federal Government to meet its commitment to assist with the excess expenses of educating a child with a disability contradicts the goal of ensuring that children with disabilities receive a high-quality education; and

Whereas, the imposition of unfunded mandates by the Federal Government on state governments interferes with the separation of powers between the 2 levels of government and the ability of each state to determine the issues and concerns of that state and what resources should be directed to address these issues and concerns; and

Whereas, the Federal Government recognized the inequalities of unfunded mandates on state governments when it passed the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995; and

Whereas, since the passage of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995, however, the Federal Government continues to impose unfunded mandates on state governments, including in areas such as special education requirement: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States either provide 60 percent of the national average per-pupil expenditure to assist states and local education agencies with the excess costs of educating children with disabilities or amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to allow the states more flexibility in implementing its mandates; and be it further

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the Congress of the United States revisit and reconfirm the Unfunded Mandate Reform Act of 1995 and put the intent and purpose of the Act into practice by ending imposition of unfunded federal mandates on state governments; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States, to the President of the Senate of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

POM-72. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Michigan urging the Department of Homeland Security to complete an economic analysis of the costs of compliance with the requirements of the federal Real ID Act and the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20

Whereas, in response to the need for heightened security measures following the 9-11 attacks, Congress enacted the Real ID Act in 2005. This legislation require the states to dramatically redesign their respective driver's licenses. Digital photos, proof of legal status, and centralized database capabilities will be required. The act and the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative also greatly alter the documentation required from American citizens seeking reentry into this country; and

Whereas, as the deadlines for full compliance with the requirements of the Real ID Act approach, there remains a significant level of confusion over how the states can meet target dates and develop the necessary policies and technology. With the size and scope of the task of redesigning driver's licenses and increasing identification procedures in all 50 states, the current uncertainties are complicating our ability to make our homeland more secure; and

Whereas, as with any undertaking of this magnitude, there are major costs involved. At this point, however, there seems to be no comprehensive estimate of the overall economic impact of complying with the Real ID Act and the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative; and

Whereas, the multiple issues involved in following the provisions of the Real ID Act and the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative are vitally important in Michigan. With some of the world's busiest international crossing points, especially at the Detroit/Windsor border, Michigan has a strong stake in this transition proceeding smoothly and with all the information needed to do so: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the United States Department of Homeland Security to complete an economic analysis of the costs of compliance with the requirements of the federal Real ID Act and the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the United States Department of Homeland Security, the Office of the President of the United States; the United States Secretary of State; the President of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; the chairs and ranking members of the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the United States Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, the United States House Homeland Security Committee, and the United States House International Relations Committee; the members of the Michigan congressional delegation; and the Michigan Secretary of State.

POM-73. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of

Michigan memorializing the Department of State and the Department of Homeland Security to develop a pilot program in Michigan for a dual purpose state driver's license/personal identification card to comply with the provisions of the Real ID Act and the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 21

Whereas, in response to the need for heightened security measures following the 9-11 attacks, Congress enacted the Real ID Act in 2005. This legislation requires the states to dramatically redesign their respective driver's licenses. Digital photos, proof of legal status, and centralized database capabilities will be required; and

Whereas, another component of recent federal legislation, the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, also greatly alters the documentation required from American citizens seeking reentry into this country. By January 1, 2008, for example, United States citizens may be required to show passports when they drive across the border from Canada; and

Whereas, with the new requirements of the Real ID Act, state driver's licenses would closely mirror passports not only in the way they are used by travelers, but also in providing a higher level of identification. There is an opportunity in this transition to explore the possibility of combining the secure technology of a passport into the driver's license and realizing significant savings without compromising the security that is the goal of the federal legislation; and

Whereas, with some of the busiest international crossing points in the world, Michigan is well-suited for a pilot project to develop a dual driver's license/passport. With \$70 billion worth of commercial traffic and nearly 3 million visitors crossing the Michigan/Canadian border each year, including thousands crossing for their jobs each day, Michigan has an unsurpassed stake in how the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative is implemented; and

Whereas, Michigan's Secretary of State is in strong support of the concept of exploring a dual purpose state driver's license/personal identification card. The impact of such a project here could reap widespread benefits for our entire country: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the United States Department of State and the Department of Homeland Security to work with the Michigan Secretary of State to develop a pilot program in Michigan for a dual purpose state driver's license/personal identification card to comply with the provisions of the Real ID Act and the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the United States Department of Homeland Security, the Office of the President of the United States; the United States Secretary of State; the President of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; the chairs and ranking members of the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the United States Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, the United States House Homeland Security Committee, and the United States House International Relations Committee; the members of the Michigan congressional delegation; and the Michigan Secretary of State.

POM-74. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County in the State of Florida urging the Florida Legislature to require Florida schools to provide information to 11- and 12-year old girls and their parents about the Human Papillomavirus, the vaccine against HPV, and Cervical Cancer that results from HPV; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-75. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County in the State of Florida urging Congress to fully fund the local mandates included in the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-76. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County in the State of Florida urging the Florida Legislature to provide for creation of the Magic City Children's Zone Pilot Project; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2007" (Rept. No. 110-56).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 116. A resolution designating May 2007 as "National Autoimmune Diseases Awareness Month" and supporting efforts to increase awareness of autoimmune diseases and increase funding for autoimmune disease research.

S. Res. 125. A resolution designating May 18, 2007, as "Endangered Species Day", and encouraging the people of the United States to become educated about, and aware of, threats to species, success stories in species

recovery, and the opportunity to promote species conservation worldwide.

S. Res. 146. A resolution designating June 20, 2007, as "American Eagle Day", and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the American bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States.

S. Res. 162. A resolution commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. DODD:

S. 1204. A bill to enhance Federal efforts focused on public awareness and education about the risks and dangers associated with Shaken Baby Syndrome; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1205. A bill to require a pilot program on assisting veterans service organizations and other veterans groups in developing and promoting peer support programs that facilitate community reintegration of veterans returning from active duty, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Ms. STABENOW, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1206. A bill to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to clarify the age discrimination rules applicable to the pension plan maintained by the Young Woman's Christian Association Retirement Fund; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 1207. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase and extend the energy efficient commercial buildings deduction; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DORGAN:

S. 1208. A bill to provide additional security and privacy protection for social security account numbers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1209. A bill to provide for the continued administration of Santa Rosa Island, Channel Islands National Park, in accordance with the laws (including regulations) and policies of the National Park Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1210. A bill to extend the grant program for drug-endangered children; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1211. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide enhanced penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. INOUE, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1212. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit direct payment under the Medicare program for clinical social worker services provided to residents of skilled nursing facilities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 1213. A bill to give States the flexibility to reduce bureaucracy by streamlining enrollment processes for the Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Programs through better linkages with programs providing nutrition and related assistance to low-income families; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1214. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the partial exclusion for gain from certain small business stocks; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 1215. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and improve certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1216. A bill to allow certain nationals of Mexico entering the State of New Mexico on a temporary basis to travel up to 100 miles from the international border between the State of New Mexico and Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1217. A bill to enhance the safety of elementary schools, secondary schools, and institutions of higher learning; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 1218. A bill to provide quality, affordable health care for all Americans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. KERRY, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1219. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide taxpayer protection and assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1220. A bill to increase the standard mileage rate for use of an automobile for business, medical, and moving deduction purposes for 2007 and permanently increase such rate for charitable deduction purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and to temporarily increase the reimbursement rate for use of an automobile by Federal employees; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 1221. A bill to provide for the enactment of comprehensive health care reform; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1222. A bill to stop mortgage transactions which operate to promote fraud, risk, abuse, and under-development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 1223. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to support efforts by local or regional television or radio broadcasters to provide essential public information programming in the event of a major disaster, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1224. A bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. SMITH, and Ms. COLLINS):

S.J. Res. 12. A joint resolution providing for the recognition of Jerusalem as the undivided capital of Israel before the United States recognizes a Palestinian state, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. DODD):

S. Res. 171. A resolution memorializing fallen firefighters by lowering the United

States flag to half-staff on the day of the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. WEBB):

S. Res. 172. A resolution commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the settlement of Jamestown; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 311

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 311, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

S. 358

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 358, a bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment.

S. 399

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 399, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include podiatrists as physicians for purposes of covering physicians services under the Medicaid program.

S. 406

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 406, a bill to ensure local governments have the flexibility needed to enhance decision-making regarding certain mass transit projects.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 430, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. BOND, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] were added as cosponsors of S. 430, supra.

S. 573

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 573, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 638

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 638, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 648

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 648, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the eligibility age for receipt of non-regular military service retired pay for members of the Ready Reserve in active federal status or on active duty for significant periods.

S. 651

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 651, a bill to help promote the national recommendation of physical activity to kids, families, and communities across the United States.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide a tax credit to individuals who enter into agreements to protect the habitats of endangered and threatened species, and for other purposes.

S. 761

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] were added as cosponsors of S. 761, a bill to invest in innovation and education to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy.

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 761, supra.

S. 823

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 823, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to facilitating the development of microbicides for preventing transmission of HIV/AIDS and other diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 898

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] were added as cosponsors of S. 898, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to fund breakthroughs in Alzheimer's disease research while providing more help to caregivers and increasing public education about prevention.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] were added as cosponsors of S. 901, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

S. 935

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 935, a bill to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 972

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 972, a bill to provide for the reduction of adolescent pregnancy, HIV rates, and other sexually transmitted diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 999, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

S. 1013

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1013, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to encourage States to provide pregnant women enrolled in the Medicaid program with access to comprehensive tobacco cessation services.

S. 1062

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1062, a bill to establish a congressional commemorative medal for organ donors and their families.

S. 1070

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1070, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to enhance the social security of the Nation by ensuring adequate public-private infrastructure and to resolve to prevent, detect, treat, intervene in, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes.

S. 1087

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1087, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages on account of sex, race, or national origin, and for other purposes.

S. 1090

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1090, a bill to amend the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 to assist the neediest of senior citizens by modifying the eligibility criteria for supplemental foods provided under the commodity supplemental food program to take into account the extraordinarily high out-of-pocket medical expenses that senior citizens pay, and for other purposes.

S. 1154

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1154, a bill to promote biogas production, and for other purposes.

S. 1173

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1173, a bill to protect, consistent with *Roe v. Wade*, a woman's freedom to choose to bear a child or

terminate a pregnancy, and for other purposes.

S. 1181

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1181, a bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide shareholders with an advisory vote on executive compensation.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 3

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 3, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that it is the goal of the United States that, not later than January 1, 2025, the agricultural, forestry, and working land of the United States should provide from renewable resources not less than 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States and continue to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, feed, and fiber.

SENATE RESOLUTION 146

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 146, a resolution designating June 20, 2007, as "American Eagle Day", and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the American bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing during the session of the Senate on April 25, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in SD-106.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a business meeting during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 25, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Wednesday, April 25, 2007, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Room 226.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 25, 2007 to hold a hearing on mental health issues. The hearing will take place in room 418 of the Russell Senate Office Building beginning at 2 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AIRLAND

The Subcommittee on Airland be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 25, 2007, at 10 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on whether the army is properly sized, organized, and equipped to respond to the most likely missions over the next two decades while retaining adequate capability to respond to all contingencies along the spectrum of combat in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CLEAN AIR AND NUCLEAR SAFETY

The Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 25, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

The Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 25, 2007, at 2 p.m., to receive testimony on efforts to improve the Department of Defense's language and cultural awareness capabilities.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces be authorized to meet in open session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 25, 2007, at 3:30 p.m., to receive testimony on Department of Energy atomic energy defense programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2008.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

The Subcommittee on Water and Power be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:42 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 362. An act to authorize science scholarships for educating mathematics and science teachers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 363. An act to authorize programs for support of the early career development of science and engineering researchers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 518. An act to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to authorize States to restrict receipt of foreign municipal solid waste and implement the Agreement Concerning the

Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste between the United States and Canada, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1675. An act to suspend the requirements of the Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding electronic filing of previous participation certificates and regarding filing of such certificates with respect to certain low-income housing investors.

H.R. 1676. An act to reauthorize the program of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for loan guarantees for Indian housing.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 362. An act to authorize science scholarships for educating mathematics and science teachers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 363. To authorize programs for support of the early career development of science and engineering researchers, and for support of graduate fellowships, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 518. An act to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to authorize States to restrict receipt of foreign municipal solid waste and implement the Agreement Concerning the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste between the United States and Canada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 1675. An act to suspend the requirements of the Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding electronic filing of previous participation certificates and regarding filing of such certificates with respect to certain low-income housing investors; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1676. An act to reauthorize the program of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for loan guarantees for Indian housing; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

IMPROVING THE COMPETITIVENESS OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY THROUGH INVESTMENT IN INNOVATION AND EDUCATION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TESTER in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 761) to invest in innovation and education to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 938, proposed by Mr. SUNUNU, to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. SUNUNU,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 24, nays... 74

[Rollcall Vote No. 141 Leg.]

YEAS --- 24

Allard, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Sessions, Shelby, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter.

NAYS --- 74

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Hatch, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 936, proposed by Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. LEAHY, and Mrs. LINCOLN), to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was withdrawn.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That, at 2 p.m. today, the Senate proceed to a period of 60 minutes for concurrent debate on amendments numbered 918, 921, and 922; that the following be recognized therein for the times indicated: Mr. COBURN, 40 minutes; Mr. BINGAMAN, or his designee, 20 minutes; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendments in the order above; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Mr. COBURN and Mr. BINGAMAN between

each vote; that no amendment be in order to any of the amendments prior to the vote; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That it be in order for Mr. DEMINT to propose an amendment (numbered 930); that there be 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Mr. DEMINT and Mr. BINGAMAN thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the amendment be laid aside; and that the question recur on agreeing to the amendment at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. DEMINT to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 930).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Mr. BINGAMAN, by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was modified, as indicated, and agreed to: Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself and Mr. DEMINT), amendment No. 931, as modified; Mr. OBAMA, amendment No. 923, as modified; Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. REED, and Ms. COLLINS), amendment No. 941; and Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH), amendment No. 960.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 930 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. INHOFE to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 955).

Mr. INHOFE modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 955, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 905 be deemed proposed by him for Mr. OBAMA, modified, and agreed to; and that a motion to

reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 955, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. GRASSLEY to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 914).

After debate,

Mr. GRASSLEY withdrew his pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 955, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. KOHL (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. REED, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BROWN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. VITTER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BAYH, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Ms. COLLINS) to further amend the bill on page 34, various lines, by striking certain sums and inserting other sums (being amendment No. 942).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KOHL,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding amendment No. 923, as modified, having been agreed to, amendment No. 929, previously agreed to, be in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 942 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 955, as modified, be the pending question; that it be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 942 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. COBURN to further amend the bill, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 918).

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. COBURN to further amend the bill in division A, title V, at the

end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 922).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. COBURN to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 921).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That, following remarks by Mr. CHAMBLISS, the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 930; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendments; that, following said vote, the Senate vote in "stacked" sequence in relation to the following amendments in the following order: Amendments numbered 918, 921, 922, 942; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to each of the votes; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; and that the provisions of the orders of today relative to said amendments remain in effect.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 930 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. DEMINT,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 22, nays... 71

[Rollcall Vote No. 142 Leg.]

YEAS --- 22

Allard, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cornyn, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Feingold, Graham, Grassley, Hagel, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter.

NAYS --- 71

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Craig, Crapo, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Gregg, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 942 be the pending question.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 942 to the bill, as amended.

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. BOND,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 918 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. COBURN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 27, nays... 67

[Rollcall Vote No. 143 Leg.]

YEAS --- 27

Allard, Bayh, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McCaskill, Sessions, Shelby, Specter, Sununu, Thomas, Thune.

NAYS --- 67

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Craig, Crapo, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Stabenow, Tester, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 921 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That, following the remaining votes in "stacked" sequence, the only amendments in order to be proposed be amendments numbered 975, to be proposed by Ms. LANDRIEU, 958, to be proposed by Mr. DORGAN, and a managers' amendment cleared by both managers; that, upon disposition of the amendments, the bill, as amended, be read the third time; and that the

Senate then vote on passage of the bill, as amended, without intervening action or debate.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 921 to the bill, as amended.

RECESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

At 4:10 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANDERS in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 5:30 p.m.

AT 5:30 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. OBAMA in the chair) called the Senate to order.

IMPROVING THE
COMPETITIVENESS OF THE
UNITED STATES IN THE GLOBAL
ECONOMY THROUGH
INVESTMENT IN INNOVATION AND
EDUCATION

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 761.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 921 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Mr. BINGAMAN proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was modified, as indicated, and agreed to: Mr. GRASSLEY, amendment No. 915, as modified; Mr. GRASSLEY, amendment No. 916, as modified; Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI), amendment No. 924, as modified; Mr. MENENDEZ, amendment No. 926, as modified; Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mr. PRYOR), amendment No. 944, as modified; Mr. BAUCUS, amendment No. 950; Mr. BAUCUS, amendment No. 951; Mr. BAUCUS, amendment No. 952, as modified; Mr. HATCH, amendment No. 957, as modified; Mr. DORGAN, amendment No. 958; Mrs. MURRAY, amendment No. 965, as modified; Mr. FEINGOLD, amendment No. 970, as modified; Ms. LANDRIEU, amendment No. 975; Mrs. MURRAY, amendment No. 977; and Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN), amendment No. 980.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 921 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. COBURN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on

the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 39, nays... 57

[Rollcall Vote No. 144 Leg.]

YEAS --- 39

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sanders, Sessions, Shelby, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter.

NAYS --- 57

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Conrad, Dodd, Dole, Dorgan, Durbin, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 922 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 956 be deemed proposed by him for Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER), and agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 922 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. COBURN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 82, nays... 14

[Rollcall Vote No. 145 Leg.]

YEAS --- 82

Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Lott, DeMint, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Salazar,

Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 14

Akaka, Byrd, Dodd, Feingold, Gregg, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Rockefeller, Stevens.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 973 be deemed proposed by him for Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. LEVIN), and agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

After debate,

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall the bill, as amended, pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 88, nays... 8

[Rollcall Vote No. 146 Leg.]

YEAS --- 88

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 8

Allard, Coburn, DeMint, Graham, Gregg, Inhofe, Kyl, Thomas.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN to reconsider the vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL H.R. 1591 ON TOMORROW

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That, at 10 a.m. on tomorrow, notwithstanding the conference papers being received from the House of Representatives, the Senate proceed to consider the report of committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1591) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; that, following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to Flag of the United States of America, the time until 12:45 p.m. be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, at 12:45 p.m., if the conference report has been received from the House of Representatives, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the conference report.

COMMEMORATING THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SETTLEMENT OF JAMESTOWN

On the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 172) commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the settlement of Jamestown, submitted today by Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. WEBB), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:15 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:15 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of transaction of morning business until 10 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein; and that, at 10 a.m., the Senate proceed to consider the conference report on bill H.R. 1591, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

At 7:08 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:15 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2007

Mr. ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, called the Senate to order at 9:15 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CASEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, April 26, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., a Senator from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CASEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1702. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's implementation of actions recommended to streamline the certification process for airplane seats and restraint systems; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1703. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's annual report covering the fiscal year from October 1, 2005, through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1704. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Two Chemical Substances from Preliminary Assessment Information Reporting and Health and Safety Data Reporting Rules" ((RIN2070-AB08)(RIN2070-AB11)(FRL No. 8124-9)) received on April 26, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1705. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change in Deadline for Rulemaking to Address the Control of Emissions from New Marine Compression-Ignition Engines at or Above 30 Liters per Cylinder" ((RIN2060-A026)-(FRL No. 8306-7)) received on April 26, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1706. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Illinois" (FRL No. 8302-5) received on April 26, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1707. A communication from the Coordinator, U.S. Assistance to Europe and Eurasia, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the organization's annual report relative to U.S. assistance and cooperative activities with Eurasia for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1708. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law,

an annual report relative to applications for court orders made to federal and state courts to permit the interception of wire, oral, or electronic communications during calendar year 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1709. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Annual Report for fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1710. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, the report of draft legislation entitled "Denying Firearms and Explosives to Dangerous Terrorists Act of 2007"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Intelligence:

Special Report entitled "Report of the Select Committee on Intelligence Covering the Period January 4, 2005, to December 8, 2006" (Rept. No. 110-57).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HAGEL:

S. 1225. A bill to establish a process for aliens who meet certain conditions to be granted permanent resident status; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 1226. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish programs to improve the quality, performance, and delivery of pediatric care; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 1227. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish carbon dioxide new source performance standards for new coal-fired electric generated units; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 1228. A bill to amend section 485(f) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding law enforcement emergencies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 1229. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to provide for the application of mandatory minimum maturity

standards applicable to all domestic and imported Hass avocados; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 1230. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a refundable credit for contributions to qualified tuition programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REED:

S. 1231. A bill to amend part A of title II of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to enhance teacher training and teacher preparation programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 1232. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to develop a voluntary policy for managing the risk of food allergy and anaphylaxis in schools, to establish school-based food allergy management grants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 1233. A bill to provide and enhance intervention, rehabilitative treatment, and services to veterans with traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1234. A bill to strengthen the liability of parent companies for violations of sanctions by foreign entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 1235. A bill to impose appropriate penalties for the assault or murder of a Federal law enforcement officer or Federal judge, for the retaliatory assault or murder of a family member of a Federal law enforcement officer or Federal judge, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 1236. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding highly qualified teachers, growth models, adequate yearly progress, Native American language programs, and parental involvement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 1237. A bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. WEBB):

S. 1238. A bill to repeal certain provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, close tax loopholes, impose windfall profits tax on major integrated oil companies, provide a reserve fund for biofuels research and infrastructure, and payments for low-income households; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BROWN, and Mrs. DOLE):

S. 1239. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit through 2013, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1240. A bill to provide for the provision by hospitals receiving Federal funds through the Medicare program or Medicaid program of emergency contraceptives to women who are survivors of sexual assault; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 1241. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify student housing eligible for the low-income housing credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 1242. A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act and Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to establish a biofuel pilot program to offer crop insurance to producers of experimental biofuel crops and a program to make loans and loan guarantees to producers of experimental biofuel crops; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1243. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the age for receipt of military retired pay for nonregular service from 60 years of age to 55 years of age; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CASEY, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 1244. A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to expand coverage under the Act, to increase protections for whistleblowers, to increase penalties for certain violators, and for other

purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1245. A bill to reform mutual aid agreements for the National Capitol Region; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 1246. A bill to establish and maintain a wildlife global animal information network for surveillance internationally to combat the growing threat of emerging diseases that involve wild animals, such as bird flu, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 1247. A bill to amend the Weir Farm National Historic Site Establishment Act of 1990 to limit the development of any property acquired by the Secretary of the Interior for the development of visitor and administrative facilities for the Weir Farm National Historic Site, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. Res. 173. A resolution designating August 11, 2007, as "National Marina Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. VITTER, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 174. A resolution honoring the entrepreneurial spirit of small business concerns in the United States during National Small Business Week, beginning April 22, 2007; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. VITTER, Mr. KYL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BUNNING, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BAYH, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SMITH, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 175. A resolution recognizing the 59th anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. OBAMA, Mrs. CLINTON,

Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. Con. Res. 29. A concurrent resolution encouraging the recognition of the Negro Baseball Leagues and their players on May 20th of each year; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 223

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 223, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 351

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 351, a bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions.

S. 413

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 413, a bill to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 and the Revised Statutes of the United States to prohibit financial holding companies and national banks from engaging, directly or indirectly, in real estate brokerage or real estate management activities, and for other purposes.

S. 522

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 522, a bill to safeguard the economic health of the United States and the health and safety of the United States citizens by improving the management, coordination, and effectiveness of domestic and international intellectual property rights enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 535

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 535, a bill to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and an Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Investigative Office in the Civil Rights Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and for other purposes.

S. 625

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 625, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S. 648

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS]

was added as a cosponsor of S. 648, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the eligibility age for receipt of non-regular military service retired pay for members of the Ready Reserve in active federal status or on active duty for significant periods.

S. 703

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 703, a bill to expand the definition of immediate relative for purposes of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 727, a bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education.

S. 766

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 766, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies of victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 823

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 823, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to facilitating the development of microbicides for preventing transmission of HIV/AIDS and other diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 879

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 879, a bill to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

S. 902

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] were added as cosponsors of S. 902, a bill to provide support and assistance for families of members of the National Guard and Reserve who are undergoing deployment, and for other purposes.

S. 935

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 935, a bill to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 950

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 950, a bill to develop and maintain an integrated system of coastal and ocean observations for the Nation's coasts, oceans, and Great Lakes, to improve warnings of tsunami, hurricanes, El Nino events, and other natural hazards, to enhance homeland security, to support maritime operations, to improve management of coastal and marine resources, and for other purposes.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 961, *supra*.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] were added as cosponsors of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 1018

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1018, a bill to address security risks posed by global climate change and for other purposes.

S. 1060

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1060, a bill to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, and for other purposes.

S. 1117

At the request of Mr. BOND, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1117, a bill to

establish a grant program to provide vision care to children, and for other purposes.

S. 1147

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1147, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to terminate the administrative freeze on the enrollment into the health care system of the Department of Veterans Affairs of veterans in the lowest priority category for enrollment (referred to as "Priority 8").

S. 1164

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1164, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve patient access to, and utilization of, the colorectal cancer screening benefit under the Medicare Program.

S. 1181

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1181, a bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide shareholders with an advisory vote on executive compensation.

S. 1200

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1200, a bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend the Act.

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1200, *supra*.

S. 1212

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1212, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit direct payment under the Medicare program for clinical social worker services provided to residents of skilled nursing facilities.

S. 1213

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1213, a bill to give States the flexibility to reduce bureaucracy by streamlining enrollment processes for the Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Programs through better linkages with programs providing nutrition and related assistance to low-income families.

S. 1224

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1224, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 125

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 125, a resolution designating May 18, 2007, as "Endangered Species Day", and encouraging the people of the United States to become educated about, and aware of, threats to species, success stories in species recovery, and the opportunity to promote species conservation worldwide.

SENATE RESOLUTION 146

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 146, a resolution designating June 20, 2007, as "American Eagle Day", and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the American bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 154

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 154, a resolution demanding the return of the USS Pueblo to the United States Navy.

SENATE RESOLUTION 155

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 155, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on efforts to control violence and strengthen the rule of law in Guatemala.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 26, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on legal issues regarding individuals detained by the Department of Defense as unlawful enemy combatants.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 26, 2007, at 10 a.m. in Room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss clean coal technology.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Finance which will meet on Thursday, April 26, 2007, at 1 p.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Coal: A Clean Future".

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, April 26, 2007, at 10 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing on S. 462, Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley Water Rights Settlement Act.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 26, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed business meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AIRLAND

The Subcommittee on Airland be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 26, 2007, at 3 p.m., in open session to receive testimony on Air Force and Navy Aviation in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years defense program.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE SAFETY

The Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety, be authorized to meet to hold a hearing on OSHA during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 26, 2007 at 10 a.m. in SD-628.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

The Subcommittee on National Parks be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 26th, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 9:15 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1591) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

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

S. 521. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse and customhouse located at 515 West First Street in Duluth, Minnesota, as the "Gerald W. Heaney Federal Building and United States Courthouse and Customhouse".

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 11:18 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1681. An act to amend the Congressional Charter of The American National Red Cross to modernize its governance structure, to enhance the ability of the board of governors of The American National Red Cross to support the critical mission of The American National Red Cross in the 21st century, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 1:32 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 249. An act to restore the prohibition on the commercial sale and slaughter of wild free-roaming horses and burros.

H.R. 493. An act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment.

H.R. 1332. An act to improve the access to capital programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1678. An act to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign programs and centers for the treatment of victims of torture, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 7. Concurrent resolution calling on the League of Arab States and each Member State individually to acknowledge the genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan and to step up their efforts to stop the genocide in Darfur.

H. Con. Res. 68. Concurrent resolution honoring the life and accomplishments of Gian Carlo Menotti and recognizing the success of the Spoleto Festival USA in Charleston, South Carolina, which he founded.

H. Con. Res. 121. Concurrent resolution recognizing the benefits and importance of school-based music education, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

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

H.R. 249. An act to restore the prohibition on the commercial sale and slaughter of wild free-roaming horses and burros; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1678. An act to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign programs and centers

for the treatment of victims of torture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 7. Calling on the League of Arab States and each Member State individually to acknowledge the genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan and to step up their efforts to stop the genocide in Darfur; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H. Con. Res. 121. Concurrent resolution recognizing the benefits and importance of school-based music education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF
CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL
H.R. 1591

By unanimous consent on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the last 15 minutes on the conference report on bill H.R. 1591 be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders; and that the majority leader control the second half of the time therein.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENSIGN,

Ordered, That all time in quorum calls be equally divided.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL
H.R. 1591

The hour of 10 a.m. having arrived,
Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. OBAMA in the chair) laid before the Senate the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1591) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the conference report.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the conference report.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 51, nays... 46

[Rollcall Vote No. 147 Leg.]

YEAS --- 51

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy,

Levin, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 46

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lieberman, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the conference report was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the conference report.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL S. 223

Mrs. FEINSTEIN asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 223) to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form; that the reported amendment be agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Mr. BUNNING objected.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

JOINT REFERRAL OF NOMINATION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the nomination of Harold R. Lyle Laverty, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, be referred jointly to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HONORING THE
ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT OF
SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS IN
THE UNITED STATES DURING
NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS
WEEK

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BILL NELSON in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 174) honoring the entrepreneurial spirit of small business concerns in the United States during National Small Business Week, beginning April 22, 2007, submitted today by Mr. KERRY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. VITTER, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. CARDIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE 59TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE
INDEPENDENCE OF THE STATE OF
ISRAEL

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 175) recognizing the 59th anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel, submitted today by Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. VITTER, Mr. KYL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BUNNING, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BAYH, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SMITH, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 493) to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 2:45 P.M. ON MONDAY,
APRIL 30, 2007, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2:45 p.m. on Monday, April 30, 2007; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 4:15 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, at 4:15 p.m., the Senate proceed to consider bill S. 1082.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2:45 p.m. on Monday, April 30, 2007.

MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2007

Mr. JIM WEBB, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, called the Senate to order at 2:45 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WEBB led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 30, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable JIM WEBB, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. WEBB took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 26, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 26, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 26, 2007,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, April 30, 2007, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 521. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse and customhouse located at 515 West First Street in Duluth, Minnesota, as the "Gerald W. Heaney Federal Building and United States Courthouse and Customhouse".

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 1248. An original bill to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-58).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 849. A bill to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-59).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 1248. An original bill to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Environment and Public Works; placed on the calendar.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1249. A bill to require the President to close the Department of Defense detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1250. A bill to direct the United States Trade Representative to conduct an investigation of the personal exemption allowance that Canada provides for merchandise purchased abroad by Canadian residents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. BUNNING):

S. 1251. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of horses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 1252. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for uniformity in the awarding of disability ratings for wounds or injuries incurred by members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. AKAKA) (by request):

S. 1253. A bill to establish a fund for the National Park Centennial Challenge, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE
RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. BAYH):

S. Res. 176. A resolution recognizing April 30, 2007, as "National Healthy Schools Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Res. 177. A resolution designating April 30, 2007, as "Dia de los Ninos: Celebrating

Young Americans", and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 14

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 14, a bill to repeal the sunset on certain tax rates and other incentives and to repeal the individual alternative minimum tax, and for other purposes.

S. 101

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 101, a bill to update and reinvigorate universal service provided under the Communications Act of 1934.

S. 223

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 223, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 231

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of S. 231, a bill to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

S. 557

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the depreciation classification of motorsports entertainment complexes.

S. 578

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve requirements under the Medicaid program for items and services furnished in or through an educational program or setting to children, including children with developmental, physical, or mental health needs, and for other purposes.

S. 624

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 624, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers.

S. 691

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act

to improve the benefits under the Medicare program for beneficiaries with kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 725

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 725, a bill to amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to reauthorize and improve that Act.

S. 790

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 790, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to permit the simplified summer food programs to be carried out in all States and by all service institutions.

S. 849

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 849, a bill to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes.

S. 860

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 860, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States the option to provide Medicaid coverage for low-income individuals infected with HIV.

S. 937

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 937, a bill to improve support and services for individuals with autism and their families.

S. 958

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 958, a bill to establish an adolescent literacy program.

S. 974

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 974, a bill to amend title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide that the provisions relating to countervailing duties apply to nonmarket economy countries, and for other purposes.

S. 994

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 994, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the deductible and change the method of determining the mileage reimbursement rate under the beneficiary travel program administered by the Secretary of Veteran Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1010

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1010, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage guaranteed lifetime income payments from annuities and similar payments of life insurance proceeds at dates later than death by excluding from income a portion of such payments.

S. 1070

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1070, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to enhance the social security of the Nation by ensuring adequate public-private infrastructure and to resolve to prevent, detect, treat, intervene in, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes.

S. 1107

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1107, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce cost-sharing under part D of such title for certain non-institutionalized full-benefit dual eligible individuals.

S. 1160

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1160, a bill to ensure an abundant and affordable supply of highly nutritious fruits, vegetables, and other specialty crops for American consumers and international markets by enhancing the competitiveness of United States-grown specialty crops.

S. 1181

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1181, a bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide shareholders with an advisory vote on executive compensation.

S. 1232

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1232, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to develop a voluntary policy for managing the risk of food allergy and anaphylaxis in schools, to establish school-based food allergy management grants, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 12

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 12, a joint resolution providing for the recognition of Jerusalem as the undivided capital of Israel before the United States recognizes a Palestinian state, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 110

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 110, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-United States dialogue and relationship.

SENATE RESOLUTION 118

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 118, a resolution urging the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt.

SENATE RESOLUTION 155

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 155, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on efforts to control violence and strengthen the rule of law in Guatemala.

SENATE RESOLUTION 171

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 171, a resolution memorializing fallen firefighters by lowering the United States flag to half-staff on the day of the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE,
AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Monday, April 30, 2007, at 2 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of the hearing is to examine U.S. sanctions against Iran and the business dealings of American companies, including Halliburton, with Iran.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF
GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE
FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet on Monday, April 30, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. for a Hearing entitled, The Federal Government's Role in Empowering Americans to Make Informed Financial Decisions.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR

The following bill, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Monday, April 23, 2007, and remaining undisposed of, was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1495. An act to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND
TIME AND PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 493) to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, April 26, 2007, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG USER FEE
AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 26, 2007, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. KLOBUCHAR in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1082) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize and amend the prescription drug user fee provisions, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME
On the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1332) to improve the access to capital programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, April 26, 2007, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first time.

Mr. KENNEDY asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. KENNEDY objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the first half of the time therein be controlled by the minority, and the second half be controlled by the majority; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1082.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

At 6:08 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2007

Mr. SHERROD BROWN, from the State of Ohio, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. BROWN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, May 1, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a Senator from the State of Ohio, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. BROWN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business. Pending debate,

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1254. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that the reductions in social security benefits which are required in the case of spouses and surviving spouses who are also receiving certain government pensions shall be equal to the amount by which two-thirds of the total amount of the combined monthly benefit (before reduction) and monthly pension exceeds \$1,200, adjusted for inflation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. McCAIN (for himself, Mr. KYL, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 1255. A bill to protect Indian arts and crafts through the improvement of applicable criminal proceedings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 1256. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to reauthorize loan programs under that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 1257. A bill to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. SMITH):

S. 1258. A bill to amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 to authorize improvements for the security of dams and other facilities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. SMITH):

S. 1259. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance for developing countries to promote quality basic education and to establish the achievement of universal basic education in all developing countries as an objective of United States foreign assistance policy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 1260. A bill to protect information relating to consumers, to require notice of security breaches, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1261. A bill to amend title 10 and 38, United States Code, to repeal the 10-year limit on use of Montgomery GI Bill educational assistance benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. Res. 178. A resolution expressing the sympathy of the Senate to the families of women and girls murdered in Guatemala, and encouraging the United States to work with Guatemala to bring an end to these crimes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BOND:

S. Res. 179. A resolution welcoming the Prime Minister of Singapore on the occasion of his visit to the United States and the 40th anniversary of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), expressing gratitude to the Government of Singapore for its strong cooperation with the United States in the campaign against terrorism, and reaffirming the commitment of the United States to the continued expansion of

friendship and cooperation between the United States and Singapore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. CRAIG):

S. Res. 180. A resolution recognizing the 70th anniversary of the Idaho Potato Commission and designating May 2007 as "Idaho Potato Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. CRAIG):

S. Res. 181. A resolution honoring and recognizing the achievements of the United States Air Force Academy football program over the last 27 years; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DODD, Mr. KERRY, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. Res. 182. A resolution honoring the life of Jack Valenti; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BURR, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. VITTER, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. GREGG):

S. Res. 183. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Charter Schools Week, April 30, 2007, through May 4, 2007; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. Res. 184. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to childhood stroke and designating May 5, 2007, as "National Childhood Stroke Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 242

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 242, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the importation of prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 329

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 339

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 339, a bill to promote the national security and stability of the United States economy by reducing the dependence of the United States on oil

through the use of alternative fuels and new technology, and for other purposes.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG], the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 578

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve requirements under the Medicaid program for items and services furnished in or through an educational program or setting to children, including children with developmental, physical, or mental health needs, and for other purposes.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 588

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 588, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the Medicare caps on graduate medical education positions for States with a shortage of residents.

S. 589

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 589, a bill to provide for the transfer of certain Federal property to the United States Paralympics, Incorporated, a subsidiary of the United States Olympic Committee.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 604, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to limit increases in the certain costs of health care services under the health care programs of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 609

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 609, a bill to amend section 254 of the

Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

S. 624

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 624, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers.

S. 689

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 689, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.

S. 691

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the benefits under the Medicare program for beneficiaries with kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 695

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 695, a bill to amend the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949 to allow for certain claims of nationals of the United States against Turkey, and for other purposes.

S. 721

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 721, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 725

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 725, a bill to amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to reauthorize and improve that Act.

S. 755

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 755, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require States to provide diabetes screening tests under the Medicaid program for adult enrollees with diabetes risk factors, to ensure that States offer a comprehensive package of benefits under that program for individuals with diabetes, and for other purposes.

S. 774

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL], the Senator from New

York [Mrs. CLINTON], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] were added as cosponsors of S. 774, a bill to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to permit States to determine State residency for higher education purposes and to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children, and for other purposes.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 805, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa in the effort to achieve internationally recognized goals in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other major diseases and the reduction of maternal and child mortality by improving human health care capacity and improving retention of medical health professionals in sub-Saharan Africa, and for other purposes.

S. 831

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 831, a bill to authorize States and local governments to prohibit the investment of State assets in any company that has a qualifying business relationship with Sudan.

S. 847

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 847, a bill to extend the period of time during which a veteran's multiple sclerosis is to be considered to have been incurred in, or aggravated by, military service during a period of war.

S. 848

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 848, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide improved benefits for veterans who are former prisoners of war.

S. 871

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 871, a bill to establish and provide for the treatment of Individual Development Accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 886

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 886, a bill to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the

consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records.

S. 897

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 897, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide more help to Alzheimer's disease caregivers.

S. 898

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 898, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to fund breakthroughs in Alzheimer's disease research while providing more help to caregivers and increasing public education about prevention.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 901, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

S. 903

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 903, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Muhammad Yunus, in recognition of his contributions to the fight against global poverty.

S. 968

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 968, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide increased assistance for the prevention, treatment, and control of tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 969, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the definition of supervisor.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 999, a bill to

amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1040, a bill to repeal the current Internal Revenue Code and replace it with a flat tax, thereby guaranteeing economic growth and greater fairness for all Americans.

S. 1092

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1092, a bill to temporarily increase the number of visas which may be issued to certain highly skilled workers.

S. 1149

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1149, a bill to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act to authorize the interstate distribution of State-inspected meat and poultry if the Secretary of Agriculture determines that the State inspection requirements are at least equal to Federal inspection requirements and to require the Secretary to reimburse State agencies for part of the costs of the inspections.

S. 1164

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1164, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve patient access to, and utilization of, the colorectal cancer screening benefit under the Medicare Program.

S. 1183

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1183, a bill to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1202

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1202, a bill to require agencies and persons in possession of computerized data containing sensitive personal information, to disclose security breaches where such breach poses a significant risk of identity theft.

S. 1204

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1204, a bill to enhance Federal efforts focused on public awareness and education about the risks and dangers associated with Shaken Baby Syndrome.

S. 1210

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1210, a bill to extend the grant program for drug-endangered children.

S. 1211

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1211, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide enhanced penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors.

S. 1232

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1232, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to develop a voluntary policy for managing the risk of food allergy and anaphylaxis in schools, to establish school-based food allergy management grants, and for other purposes.

S. 1237

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1237, a bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists.

S. 1243

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1243, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the age for receipt of military retired pay for nonregular service from 60 years of age to 55 years of age.

S. 1244

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1244, a bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to expand coverage under the Act, to increase protections for whistleblowers, to increase penalties for certain violators, and for other purposes.

S. 1250

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1250, a bill to direct the United States Trade Representative to conduct an investigation of the personal exemption allowance that Canada provides for merchandise purchased abroad by Canadian residents, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 3

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 3, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that it is the goal of the United States that, not later than January 1, 2025, the

agricultural, forestry, and working land of the United States should provide from renewable resources not less than 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States and continue to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, feed, and fiber.

SENATE RESOLUTION 125

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 125, a resolution designating May 18, 2007, as "Endangered Species Day", and encouraging the people of the United States to become educated about, and aware of, threats to species, success stories in species recovery, and the opportunity to promote species conservation worldwide.

SENATE RESOLUTION 146

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 146, a resolution designating June 20, 2007, as "American Eagle Day", and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the American bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 162

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 162, a resolution commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers.

SENATE RESOLUTION 171

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 171, a resolution memorializing fallen firefighters by lowering the United States flag to half-staff on the day of the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,
NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 1, 2007 at 2 p.m. in room 328A, Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of this Committee hearing will be to consider conservation policy recommendations for the farm bill.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE,
AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of the hearing is to examine Electronic On-Board Recorders (EOBRs) and Truck Driver Fatigue, and related regulations to be issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Advanced Technology Vehicles: The Road Ahead."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY
AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. to consider the nomination of Howard C. Weizmann to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Process Patents for Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

SEAPOWERSUBCOMMITTEE

The Seapower Subcommittee of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in open session to receive testimony on Department of Defense Transportation programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years defense program.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON
INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 1, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 3:20 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1591. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF
BILL S. 1082 ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

Ordered, That, when the Senate resumes consideration of bill S. 1082, the time until 12:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled, only for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that no amendments be in order to be proposed.

Pending debate,

PRESCRIPTION DRUG USER FEE
AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1082) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize and amend the prescription drug user fee provisions, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:46 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG USER FEE
AMENDMENTS

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1082.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

Mr. KENNEDY modified the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The question then being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified.

Pending debate,

On motion by Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. VITTER) to amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1004).

Pending debate.

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified.

On motion by Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mrs. MCCASKILL) to amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 990).

Pending debate,

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending amendment No. 990, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 990:

BYRON L. DORGAN, DICK DURBIN, CLAIRE MCCASKILL, JOHN KERRY, TED KENNEDY, AMY KLOBUCHAR, SHERROD BROWN, KEN SALAZAR, MARK PRYOR, D. INOUE, CHUCK SCHUMER, HARRY REID, RON WYDEN, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, CARL LEVIN, BLANCHE L. LINCOLN.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER

PRESIDENT'S EXPORT COUNCIL

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that the Chair, pursuant to Executive Order 12131, as amended and extended, reappoints and appoints the following Senators to the President's Export Council: Mr. DORGAN, Mr. BROWN, and Ms. STABENOW.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1332) to improve the access to capital programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE ON EFFORTS TO CONTROL VIOLENCE AND STRENGTHEN THE RULE OF LAW IN GUATEMALA

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 155) expressing the sense of the Senate on efforts to control violence and strengthen the rule of law in Guatemala.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY FOOTBALL PROGRAM OVER THE LAST 27 YEARS

On the request of Mr. REID,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 181) honoring and recognizing the achievements of the United States Air Force Academy football program over the last 27 years, submitted today by Mr. ALLARD (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. CRAIG), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JACK VALENTI

On the request of Mr. REID,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 182) honoring the life of Jack Valenti, submitted today by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DODD, Mr. KERRY, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. COLEMAN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOLS WEEK

On the request of Mr. REID,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 183) supporting the goals and ideals of National Charter Schools Week, April 30, 2007, through May 4, 2007, submitted today by Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BURR, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. VITTER, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. GREGG), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE WITH RESPECT TO CHILDHOOD STROKE AND DESIGNATING "NATIONAL CHILDHOOD STROKE AWARENESS DAY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 184) expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to childhood stroke and designating May 5, 2007, as "National Childhood Stroke Awareness Day", submitted today by Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. CASEY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

URGING RATIFICATION TO ALLOW FOR OPEN ACCESS TO THE HOLOCAUST ARCHIVES LOCATED AT BAD AROLSEN, GERMANY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 141) urging all member countries of the International Commission of the International Tracing Service who have yet to ratify the May 2006 amendments to the 1955 Bonn Accords to expedite the ratification process to allow for open access to the Holocaust archives located at Bad Arolsen, Germany.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "DIA DE LOS NINOS:
CELEBRATING YOUNG
AMERICANS"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 177) designating April 30, 2007, as "Dia de los Ninos: Celebrating Young Americans", and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL
AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES
AWARENESS MONTH" AND
SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO
INCREASE AWARENESS OF
AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES AND
INCREASE FUNDING FOR
AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE RESEARCH

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 116) designating May 2007 as "National Autoimmune Diseases Awareness Month" and supporting efforts to increase awareness of autoimmune diseases and increase funding for autoimmune disease research.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "ENDANGERED
SPECIES DAY"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 125) designating May 18, 2007, as "Endangered Species Day", and encouraging the people of the United States to become educated about, and aware of, threats to species, success stories in species recovery, and the opportunity to promote species conservation worldwide.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "AMERICAN EAGLE
DAY"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 146) designating June 20, 2007, as "American Eagle Day", and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the American bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMEMORATING AND
ACKNOWLEDGING THE
DEDICATION AND SACRIFICE
MADE BY THE MEN AND WOMEN
WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES
WHILE SERVING AS LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 162) commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the preamble.

On motion by Mr. REID (for BUNNING) to amend the preamble on page 2, striking the first whereas clause and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1007).

The amendment was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the

Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business; that the first half of the time therein be controlled by the majority leader, or his designee; that the second half of the time therein be controlled by the minority leader, or his designee; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1082.

Ordered further, That the quorum under the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate be waived relative to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 990.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:49 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 2, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1711. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Army, case number 05-09; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1712. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Acceptance of Contributions for Defense Programs, Projects, and Activities; Defense Cooperation Account"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1713. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of (7) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1714. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving exports to Ghana; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1715. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, Contract Management Division, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NASA Implementation of OMB Guidance on Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension" (RIN2700-AD32) received on April 27, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1716. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as amended by the Cable Television Consumer

Protection and Competition Act of 1992" ((FCC 06-180)(MM Docket No. 05-311)) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1717. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, Milano, Texas" (MB Docket No. 05-97) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1718. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Section 629 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004" (FCC 06-117) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1719. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, Roma, Texas" (MB Docket No. 05-142) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1720. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, Ashland, Greensburg, and Kinsley, Kansas; and Alva, Medford, and Mustang, Oklahoma" (MB Docket No. 06-65) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1721. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, Wofford Heights, California" (MB Docket No. 03-91) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1722. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, Glen Arbor, Michigan" (MB Docket No. 03-142) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1723. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, Jackson, Wyoming" (MB Docket No. 05-101)

received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1724. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules and Regulations Implementing Minimum Customer Account Record Exchange Obligations on All Local and Interexchange Carriers" ((FCC 06-134)(CG Doc. 02-386)) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1725. A communication from the Management Analyst, Office of the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the Matter of Amendment of the Schedule of Application Fees Set Forth in Sections 1.1102 through 1.1107 of the Commission's Rules" ((GEN Docket No. 86-285)(FCC 06-131)) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1726. A communication from the Acting Legal Advisor, Mobility Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Section 309(j) and 337 of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended; Promotion of Spectrum Efficient Technologies on Certain Part 90 Frequencies" ((FCC 07-39)(WT Docket No. 99-87)) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1727. A communication from the Chief, Policy and Rules Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Parts 2 and 15 of the Commission's Rules to Permit Unlicensed National Information Infrastructure Devices in the 5 GHz Band" ((FCC 06-96)(ET Docket No. 03-122)) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1728. A communication from the Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Governing Fees for Services Performed in Connection with Licensing and Related Services - 2007 Update" (STB Ex Parte No. 542) received on April 27, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1729. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Geothermal Valuation" (RIN1010-AD32) received on April 26, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1730. A communication from the Director, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's proposed final 5-Year Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for years 2007-2012; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1731. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "LMSB Tier II Issue - Field Directive on the Examination of IRC Section 165 Casualty Losses No. 1" (LMSB-04-0407-030) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1732. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles or defense services in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1733. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment in Germany; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1734. A communication from the Interim Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1735. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, the report of proposed legislation entitled "Child Labor Protection Act of 2007"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1736. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report for the period October 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1737. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Security Plan for Essential Air Service and Small Community Service Airports; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1738. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the impact and effectiveness of Administration for Native Americans Projects during fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1739. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, the report of draft legislation intended to "provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, et al., by the United States Court of Federal Claims in Docket Nos. 19 and 188, and for other purposes"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1740. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, an amendment to the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure that has been adopted by the Supreme Court; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1741. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Financial Assistance, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Liquidation and Debt Collection Activities" (RIN3245-AE83) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-77. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho urging Congress to support Federal legislation transferring management of National Forest System Lands within Idaho to the State of Idaho to be managed for the benefit of the rural counties and schools; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 21

Whereas, the United States Forest Service administers the management of 39 percent of the land base in the state of Idaho, and an additional 22 percent is administered by the United States Bureau of Land Management; and

Whereas, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. Section 471, an 1891 law authorizing the President to establish national forests, the purpose for establishing and administering national forests was to set aside public lands reserved as national forests to be controlled and administered, to the extent practical, in accordance with the Act which provided that "no national forest may be established except to improve and protect the forest, or to secure favorable conditions of water flows, and to furnish a continuous supply of timber for the use and necessities of citizens"; and

Whereas, it has long been the intent and policy of the federal government to hold rural communities harmless from the creation of federal lands and in 1906 the Committee on Public Lands recognized that the presence of federal lands could create a hardship for many counties, as they provided little revenue or commerce at that time; and

Whereas, in 1908, Congress created the Twenty-five Percent Fund Act to pay states and counties 25 percent of receipts collected from national forests and mandated that payments were to be spent on schools and roads, recognizing that viable communities adjacent to the public lands, with adequate roads and schools, were essential for the development and preservation of the national forests; and

Whereas, the federal policy of holding counties harmless from the creation of public lands within counties was reiterated in 1916 with the creation of the Oregon and California Grant Lands under the Chamberlain-Ferris Act, and again in 1937 with passage of the Oregon and California Grant Lands Act; and

Whereas, the forest resources were intended to be managed in such an environmentally responsible manner that they would produce long-term sustainable revenue to share with schools and counties as well as products for the nation; and

Whereas, in 2000, Congress passed the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, commonly known as public law 106-393, which restored historical payment levels previously made to states and counties from the federal government for road and school purposes due to declining levels of actual forest receipts; and

Whereas, the reauthorization of public law 106-393 is pending before the United States Congress and Idaho counties are on record as being strongly supportive of a fully-funded approval of this Act; and

Whereas, recently, federal land managers have been faced with an ever-present funding shortage and rural counties will be faced with higher property taxes or a reduction in services if the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act is not reauthorized and appropriated; and

Whereas, there is continued concern that if the Act is reauthorized and appropriated it may be the last time it occurs and a long-term solution to these issues is necessary; and

Whereas, the state of Idaho is dependent upon healthy national forest system lands for economic benefit, recreation and scenic beauty and it is time to demonstrate a new initiative and commitment to the intent and policy of the federal government to hold counties and schools harmless from the creation of federal lands and construct a path leading to economic stability for rural communities and schools; and

Whereas, transfer of the management of the national forest system lands that are not designated as wilderness, proposed or recommended wilderness, wild and scenic river, or national recreation area, or designated roadless area in Idaho, to the state of Idaho would promote better stewardship of the public lands, provide financial returns to the counties, secure public access, meet Congress's intent to hold rural communities harmless from the creation of federal lands, and fund schools, road and bridge infrastructure which would offset significant tax increases in rural counties in the event the Secure Rural Schools payments are not reauthorized or are allowed to expire following the 2006 reauthorization; and

Whereas, precedent for state administration of federally-owned lands exists in the state of Idaho at the City of Rocks area in southern Idaho and campground-related facilities and land at Lake Cascade; and

Whereas, a transfer of management to the state of Idaho would demonstrate a new initiative and commitment to the intent and policy of the federal government to hold rural counties and schools harmless from the consequences of the reservation of federal lands and construct a process leading to economic stability for rural communities and schools; and

Whereas, lands for which management responsibility is transferred to the state of Idaho could be administered by the Idaho Department of Lands in cooperation with county officials and with cooperative oversight by the United State Forest Service and state and local government could establish, or use existing natural resource advisory committees composed of a diverse cross-section of the public, with all decisions and actions relating to the lands being required to comply with every federal and state environmental law; and

Whereas, the management of these lands would have to meet the mandates of the Healthy Forest Initiative, the National Fire Plan, and state and county fire mitigation plans: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Fifty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, That we urge the Congress to support federal legislation transferring management of national forest system lands within Idaho to the state of Idaho to be managed for the benefit of the rural counties and schools with the state of Idaho being held harmless from the costs of administration; and be it further

Resolved, That Congress is urged to provide that any transfer of management authority would not affect any rights or authority of the state with respect to fish and wildlife, or repeal or modify any provision of law that permits the state or political subdivisions of the state to share in the

revenues from federal lands, or any provision of law that provides that fees or charges collected at particular federal areas be used for or credited to specific purposes or special funds; and be it further

Resolved, That Congress is urged to provide that fees or revenues collected under state management be allocated 75 percent, or other appropriate percentage, for the benefit of the counties and schools in which the national forest system lands are located and 25 percent, or other appropriate percentage, for the benefit of the national forest in which the lands administered by the state of Idaho are located to be paid at the end of the year to the Secretary of the Treasury, and that amounts allocated to the counties should not be taken into account for purposes of the Twenty-five Percent Fund pursuant to 16 U.S.C. Section 500; and be it further

Resolved, That Congress is urged to seek a long-term solution to the significant issues that will face rural counties in the event the Secure Rural Schools payments are not reauthorized or are allowed to expire following the 2006 reauthorization; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, and the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States.

POM-78. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Idaho stating findings of the Legislature and authorizing the legislative council to appoint a committee to undertake and complete a study of the decline in receipts on National Forest System Lands; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26

Whereas, it has long been the intent and policy of the federal government to hold rural communities harmless from the creation of federal lands and in 1906 the Committee on Public Lands recognized that the presence of federal lands could create hardship for many counties as they provided little revenue or commerce at that time; and

Whereas, in 1908, the federal government promised rural counties 25 percent of all revenues generated from the multiple-use management of the newly created national forests to support public roads and public schools; and

Whereas, in recent decades, the forest resources have not been managed in a manner to produce long-term sustainable revenue to share with schools and counties; and

Whereas, in 2000, Congress passed Public Law 106-393, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act. The Act restored historical payment levels previously made to states and counties from the federal government for road and school purposes because of declining levels of actual forest receipts; and

Whereas, the reauthorization and appropriation of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act is pending before the United States Congress, and Idaho counties are on record as being strongly supportive of a fully funded approval of this Act; and

Whereas, federal land managers continue to be faced with funding shortages. In the event the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act is not reauthorized and appropriated, counties will be faced with higher property taxes or a reduction in services and, even if the Act is reauthorized and appropriated, it will likely be the last time, and the state of Idaho must seek a long-term solution; and

Whereas, in 2006, House Joint Memorial No. 21 was adopted by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Fifty-eighth Idaho Legislature to provide one option to address the problem of declining forest receipts by urging Congress to support federal legislation transferring management of National Forest System lands within Idaho to the state of Idaho to be managed for the benefit of the rural counties and schools: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the members of the First Regular Session of the Fifty-ninth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislative Council is authorized to appoint an interim committee to undertake and complete an assessment of the decline in receipts on National Forest System lands, which have historically been shared with counties, with the goal of the interim committee's recommendations being to develop a federal, bipartisan, long-term solution that addresses sustainable management of federal forest lands to stabilize payments to Idaho's forest counties, which help support roads and schools, and to provided projects that enhance forest ecosystem health and provide employment opportunities, and to improve cooperative relationships among those who use and care about the lands the agencies manage. The Legislative Council shall determine the membership from each house appointed to the interim committee and shall authorize the interim committee to receive input, advice and assistance from interested and affected parties who are not members of the Legislature. As much as is practicable, the interim committee shall work in cooperation and coordination with the state of Idaho, its counties, its school and highway districts,

along with the recognized Indian tribes of the state of Idaho. The interim committee is also authorized to retain the services of consultants, within appropriated moneys, who are familiar with forest receipts, and who can provide necessary economic and other research to assist the interim committee and the Legislature in making an informed decision on this most important topic; and now, therefore, be it further

Resolved, That the Idaho legislative interim committee on forest receipts will address National Forest System lands, but only those lands that do not have special designations. The interim committee is directed to formulate a solution that will protect all valid existing rights, existing public access and activities, including hunting, fishing and recreation, and that will not be construed to interfere with treaties or any other obligations to the Indian tribes, commitments to county governments, or the General Mining Law or Taylor Grazing Act; and now, therefore, be it further

Resolved, That nonlegislative members of the interim committee may be appointed by the cochairs of the interim committee who are appointed by the Legislative Council. Nonlegislative members of the interim committee shall not be reimbursed from legislative funds for per diem, mileage or other expenses and shall not have voting privileges regarding the interim committee's recommendations or proposed legislation; and now, therefore, be it further

Resolved, That the interim committee shall report its findings, recommendations and proposed legislation, if any, to the Second Regular Session of the Fifty-ninth Idaho Legislature.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BURR, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 1262. A bill to protect students receiving student loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. REED, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1263. A bill to protect the welfare of consumers by prohibiting price gouging with respect to gasoline and petroleum distillates during natural disasters and abnormal market

disruptions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 1264. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit to holders of rural renaissance bonds; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 1265. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for veterans' mortgage life insurance to include members of the Armed Forces receiving specially adapted housing assistance from the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 1266. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase assistance for veterans interred in cemeteries other than national cemeteries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. DOMENICI, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1267. A bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 1268. A bill to provide for the development and inventory of certain outer Continental Shelf resources; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 1269. A bill to improve border security in the United States and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. INOUE, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 1270. A bill to amend title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, in the case of airline pilots who are required by regulation to retire at age 60, to compute the actuarial value of monthly benefits in the form of a life annuity commencing at age 60; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 1271. A bill to provide for a comprehensive national research effort on the physical and mental health and other readjustment needs of the members of the Armed Forces and veterans who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom and their families; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 1272. A bill to establish the National Guard Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 1273. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow permanent look-through treatment of payments between related foreign corporations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1274. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the safety of food for humans and pets; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1275. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for a screening and treatment program for prostate cancer in the same manner as is provided for breast and cervical cancer; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following concurrent resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DODD:

S. Con. Res. 30. A concurrent resolution urging all sides to the current political crisis in Ukraine to act responsibly and use dialogue to resolve the crisis and ensure a free and transparent democratic system in Ukraine based on the rule of law; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 57

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 57, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 154

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 154, a bill to promote coal-to-liquid fuel activities.

S. 155

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 155, a bill to promote coal-to-liquid fuel activities.

S. 291

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 291, a bill to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes.

S. 311

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 311, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

S. 329

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 334

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 334, a bill to provide affordable, guaranteed private health coverage that will make Americans healthier and can never be taken away.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to prohibit the import, export, and sale of goods made with sweatshop labor, and for other purposes.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 392, a bill to ensure payment of United States assessments for United Nations peacekeeping operations for the 2005 through 2008 time period.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 430, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 442

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Washington

[Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 442, a bill to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders.

S. 450

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 458

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 458, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the treatment of certain physician pathology services under the Medicare program.

S. 506

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 506, a bill to improve efficiency in the Federal Government through the use of high-performance green buildings, and for other purposes.

S. 545

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 545, a bill to improve consumer access to passenger vehicle loss data held by insurers.

S. 557

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the depreciation classification of motorsports entertainment complexes.

S. 558

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 558, a bill to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services.

S. 591

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 591, a bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to adjust for inflation the allowable amounts of financial resources of eligible households and to exclude from countable financial resources certain retirement and education accounts.

S. 594

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 594, a bill to limit the use, sale, and transfer of cluster munitions.

S. 597

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 597, a bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

S. 609

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 609, a bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

S. 617

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] were added as cosponsors of S. 617, a bill to make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available at a discount to certain veterans.

S. 638

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] were added as cosponsors of S. 638, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 673

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 673, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide credits for the installation of wind energy property, including by rural homeowners, farmers, ranchers, and small businesses, and for other purposes.

S. 721

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 721, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 838

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 838, a bill to authorize funding for eligible

joint ventures between United States and Israeli businesses and academic persons, to establish the International Energy Advisory Board, and for other purposes.

S. 881

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 881, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

S. 902

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 902, a bill to provide support and assistance for families of members of the National Guard and Reserve who are undergoing deployment, and for other purposes.

S. 937

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 937, a bill to improve support and services for individuals with autism and their families.

S. 946

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 946, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to reauthorize the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program, and for other purposes.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND] were added as cosponsors of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 972

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 972, a bill to provide for the reduction of adolescent pregnancy, HIV rates, and other

sexually transmitted diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 1003

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1003, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to emergency medical services and the quality and efficiency of care furnished in emergency departments of hospitals and critical access hospitals by establishing a bipartisan commission to examine factors that affect the effective delivery of such services, by providing for additional payments for certain physician services furnished in such emergency departments, and by establishing a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Working Group, and for other purposes.

S. 1038

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 1038, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand workplace health incentives by equalizing the tax consequences of employee athletic facility use.

S. 1083

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1083, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase competitiveness in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1129

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1129, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of governmental plan with respect to Indian tribal governments.

S. 1164

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1164, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve patient access to, and utilization of, the colorectal cancer screening benefit under the Medicare Program.

S. 1173

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1173, a bill to protect, consistent with *Roe v. Wade*, a woman's freedom to choose to bear a child or terminate a pregnancy, and for other purposes.

S. 1185

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1185, a bill to provide grants to States to improve high schools and raise graduation rates while ensuring rigorous standards, to develop and

implement effective school models for struggling students and dropouts, and to improve State policies to raise graduation rates, and for other purposes.

S. 1190

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of S. 1190, a bill to promote the deployment and adoption of telecommunications services and information technologies, and for other purposes.

S. 1205

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1205, a bill to require a pilot program on assisting veterans service organizations and other veterans groups in developing and promoting peer support programs that facilitate community reintegration of veterans returning from active duty, and for other purposes.

S. 1237

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1237, a bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists.

S. 1257

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1257, a bill to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 26

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 26, a concurrent resolution recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and commending recipients of the Purple Heart for their courageous demonstrations of gallantry and heroism on behalf of the United States.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 27

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 27, a concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "National Purple Heart Recognition Day".

SENATE RESOLUTION 183

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr.

CHAMBLISS] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 183, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Charter Schools Week, April 30, 2007, through May 4, 2007.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 2, 2007, at 4 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a business meeting during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 2, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 2, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "The Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit: Monitoring Early Experiences."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Senate Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Interrupting Terrorist Travel: Strengthening the Security of International Travel Documents" for Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate for a roundtable entitled "SBA Reauthorization: Small Business Loan Programs," on Wednesday, May 2, 2007, beginning at 10 a.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet on Wednesday, May 2, 2007 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in Dirksen 628 for the purpose of conducting a hearing concerning Nursing Home Reform.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet in open session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 2,

2007, at 2:30 p.m., to receive testimony on Department of Energy Atomic Energy Defense programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2008.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions:

H. Con. Res. 95. Concurrent resolution honoring the career and research accomplishments of Frances E. Allen, the 2006 recipient of the A.M. Turing Award.

H. Con. Res. 112. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideas of a National Child Care Worthy Wage Day.

H. Con. Res. 118. Concurrent resolution congratulating the City of Chicago for being chosen to represent the United States in the international competition to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and encouraging the International Olympic Committee to select Chicago as the site of the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

At 3:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House having proceeded to reconsider the bill (H.R. 1591) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, returned by the President of the United States with his objections, to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, it was resolved that the said bill do not pass, two-thirds of the House of Representatives not agreeing to pass the same.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS REFERRED

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 95. Concurrent resolution honoring the career and research accomplishments of Frances E. Allen, the 2006 recipient of the A.M. Turing Award; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H. Con. Res. 112. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideas of a National Child Care Worthy Wage Day; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following concurrent resolution was read, and placed on the calendar:

H. Con. Res. 118. Concurrent resolution congratulating the City of Chicago for being chosen to represent the United States in the international competition to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and encouraging the International Olympic Committee to select Chicago as the site of the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG USER FEE AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WEBB in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1082) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize and amend the prescription drug user fee provisions, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 990, proposed by Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mrs. MCCASKILL), to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. CARPER, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BURR, and Mr. MENENDEZ) to amend the pending amendment, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1010).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ALLARD (for himself, Mr. BOND, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. ALEXANDER) to amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, in section 402(a)(6), by striking subparagraphs (D) and (E) (being amendment No. 982).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That, at 12:25 p.m. today, the Senate vote in relation to the pending amendment (No. 982); that time until then be equally divided and controlled for debate between Mr. ALLARD, Mr. DODD, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. COBURN; and that no amendment be in order to be proposed thereto prior to the vote.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 982 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, to the bill.

On motion by Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. KOHL) to amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1011).

Pending debate,

The hour of 12:25 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 982 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ALLARD,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 41, nays... 53

[Rollcall Vote No. 148 Leg.]

YEAS --- 41

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 53

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. DODD to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1011 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BROWNBAC, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. COBURN) to amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, in

section 214(b)(3)(B), before the period at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1018).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That the amendment be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1011 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BROWN for Mr. BROWNBAC (for himself and Mr. BROWN) to further amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 985).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. KOHL, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BILL NELSON, and Mr. CASEY) to further amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1022).

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1022 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, at 4:30 p.m. on today, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment; that the time until 4:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled; and that no amendment to the amendment be in order prior to the vote.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1022 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. DURBIN, by unanimous consent, modified his pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1022, as modified, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

After debate,

The hour of 4:30 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 94, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 149 Leg.]

YEAS --- 94

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 985 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside.

Mr. KENNEDY objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 985 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. VITTER to further amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, in title II, subtitle E, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 983).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. KENNEDY) to further amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1025).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. ENZI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 983 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. INHOFE to further amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 988).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GREGG,

Ordered, That, following remarks by Mr. INHOFE, he be recognized to propose an amendment.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. GREGG to further amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 993).

Pending debate,

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE
SENATE THAT PUBLIC SERVANTS
SHOULD BE COMMENDED FOR
THEIR DEDICATION AND
CONTINUED SERVICE TO THE
NATION DURING PUBLIC SERVICE
RECOGNITION WEEK

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

Ordered, That the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 150) expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during

Public Service Recognition Week, May 7 through 13, 2007.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then resume consideration of bill S. 1082; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Mr. DORGAN and the minority leader, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of said debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 990; and that Senators be authorized to "file" second-degree amendments until 10 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

At 6:24 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2007

Mr. ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CASEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 3, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., a Senator from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CASEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG USER FEE
AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1082) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize and amend the prescription drug user fee provisions, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 993, proposed by Mr. GREGG, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. OBAMA in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Tuesday, May 1, 2007, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 990.

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, May 1, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived.

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 63, nays... 28

[Rollcall Vote No. 150 Leg.]

YEAS --- 63

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coburn, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Craig, DeMint, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Martinez, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 28

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Cochran, Cornyn, Crapo, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Gregg, Hagel, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lugar, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Voinovich.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators, duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 993 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. COCHRAN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 1010 be the pending question.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1010, proposed by Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. CARPER, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BURR, and Mr. MENENDEZ), to amendment No. 990, proposed by Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mrs. MCCASKILL), to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. KOHL asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose amendment No. 991.

Mr. ENZI objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1010 to amendment No. 990 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Ms. STABENOW asked unanimous consent to modify her amendment No. 1011; and that Mr. KOHL, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. COBURN be added as cosponsors of the amendment, as thus modified.

Mr. ENZI objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1010 to amendment No. 990 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a

substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. COCHRAN,

Ordered, That Mr. SPECTER and Mr. DOMENICI be added as cosponsors of the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1010 to amendment No. 990 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended:

TED KENNEDY, DICK DURBIN, BYRON L. DORGAN, B.A. MIKULSKI, PATTY MURRAY, CLAIRE MCCASKILL, AMY KLOBUCHAR, SHERROD BROWN, JACK REED, HERB KOHL, CHUCK SCHUMER, CHRISTOPHER DODD, BARBARA BOXER, BILL NELSON, JEFF BINGAMAN, DEBBIE STABENOW.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the pending bill:

HARRY REID, JEFF BINGAMAN, PATRICK LEAHY, RUSSELL D. FEINGOLD, H.R. CLINTON, PATTY MURRAY, BERNIE SANDERS, FRANK R. LAUTENBERG, CHRISTOPHER DODD, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, TED KENNEDY, BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, BEN NELSON, BYRON L. DORGAN, KENT CONRAD, DICK DURBIN, JACK REED.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorums under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1010 to amendment No. 990 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID.

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with amendments:

S. 992. A bill to achieve emission reductions and cost savings through accelerated use of cost-effective lighting technologies in public buildings, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-60).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 1276. A bill to establish a grant program to facilitate the creation of methamphetamine precursor electronic logbook systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 1277. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify the treatment of payment under the Medicare program for clinical laboratory tests furnished by critical access hospitals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself and Mr. REED):

S. 1278. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the scope of programs of education for which accelerated payments of educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill may be used, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. VOINOVICH:

S. 1279. A bill to secure America's future economy through reform of the Federal budget process; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 1280. A bill to provide greater accountability in reviewing the national security considerations of free trade agreements; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THOMAS:

S. 1281. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain rivers and streams of the headwaters of the Snake River System as additions to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1282. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the exclusion from gross income of certain wages

of a certified master teacher, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 1283. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the management of medical care, personnel actions, and quality of life issues for members of the Armed Forces who are receiving medical care in an outpatient status, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1284. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the taxation of income of controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1285. A bill to reform the financing of Senate elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. SMITH:

S. 1286. A bill to authorize the Coquille Indian Tribe of the State of Oregon to convey land and interests in land owned by the Tribe; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1287. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an offset against income tax refunds to pay for State judicial debts that are past-due; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1288. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to increase the retirement security of women and small business owners, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 1289. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the salary and terms of judges of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, to modify authorities for the recall of retired judges of such court, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 1290. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide additional discretion to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in contracting with State approving agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 1291. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the renewable energy production credit and to extend and modify the credit to holders of clean renewable energy bonds; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1292. A bill to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act to improve the safety of meat and poultry products by enhancing the ability of the Secretary of Agriculture to retrieve the history, use, and location of a meat or poultry product through a recordkeeping and audit system or registered identification, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 1293. A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for members and former members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 1294. A bill to strengthen national security by encouraging and assisting in the expansion and improvement of educational programs in order to meet critical needs at the elementary, secondary, and higher education levels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1295. A bill to amend the African Development Foundation Act to change the name of the Foundation, modify the administrative authorities of the Foundation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. BIDEN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1296. A bill to provide enhanced Federal enforcement and assistance in preventing and prosecuting crimes of violence against children; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1297. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to promote the use of advanced clean fuels that help reduce air and water pollution and protect the environment; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. REED):

S. 1298. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to establish a Federal Reinsurance Program for Catastrophic Health Care Costs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1299. A bill to establish on behalf of consumers a fiduciary duty and other standards of care for mortgage brokers and originators, and to establish standards to assess a consumer's ability to repay, and for

other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 1300. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, to improve aviation safety and capacity, to modernize the air traffic control system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. 1301. A bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities; read the first time.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1302. A bill to amend title V of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to encourage and support parent, family, and community involvement in schools, to provide needed integrated services and comprehensive supports to children, and to ensure that schools are centers of communities, for the ultimate goal of assisting students to stay in school, become successful learners, and improve academic achievement; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1303. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to enhance the security of wastewater treatment works; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. McCAIN (for himself and Mr. KYL):

S. 1304. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Arizona National Scenic Trail; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COBURN:

S. 1305. A bill making emergency war appropriations for American troops overseas, without unnecessary pork barrel spending and without mandating surrender or retreat in Iraq, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1306. A bill to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission to classify certain children's products containing lead to be banned hazardous substances; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 1307. A bill to include Medicare provider payments in the Federal Payment Levy Program, to require the Department of

Health and Human Services to offset Medicare provider payments by the amount of the provider's delinquent Federal debt, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1308. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Agriculture from allowing the importation of certain cattle and beef from Canada until the implementation of country of origin labeling requirements; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 1309. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to prohibit universal defaults on credit card accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. LOTT, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 1310. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of increased payments for ground ambulance services under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. Res. 185. A resolution supporting the ideals and values of the Olympic Movement; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. SALAZAR, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. Res. 186. A resolution designating June 5, 2007, as "National Hunger Awareness Day" and authorizing the Senate offices of Senators Gordon H. Smith, Blanche L. Lincoln, Elizabeth Dole, and Richard J. Durbin to collect donations of food during the period beginning May 7, 2007, and ending June 5, 2007, from concerned Members of Congress and staff to assist families suffering from hunger and food insecurity in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SMITH, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. Res. 187. A resolution condemning violence in Estonia and attacks on Estonia's embassies in 2007, and expressing solidarity with the Government and the people of Estonia; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. BUNNING):

S. Res. 188. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate in support of the accession of Israel to the Convention on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. SUNUNU):

S. Con. Res. 31. A concurrent resolution expressing support for advancing vital United States interests through increased engagement in health programs that alleviate disease and reduce premature death in developing nations, especially through programs that combat high levels of infectious disease improve children's and women's health, decrease malnutrition, reduce unintended pregnancies, fight the spread of HIV/AIDS, encourage healthy behaviors, and strengthen health care capacity; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. Con. Res. 32. A concurrent resolution honoring the 50th anniversary of Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 3

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 3, a bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fair prescription drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 21

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 21, a bill to expand access to preventive health care services that help reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce abortions, and improve access to women's health care.

S. 57

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 57, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 206

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 206, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government

pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] were added as cosponsors of S. 309, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide, and for other purposes.

S. 326

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 326, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special period of limitation when uniformed services retirement pay is reduced as result of award of disability compensation.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. BOND, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] were added as cosponsors of S. 430, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 431

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 431, a bill to require convicted sex offenders to register online identifiers, and for other purposes.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

S. 442

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 442, a bill to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders.

S. 446

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 446, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize capitation grants to increase the number of nursing faculty and students, and for other purposes.

S. 495

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN]

was added as a cosponsor of S. 495, a bill to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information.

S. 502

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 502, a bill to repeal the sunset on the reduction of capital gains rates for individuals and on the taxation of dividends of individuals at capital gains rates.

S. 506

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 506, a bill to improve efficiency in the Federal Government through the use of high-performance green buildings, and for other purposes.

S. 522

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 522, a bill to safeguard the economic health of the United States and the health and safety of the United States citizens by improving the management, coordination, and effectiveness of domestic and international intellectual property rights enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 590

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] were added as cosponsors of S. 590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the investment tax credit with respect to solar energy property and qualified fuel cell property, and for other purposes.

S. 597

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] and the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 597, a bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

S. 609

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 609, a bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

S. 622

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 622, a bill to enhance fair and open competition in the production and sale of agricultural commodities.

S. 634

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 634, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 644

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 644, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recodify as part of that title certain educational assistance programs for members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces, to improve such programs, and for other purposes.

S. 648

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] were added as cosponsors of S. 648, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the eligibility age for receipt of non-regular military service retired pay for members of the Ready Reserve in active federal status or on active duty for significant periods.

S. 659

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 659, a bill to amend section 1477 of title 10, United States Code, to provide for the payment of the death

gratuity with respect to members of the Armed Forces without a surviving spouse who are survived by a minor child.

S. 704

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 704, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit manipulation of caller identification information.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

S. 935

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 935, a bill to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 937

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 937, a bill to improve support and services for individuals with autism and their families.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 1146

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1146, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans who live in rural areas, and for other purposes.

S. 1164

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1164, a bill to

amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve patient access to, and utilization of, the colorectal cancer screening benefit under the Medicare Program.

S. 1181

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1181, a bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide shareholders with an advisory vote on executive compensation.

S. 1196

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1196, a bill to improve mental health care for wounded members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 1200

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1200, a bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend the Act.

S. 1205

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1205, a bill to require a pilot program on assisting veterans service organizations and other veterans groups in developing and promoting peer support programs that facilitate community reintegration of veterans returning from active duty, and for other purposes.

S. 1226

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1226, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish programs to improve the quality, performance, and delivery of pediatric care.

S. 1237

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1237, a bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists.

S. 1256

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] were added as cosponsors of S. 1256, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to reauthorize loan programs under that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1257

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] and the Senator from Illinois

[Mr. OBAMA] were added as cosponsors of S. 1257, a bill to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives.

S. 1261

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1261, a bill to amend title 10 and 38, United States Code, to repeal the 10-year limit on use of Montgomery GI Bill educational assistance benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 1263

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1263, a bill to protect the welfare of consumers by prohibiting price gouging with respect to gasoline and petroleum distillates during natural disasters and abnormal market disruptions, and for other purposes.

S. 1267

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1267, a bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 22

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 22, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster General that a commemorative postage stamp be issued to promote public awareness of Down syndrome.

SENATE RESOLUTION 171

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY], the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 171, a resolution memorializing fallen firefighters by lowering the United States flag to half-staff on the day of the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DORGAN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 3, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in open, and possibly closed, session to receive testimony on United States Central Command in review of the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years defense program.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 3, 2007, at 3 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 3, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Offshore Tax Evasion: Stashing Cash Overseas."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, May 3, 2007, at 10 a.m. for a hearing titled "The Internet: A Portal to Violent Islamist Extremism."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, May 3, 2007, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Room 226.

SEAPOWERSUBCOMMITTEE

The Seapower Subcommittee of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 3, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in closed and open sessions to receive testimony on Navy Force structure requirements and programs to meet those requirements in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years defense program.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 3, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a business meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS

The Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 3, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

The Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday,

May 3, 2007 at 10 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 1495

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That it be in order to move to proceed to consider bill H.R. 1495.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 1495) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 1495, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 1495:

HARRY REID, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., BYRON L. DORGAN, PATTY MURRAY, BARBARA BOXER, DICK DURBIN, CLAIRE McCASKILL, BERNIE SANDERS, TOM CARPER, MAX BAUCUS, FRANK R. LAUTENBERG, BEN CARDIN, ROBERT MENENDEZ, KEN SALAZAR, EDWARD KENNEDY, H.R. CLINTON, AMY KLOBUCHAR.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the pending motion to proceed be withdrawn; and that the quorum under the rule be waived.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, FROM TOMORROW UNTIL 2:15 P.M. ON MONDAY, MAY 7, 2007, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Ordered further, That, when the Senate concludes its business on tomorrow, it

adjourn until 2:15 p.m. on Monday, May 7, 2007; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 4 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders, or their designees; that, at 4 p.m., the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1082; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on amendment No. 1010; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; that, upon disposition of said amendment, there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on amendment No. 990, as may be amended; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment, as may be amended; that, upon disposition of the amendment, as may be amended, there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on the motion to bring to a close debate on the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said motion; that no intervening action or amendments be in order prior to the votes; and that Senators be authorized to "file" first degree amendments until 3 p.m. on Monday next.

Ordered further, That each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from Treaty Document 110-2, received from the President on today.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE IN SUPPORT OF THE ACCESSION OF ISRAEL TO THE CONVENTION ON THE ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BILL NELSON in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 188) expressing the sense of the Senate in support of the accession of Israel to the Convention on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and

Development, submitted today by Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. BUNNING), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL HUNGER AWARENESS DAY" AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN SENATE TO COLLECT DONATIONS OF FOOD

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 186) designating June 5, 2007, as "National Hunger Awareness Day" and authorizing the Senate offices of Senators Gordon H. Smith, Blanche L. Lincoln, Elizabeth Dole, and Richard J. Durbin to collect donations of food during the period beginning May 7, 2007, and ending June 5, 2007, submitted today by Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. SALAZAR, and Ms. CANTWELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONDEMNING VIOLENCE IN ESTONIA AND ATTACKS ON ESTONIA'S EMBASSIES, AND EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF ESTONIA

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 187) condemning violence in Estonia and attacks on Estonia's embassies in 2007, and expressing solidarity with the Government and the people of Estonia, submitted today by Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SMITH, and Ms. MIKULSKI), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1301) to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities, introduced today by Mr. DEMINT, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1305) making emergency war appropriations for American troops overseas, without unnecessary pork barrel spending and without mandating surrender or retreat in Iraq, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. COBURN, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:38 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2007

Mr. SHERROD BROWN, from the State of Ohio, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. BROWN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 4, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a Senator from the State of Ohio, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. BROWN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 735. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the terrorist hoax statute (Rept. No. 110-61).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 621. A bill to establish commissions to review the facts and circumstances surrounding injustices suffered by European Americans, European Latin Americans, and Jewish refugees during World War II (Rept. No. 110-62).

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

The following bill was introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 1311. A bill to permanently prohibit oil and gas leasing in the North Aleutian Basin Planning Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 469

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 604, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to limit increases in the certain costs of health care services under the health care programs of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 673

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 673, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide credits for the installation of wind energy property, including by rural homeowners, farmers, ranchers, and small businesses, and for other purposes.

S. 749

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 749, a bill to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names.

S. 935

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 935, a bill to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 960

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 960, a bill to establish the United States Public Service Academy.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1301) to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities, introduced on yesterday by Mr.

DEMINT, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1305) making emergency war appropriations for American troops overseas, without unnecessary pork barrel spending and without mandating surrender or retreat in Iraq, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. COBURN, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO REPORT AND FOR INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding an adjournment on today, committees be authorized to report legislative and executive business, and Senators be authorized to introduce legislation and submit statements, until 1 p.m. on today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 10:21 a.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of yesterday, until 2:15 p.m. on Monday, May 7, 2007.

MONDAY, MAY 7, 2007

Mr. MARK L. PRYOR, from the State of Arkansas, called the Senate to order at 2:15 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. PRYOR led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 7, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK L. PRYOR, a Senator from the State of Arkansas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. PRYOR took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, May 4, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, May 4, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Friday, May 4, 2007,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1742. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Uniform Compliance Date for Food Labeling Regulations" (RIN0583-AD05) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1743. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Army, case number 04-12; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1744. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Army, case number 06-01; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1745. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a review of the Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1746. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the Department's Chemical and Biological Defense Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1747. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Secretary's plan for improving recruitment, placement, and retention within the Department of individuals who receive scholarships and fellowships; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1748. A communication from the Director of Defense Research and Engineering, transmitting, a report relative to the management and adequacy of biometrics programs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1749. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the funds expended during fiscal year 2006 and the funds that are expected to be expended during fiscal years 2007 and 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1750. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the effects of Aviation Continuation Pay on retention of qualified aviators during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1751. A communication from the Secretary of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a critical breach in Average Procurement Unit Cost for the Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1752. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency relative to Syria that was declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1753. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, the report of a draft bill intended to "revise and

extend the Export Administration Act of 1979, amended"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1754. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Management Measures for the 2007 Pacific Halibut Fisheries and Changes to the Catch Sharing Plan for Area 2A" (RIN0648-AV03) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1755. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Herring Fishery; 2007-2009 Specifications" (RIN0648-AT66) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1756. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure of the Hook-and-Line Commercial Fishery for Gulf Group King Mackerel in the Southern Florida West Coast Subzone" (Docket No. 001005281-0369-02) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1757. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID No. 040607A) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1758. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID No. 040607B) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1759. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Rock Sole, Flathead Sole, and 'Other Flatfish' by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID No. 040607E) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1760. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable

Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Increase of Landing Limit for Georges Bank Yellowtail Flounder" (ID No. 040407D) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1761. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (ID No. 040907D) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1762. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Closure (Closure of Trimester I Fishery for Loligo Squid)" (ID No. 112106A) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1763. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Commercial Tilefish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Closure" (ID No. 040607F) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1764. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Albacore Tuna Fisheries; Vessel List to Establish Eligibility to Fish for Albacore Tuna in Canadian Waters Under the U.S.-Canada Albacore Tuna Treaty" (RIN0648-AU78) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1765. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries in the Western Pacific; Optional Use of Electronic Logbook Forms" (RIN0648-AS29) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1766. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement Regulations to Establish and Govern Seafood Marketing Councils" (RIN0648-AS09)

received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1767. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule for 2007 Pacific Whiting Harvest Specifications and Inseason Adjustments to Groundfish Management Measures" (RIN0648-AU57) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1768. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Human Capital Management, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of an acting officer for the position of Chief Financial Officer, received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1769. A communication from the Deputy Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules to Implement and Administer a Coupon Program for Digital-to-Analog Converter Boxes" (RIN0660-AA16) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1770. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Commerce, transmitting, the report of draft legislation intended to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to terminate the Telecommunications Development Fund for various reasons; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1771. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ohio Regulatory Program" (Docket No. OH-251-FOR) received on May 4, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1772. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of an acting officer for the position of Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1773. A communication from the Director of Land and Minerals Management, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations and Leasing in the Outer Continental Shelf - Corrections and Amendments" (RIN1010-AD42) received on

May 3, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1774. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, the report of a legislative proposal that would amend two sections of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1775. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Department of the Interior, transmitting, the report of a draft bill entitled "Reclamation Water Management Improvement Act"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1776. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an investigation of opportunities to address near-term water resources needs for coastal Mississippi resulting from the hurricane season of 2005 that was conducted by the Army Corps of Engineers; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1777. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, the Uniform Resource Locator for a document entitled "Audit Policy; Frequently Asked Questions (2007)"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1778. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an evaluation by the Army Corps of Engineers of the damage reduction measures for Montauk Point, New York; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1779. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delegation of National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories; State of Arizona, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, State of Nevada, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection" (FRL No. 8309-7) received on May 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1780. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ambient Air Monitoring Regulations: Correcting and Other Amendments" (FRL No. 8308-7) received on May 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1781. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; California" (FRL No. 8308-4) received on May 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1782. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Missouri; Interstate Transport of Pollution" (FRL No. 8310-6) received on May 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1783. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Revisions to the Nevada State Implementation Plan; Visible Emissions and Particulate Matter Rules" (FRL No. 8308-2) received on May 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1784. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL No. 8309-3) received on May 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1785. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Redesignation of the Parkersburg, West Virginia Portion of the Parkersburg-Marietta, WV-OH 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 8309-9) received on May 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1786. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; States of Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri" (FRL No. 8310-8) received on

May 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1787. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Arizona State Implementation Plan, Maricopa County Environmental Services Department" (FRL No. 8302-9) received on May 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1788. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Nevada State Implementation Plan, Washoe County" (FRL No. 8303-2) received on May 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1789. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Source-Specific Federal Implementation Plan for Four Corners Power Plant; Navajo Nation" ((RIN2009-AA01)-(FRL No. 8308-6)) received on May 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1790. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 1035 - Certain Exchanges of Insurance Policies" (Rev. Rul. 2007-24) received on May 4, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1791. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Accrual of Interest on Nonperforming Loans" (Rev. Rul. 2007-32) received on May 4, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1792. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Credit for Alternative Fuel Vehicle Refueling Property" (Notice 2007-43) received on May 4, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1793. A communication from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act Inventory for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1794. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department

of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System for Long-Term Care Hospitals RY 2008: Annual Payment Rate Updates and Policy Changes; and Hospital Direct and Indirect Graduate Medical Education Policy Changes" (RIN0938-AO30) received on May 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1795. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting, the report of draft legislation intended to "amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 with respect to the activities of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1796. A communication from the Assistant Director-General, Technical Cooperation Department, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, transmitting, copies of letters intended to raise awareness among parliamentarians and mobilize their support for the efforts of developing countries to foster agriculture and rural development; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1797. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Title I - Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged; Individuals With Disabilities Education Act - Assistance to States for the Education of Children With Disabilities" (RIN1810-AA98) received on May 1, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1798. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Laxative Drug Products for Over-the-Counter Human Use; Psyllium Ingredients in Granular Dosage Forms" ((RIN0910-AF36)(Docket No. 1978N-0036L)) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1799. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Prospective Payment System Payment Update for Rate Year" (RIN0938-AO40) received on May 3, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1800. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of an acting officer for the

position of Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1801. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's report relative to the Sunshine Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1802. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's report relative to the No Fear Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1803. A communication from the Chief of the Border Security Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Advance Electronic Presentation of Cargo Information for Truck Carriers Required to be Transmitted Through ACE Truck Manifest at Ports in the States of Idaho and Montana" (CBP Dec. 07-25) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1804. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, prospectuses that support the Administration's fiscal year 2008 Capital Investment Program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1805. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, additional prospectuses that support the Administration's fiscal year 2008 Capital Investment and Leasing Program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1806. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Deputy Administrator for National Preparedness, received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1807. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Parole Commission, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's annual report for calendar year 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1808. A communication from the Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the amount of acquisitions made by the agency from entities that manufacture the articles, materials, or

supplies outside of the U.S. in that fiscal year; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1809. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a request for reimbursement under the Meritorious Claims Act for Patrick J. Truver; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1810. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the use and effectiveness of court-authorized Title III interceptions conducted during calendar year 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1811. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, an annual report relative to crime victims' rights; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1812. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to all applications made by the Government during calendar year 2006 for authority to conduct electronic surveillance and physical search for foreign purposes under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1813. A communication from the Chair, U.S. Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the amendments to the federal sentencing guidelines and policy statements made during the 2006 - 2007 amendment cycle; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1814. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act of 2005 Notice of Transfers Following Importation or Exportation" (RIN1117-AB06) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1815. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exemption of Chemical Mixtures" (RIN1117-AA31) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1816. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2007 update to the "Long Range Plan for Information Technology in the Federal Judiciary" and the "Judiciary Information Technology Fund Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2006"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1817. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, the report of a draft bill intended to "establish a fee for processing applications for permanent employment certification for immigrant aliens in the United States, to enhance program integrity, and for other purposes"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1818. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administration of VA Educational Benefits - Centralized Certification" (RIN2900-AL43) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with amendments:

S. 496. A bill to reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965 (Rept. No. 110-63).

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 163. A bill to improve the disaster loan program of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-64).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 1321. An original bill to enhance the energy security of the United States by promoting biofuels, energy efficiency, and carbon capture and storage, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-65).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KYL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1312. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to ensure the right of employees to a secret-ballot election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board; read the first time.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 1313. A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide relief for servicemembers with respect to contracts for cellular phone service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. 1314. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 1315. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance life insurance benefits for disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1316. A bill to establish and clarify that Congress does not authorize persons convicted of dangerous crimes in foreign courts to freely possess firearms in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. BAYH, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. HAGEL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. REID, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. REED):

S. 1317. A bill to posthumously award a congressional gold medal to Constance Baker Motley; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BOND, Mr. REED, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CARDIN, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1318. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an incentive to preserve affordable housing in multifamily housing units which are sold or exchanged; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 1319. A bill to provide for the conversion of a temporary judgeship for the district of Hawaii to a permanent judgeship; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 1320. A bill to prohibit the rewarding of suicide bombings, to prohibit terrorist kidnappings and sexual assaults, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 1321. An original bill to enhance the energy security of the United States by promoting biofuels, energy efficiency, and carbon capture and storage, and for other

purposes; from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; placed on the calendar.

By Mrs. LINCOLN:

S. 1322. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the operation of employee stock ownership plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. BUNNING):

S. 1323. A bill to prevent legislative and regulatory functions from being usurped by civil liability actions brought or continued against food manufacturers, marketers, distributors, advertisers, sellers, and trade associations for claims of injury relating to a person's weight gain, obesity, or any health condition associated with weight gain or obesity; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mr. HARKIN)):

S. 1324. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation fuel sold in the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 189. A resolution to authorize testimony and legal representation in District of Columbia v. Ellen E. Barfield, Eve-Leona Tetaz, Jeffrey A. Leys, and Jerome A. Zawada; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. Res. 190. A resolution expressing the condolences of the Nation to the community of Greensburg, Kansas; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. DODD, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. Con. Res. 33. A concurrent resolution recognizing the benefits and importance of school-based music education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 147

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 147, a bill to empower women in Afghanistan, and for other purposes.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States.

S. 231

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] were added as cosponsors of S. 231, a bill to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

S. 242

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 242, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the importation of prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 276

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 276, a bill to strengthen the consequences of the fraudulent use of United States or foreign passports and for other purposes.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 309, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide, and for other purposes.

S. 382

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a State family support grant program to end the practice of parents giving legal custody of their seriously emotionally disturbed children to State agencies for the purpose of obtaining mental health services for those children.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 392, a bill to ensure payment of United States assessments for United Nations peacekeeping operations for the 2005 through 2008 time period.

S. 413

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 413, a bill to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 and the Revised Statutes of the United States to prohibit financial holding companies and national banks from engaging, directly or indirectly, in real estate brokerage or real estate management activities, and for other purposes.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 430, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 442

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 442, a bill to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders.

S. 502

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 502, a bill to repeal the sunset on the reduction of capital gains rates for individuals and on the taxation of dividends of individuals at capital gains rates.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 579, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 588

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] were added as cosponsors of S. 588, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the Medicare caps on graduate medical education positions for States with a shortage of residents.

S. 616

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 616, a bill to promote health care coverage parity for individuals participating in legal recreational activities or legal transportation activities.

S. 638

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 638, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 648

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 648, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the eligibility age for receipt of non-regular military service retired pay for members of

the Ready Reserve in active federal status or on active duty for significant periods.

S. 678

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 678, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to ensure air passengers have access to necessary services while on a grounded air carrier and are not unnecessarily held on a grounded air carrier before or after a flight, and for other purposes.

S. 691

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the benefits under the Medicare program for beneficiaries with kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

S. 953

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 953, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to ensure competition in the rail industry, enable rail customers to obtain reliable rail service, and provide those customers with a reasonable process for challenging rate and service disputes.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 971

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 971, a bill to establish the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, to provide funding for the support of fundamental agricultural research of the highest quality, and for other purposes.

S. 1062

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1062, a bill to establish a congressional commemorative medal for organ donors and their families.

S. 1113

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1113, a bill to facilitate the provision of care and services for members of the Armed Forces for traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes.

S. 1117

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1117, a bill to establish a grant program to provide vision care to children, and for other purposes.

S. 1161

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1161, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize the expansion of medicare coverage of medical nutrition therapy services.

S. 1164

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1164, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve patient access to, and utilization of, the colorectal cancer screening benefit under the Medicare Program.

S. 1233

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1233, a bill to provide and enhance intervention, rehabilitative treatment, and services to veterans with traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes.

S. 1237

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1237, a bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists.

S. 1249

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to require the President to close the Department of Defense detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes.

S. 1257

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1257, a bill to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives.

S. 1263

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1263, a bill to protect the welfare of consumers by prohibiting price gouging with respect to gasoline and petroleum distillates during natural disasters and abnormal market disruptions, and for other purposes.

S. 1276

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1276, a bill to establish a grant program to facilitate the creation of methamphetamine precursor electronic logbook systems, and for other purposes.

S. 1305

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. DEMINT], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] and the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1305, a bill making emergency war appropriations for American troops overseas, without unnecessary pork barrel spending and without mandating surrender or retreat in Iraq, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 29

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 29, a concurrent resolution encouraging the recognition of the Negro Baseball Leagues and their players on May 20th of each year.

SENATE RESOLUTION 30

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 30, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the need for the United States to address global climate change through the negotiation of fair and effective international commitments.

SENATE RESOLUTION 106

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 106, a resolution calling on the President to ensure that the foreign policy of the United States reflects appropriate understanding and sensitivity concerning issues related to

human rights, ethnic cleansing, and genocide documented in the United States record relating to the Armenian Genocide.

SENATE RESOLUTION 171

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 171, a resolution memorializing fallen firefighters by lowering the United States flag to half-staff on the day of the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1429. An act to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, to expand access, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1592. An act to provide Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes to prosecute hate crimes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1867. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008, 2009, and 2010 for the National Science Foundation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1868. An act to authorize appropriations for the National Institute of Standards and Technology for fiscal years 2008, 2009, and 2010, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 1592. An act to provide Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes to prosecute hate crimes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1868. An act to authorize appropriations for the National Institute of Standards and Technology for fiscal years 2008, 2009, and 2010, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HOUSE BILLS PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1429. An act to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, to expand access, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1867. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008, 2009, and 2010 for the National Science Foundation, and for other purposes.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG USER FEE
AMENDMENTS

The hour of 4 p.m. having arrived,
Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 3, 2007,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WEBB in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1082) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize and amend the prescription drug user fee provisions, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1010, proposed by Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. CARPER, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BURR, and Mr. MENENDEZ), to amendment No. 990, proposed by Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mrs. MCCASKILL), to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 49, nays... 40

[Rollcall Vote No. 151 Leg.]

YEAS --- 49

Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Cantwell, Carper, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Dole, Domenici, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 40

Akaka, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cardin, Casey, Clinton, Collins, Conrad, Craig, DeMint, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Inouye, Klobuchar, Kohl, Leahy, Levin, Lott, McCaskill, Nelson (FL), Pryor, Reid, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Stabenow, Thune, Vitter, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 3, 2007,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 990, as amended, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as amended.

On motion by Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. KENNEDY asked unanimous consent that a managers' amendment be agreed to.

Mr. DORGAN objected.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 3, 2007,

The Senate proceeded to a period of 2 minutes for debate on the motion to bring to a close debate on the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 3, 2007,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. KLOBUCHAR in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Thursday, May 3, 2007, to bring to a close debate on the pending the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 3, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived.

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 82, nays... 8

[Rollcall Vote No. 152 Leg.]

YEAS --- 82

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, Dole, Domenici, Durbin, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Voinovich, Warner, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 8

Casey, DeMint, Dorgan, Grassley, Sanders, Snowe, Vitter, Webb.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators, duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 993, proposed by Mr. GREGG, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION
ON TOMORROW

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 11:50 a.m. on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Frederick J. Kapala to be United States District Judge; that there be 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon between the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on the Judiciary, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of said nomination, with no intervening action or debate; that, following the vote, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

AUTHORIZING TESTIMONY AND
LEGAL REPRESENTATION

On the request of Mr. BROWN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 189) to authorize testimony and legal representation in District of Columbia v. Ellen E. Barfield, Eve-Leona Tetaz, Jeffrey A. Leys, and Jerome A. Zawada, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES
OF THE NATION TO THE
COMMUNITY OF GREENSBURG,
KANSAS

On the request of Mr. BROWN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 190) expressing the condolences of the Nation to the community of Greensburg, Kansas, submitted

today by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. BROWN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1312) to amend the National Labor Relations Act to ensure the right of employees to a secret-ballot election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board, introduced today by Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KYL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. WARNER), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. BROWN asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. BROWN objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

**ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM**

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the first half of the time therein be controlled by the majority, and the second half be controlled by the minority; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1082.

Ordered further, That all that time consumed during any recess, adjournment, and period of morning business be counted pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules

of the Senate; and that any time consumed in morning business by a Senator count against his hour for debate pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Ordered further, That, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, Senators be authorized to "file" second-degree amendments until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow

Ordered further, That, following the previously ordered executive session on tomorrow, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m.

**AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT
ON TODAY**

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. SESSIONS.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 6:51 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2007

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. TESTER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 8, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. TESTER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

**CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH**

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

**TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS**

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

**EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS**

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1819. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting, the report of (3) legislative proposals relative to the National Defense Authorization Bill for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1820. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the specific amounts of staff years of technical effort to be allocated for each defense Federally Funded Research and Development Center during fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1821. A communication from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the initiation of a multi-function standard competition of the Communications-Information Support Flight at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1822. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Certification and Funding of State and Local Fair Housing Enforcement Agencies" ((RIN2529-AA90)(Docket No. FR-4748-F-02)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1823. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-300, -400, -

500, -600, -700, -800 and -900 Series Airplanes; and Model 757-200 and -300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-070)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1824. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 B4-600, B4-600R, and F4-600R Series Airplanes, and Model C4-605R Variant F Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-104)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1825. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Columbia Aircraft Manufacturing Models LC40-550FG, LC41-550FG, and LC42-550FG Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2007-CE-025)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1826. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 777 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-001)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1827. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Gulfstream Aerospace LP Model Gulfstream 200 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-029)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1828. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Honeywell Flight Management Systems Served by Honeywell NZ-2000 Navigation Computers Approved Under Technical Standard Order TSO-C115a, and IC-800 Integrated Avionics Computers Approved Under TSOs C9c, C52a, and C115a; as Installed on Various Transport Category Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2007-NM-027)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1829. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation

Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Gulfstream Aerospace LP Model Galaxy Airplanes and Model Gulfstream 200 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-030)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1830. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Aircraft Company Beech Models 45, A45, and D45 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-33)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1831. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company CF34-1A, -3A, -3A1, -3A2, -3B, and -3B1 Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2000-NE-42)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1832. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Harzell Propeller Inc. Model HC-E4A-3()/E10950() Propellers" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NE-11)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1833. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Alliance, NE" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ACE-15)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1834. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes of Controlling Agency for Restricted Area R-6601; Fort A.P. Hill, VA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ASO-17)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1835. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of High Altitude Reporting Point; AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-AAL-2))

received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1836. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Covington, GA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ASO-14)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1837. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Mekoryuk, AK" ((RIN 2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AAL-37)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1838. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Northway, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AAL-39)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1839. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Gulkana, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AAL-38)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1840. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Saratoga, WY" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ANM-1)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1841. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Class E Airspace; Adak, Atka, Cold Bay, King Cove, Nelson Lagoon, Saint George Island, Sand Point, Shemya, St. Paul Island, and Unalaska, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)-(Docket No. 06-AAL-34)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1842. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Nucla, CO" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-NM-3)) received on

May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1843. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Gillette, WY" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 05-ANM-3)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1844. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class D Airspace; Luke Air Force Base, AZ" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AWP-19)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1845. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Peru, IL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-AGL-1)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1846. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Experimental Permit for Suborbital Reusable Launch Vehicles" ((RIN2120-AI56)(Docket No. FAA-2006-24197)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1847. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to the Definition of Certain Light-Sport Aircraft" ((RIN2120-AI97)(Docket No. FAA-2007-27160)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1848. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; EADS SOCATA Model TBM 700 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-58)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1849. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 B4-600, B4-600R, and F4-600R Series Airplanes, and Model C4-605R Variant F Airplanes; and

Model A310 Airplanes; Equipped with General Electric CF6-80A3 or CF6-80C2 Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-009)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1850. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Alpha Aviation Design Limited Model R2160 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2006-CE-80)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1851. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A320 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-208)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1852. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A318, A319, A320, and A321 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2006-NM-153)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1853. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model AS350B, AS350B1, AS350B2, AS350B3, AS350BA, AS350C, AS350D, and AS350D1 Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-SW-02)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1854. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model DHC-8-102, -103, and -106 Airplanes and Model DHC-8-200 and DHC-8-300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-161)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1855. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model MD-11 and -11F Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-

(Docket No. 2006-NM-128)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1856. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2004-NM-23)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1857. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd. and Co. KG Dart 528, 529, 532, 535, 542, and 552 Series Turboprop Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NE-16)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1858. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model CL-600-2B16 Airplanes and Model CL-600-2B19 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-230)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1859. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; REIMS AVIATION S.A. Model F406 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-90)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1860. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model 717-200 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-191)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1861. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F.28 Mark 1000, 2000, 3000, and 4000 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-098)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1862. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation

Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F.28 Mark 0070 and 0100 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2006-NM-202)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1863. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330 and A340 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-193)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1864. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-214)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1865. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-600, -700, -700C, and -800 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-001)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1866. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc RB211-524 Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2002-NE-40)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1867. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Aircraft Company Models 58 and G58 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-58)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1868. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Przedsiębiorstwo Doswiadczalno-Produkcyjne Szybownictwa 'PZL-Bielsko' Model SZD-50-3 'Puchacz' Gliders"

((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-082-AD)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1869. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; EADS SOCATA Model TBM 700 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-59)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1870. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; B-N Group Ltd. BN-2, BN-2A, BN-2B, BN-2T, and BN-2T-4R Series, and BN-2A-MkIII Trislander Series" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-72)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1871. A communication from the Executive Director, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Update of Filing Fees" (Docket No. RM07-12-000) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1872. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's position on the budgeting of the Breckenridge, Minnesota Local Flood Reduction Project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1873. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to U.S. military personnel and civilian contractors involved in the anti-narcotics campaign in Colombia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1874. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the certification of Kazakhstan's commitment to the courses of action described in the Cooperative Threat Reduction Act of 1993; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 1325. A bill to amend the Act of July 3, 1890, to provide for the granting to a State of a parcel of land for use as an agricultural college and to proscribe the use of earnings and proceeds thereof; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 1326. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance compensation and pension, health care, housing, burial, and other benefits for veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 1327. A bill to create and extend certain temporary district court judgeships; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 1328. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1329. A bill to extend the Acadia National Park Advisory Commission, to provide improved visitor services at the park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1330. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to provide for wage insurance for dislocated workers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. DODD):

S. 1331. A bill to regulate .50 BMG caliber sniper rifles; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DODD, and Mr. ENZI)):

S. 1332. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 1333. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to strengthen the

earned income tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BYRD, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1334. A bill to amend section 2306 of title 38, United States Code, to make permanent authority to furnish government headstones and markers for graves of veterans at private cemeteries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1335. A bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to declare English as the official language of the Government of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. BAYH):

S. 1336. A bill to provide for an assessment of the achievement by the Government of Iraq of benchmarks for political settlement and national reconciliation in Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 1337. A bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to provide for equal coverage of mental health services under the State Children's Health Insurance Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KOHL, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BURR, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 1338. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a two-year moratorium on certain Medicare physician payment reductions for imaging services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. KERRY)):

S. 1339. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, the Higher Education Act of 1965, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve recruitment, preparation, distribution, and retention of public elementary and secondary school teachers and principals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. Res. 191. A resolution establishing a national goal for the universal deployment of next-generation broadband networks to access the Internet and for other uses by 2015, and calling upon Congress and the President to develop a strategy, enact legislation, and adopt policies to accomplish this objective; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 206

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 206, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 231

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 231, a bill to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

S. 268

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 268, a bill to designate the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail, and for other purposes.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 309, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide, and for other purposes.

S. 326

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special period of limitation when uniformed services retirement pay is reduced as result of award of disability compensation.

S. 384

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 384, a bill to provide pay protection for members of the Reserve and the National Guard, and for other purposes.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 430, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 453

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was

added as a cosponsor of S. 453, a bill to prohibit deceptive practices in Federal elections.

S. 456

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 456, a bill to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, and for other purposes.

S. 469

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

S. 479

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 479, a bill to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.

S. 557

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the depreciation classification of motorsports entertainment complexes.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 579, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 625

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 625, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S. 654

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 654, a bill to establish the Food Safety Administration to protect the public health by preventing food-borne illness, ensuring the safety of food, improving research on contaminants leading to food-borne illness, and improving security

of food from intentional contamination, and for other purposes.

S. 667

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 667, a bill to expand programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse and neglect prevention, and early identification of developmental and health delays, including potential mental health concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 721

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 721, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 749

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 749, a bill to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names.

S. 753

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 753, a bill to enhance scientific research and competitiveness through the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research, and for other purposes.

S. 777

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 777, a bill to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities.

S. 847

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 847, a bill to extend the period of time during which a veteran's multiple sclerosis is to be considered to have been incurred in, or aggravated by, military service during a period of war.

S. 848

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 848, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide improved benefits for veterans who are former prisoners of war.

S. 953

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 953, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to ensure competition in the rail industry, enable rail customers to obtain reliable rail service, and provide those customers with a reasonable process for challenging rate and service disputes.

S. 958

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 958, a bill to establish an adolescent literacy program.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 969, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the definition of supervisor.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 994

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 994, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the deductible and change the method of determining the mileage reimbursement rate under the beneficiary travel program administered by the Secretary of Veteran Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1012

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1012, a bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 1042

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS], the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1042, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly.

S. 1065

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1065, a bill to improve the diagnosis and treatment of traumatic brain injury in members and former members of the Armed Forces, to review and expand telehealth and telemental health programs of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1075

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1075, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to

expand access to contraceptive services for women and men under the Medicaid program, help low income women and couples prevent unintended pregnancies and reduce abortion, and for other purposes.

S. 1083

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1083, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase competitiveness in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1139

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1139, a bill to establish the National Landscape Conservation System.

S. 1149

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1149, a bill to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act to authorize the interstate distribution of State-inspected meat and poultry if the Secretary of Agriculture determines that the State inspection requirements are at least equal to Federal inspection requirements and to require the Secretary to reimburse State agencies for part of the costs of the inspections.

S. 1212

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1212, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit direct payment under the Medicare program for clinical social worker services provided to residents of skilled nursing facilities.

S. 1223

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1223, a bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to support efforts by local or regional television or radio broadcasters to provide essential public information programming in the event of a major disaster, and for other purposes.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit through 2013, and for other purposes.

S. 1249

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to require the President to close the Department of Defense detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes.

S. 1256

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1256, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to reauthorize loan programs under that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1261

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1261, a bill to amend title 10 and 38, United States Code, to repeal the 10-year limit on use of Montgomery GI Bill educational assistance benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 1283

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1283, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the management of medical care, personnel actions, and quality of life issues for members of the Armed Forces who are receiving medical care in an outpatient status, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 29

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 29, a concurrent resolution encouraging the recognition of the Negro Baseball Leagues and their players on May 20th of each year.

SENATE RESOLUTION 82

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 82, a resolution designating August 16, 2007 as "National Airborne Day".

SENATE RESOLUTION 134

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 134, a resolution designating September 2007 as "Adopt a School Library Month".

SENATE RESOLUTION 171

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 171, a resolution memorializing fallen firefighters by lowering the United States flag to half-staff on the day of the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

SENATE RESOLUTION 185

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 185, a resolution supporting the ideals and values of the Olympic Movement.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a business meeting during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "The Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit: Review and Oversight."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet to hold a hearing on the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at 10 a.m. in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate office building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Will REAL ID Actually Make Us Safer? An Examination of Privacy and Civil Liberties Concerns" for Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 8, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:21 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 30. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project.

H.R. 407. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing the Columbia-Pacific National Heritage Area in the States

of Washington and Oregon, and for other purposes.

H.R. 487. An act to amend the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Act to provide compensation to members of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe for damage resulting from the Oahe Dam and Reservoir Project, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1025. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of implementing a water supply and conservation project to improve water supply reliability, increase the capacity of water storage, and improve water management efficiency in the Republican River Basin between Harlan County Lake in Nebraska and Milford Lake in Kansas.

H.R. 1080. An act to modify the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park to include certain land within the GT Park Subdivision, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1114. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and the United States Geological Survey, to conduct a study on groundwater resources in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1140. An act to authorize the Secretary, in cooperation with the City of San Juan Capistrano, California, to participate in the design, planning, and construction of an advanced water treatment plant facility and recycled water system, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1642. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure that, to the extent possible, an enhanced-use lease for a homeless housing project at the Department of Veterans Affairs facility known as the Sepulveda Ambulatory Care Center, located in North Hills, California, shall provide that such housing project shall be maintained as a sober living facility for veterans only, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1737. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of permanent facilities for the GREAT project to reclaim, reuse, and treat impaired waters in the area of Oxnard, California.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 124. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service.

At 5:07 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. Con. Res. 21. Concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012.

The message further announced that the House insists upon its amendment to the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 21) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012, and asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and that Mr. SPRATT, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, and Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina be the managers of the conference on the part of the House.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 30. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 407. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing the Columbia-Pacific National Heritage Area in the States of Washington and Oregon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 487. An act to amend the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Act to provide compensation to members of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe for damage resulting from the Oahe Dam and Reservoir Project, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 1140. An act to authorize the Secretary, in cooperation with the City of San Juan Capistrano, California, to participate in the design, planning, and construction of an advanced water treatment plant facility and recycled water system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1642. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure that, to the extent possible, an enhanced-use lease for a homeless housing project at the Department of Veterans Affairs facility known as the Sepulveda Ambulatory Care Center, located in North Hills, California, shall provide that such housing project shall be maintained as a sober living facility for veterans only, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1737. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of permanent facilities for the GREAT project to reclaim, reuse, and treat impaired waters in the area of Oxnard, California; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE BILLS PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1080. An act to modify the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park to include certain land within the GT Park Subdivision, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1114. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and the United States Geological Survey, to conduct a study on groundwater resources in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1312) to amend the National Labor Relations Act to ensure the right of employees to a secret-ballot election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board, introduced on yesterday by Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BROWBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KYL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. WARNER), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG USER FEE AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1082) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize and amend the prescription drug user fee provisions, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 993, proposed by Mr. GREGG, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. DURBIN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside.

Mr. ENZI objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 993 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

At 12:36 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG USER FEE AMENDMENTS

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1082.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 993 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That the question recur on the following amendments, en bloc: amendments numbered 985, 1011, and 1004; that the amendments be modified, and agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Mr. BROWN, by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was modified, as indicated, and agreed to en bloc: Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. BURR, Mr. BROWN, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. OBAMA),

amendment No. 1009, as modified; Mr. FEINGOLD, amendment No. 1026, as modified; Mr. INHOFE, amendment No. 987, as modified; Ms. MURKOWSKI, amendment No. 1006, as modified; Mr. LEVIN, amendment No. 1005, as modified; Mr. OBAMA, amendment No. 1041, as modified; Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. SPECTER), amendment No. 1019; Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DODD, and Mrs. CLINTON), amendment No. 1053; Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY), amendment No. 1050; Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY), amendment No. 1049, as modified; Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BURR, and Mr. COBURN), amendment No. 1047; and Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON), amendment No. 1056; that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table en bloc; and that amendments numbered 983, 988, and 993 be withdrawn.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That, following morning business on tomorrow, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1082; that amendments numbered 1039 and 998, intended to be proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY, and amendment No. 1034, intended to be proposed by Mr. DURBIN, be the only amendments in order to the bill; that said amendments be modified; that there be 60 minutes remaining for cumulative debate on the bill and amendments; that Mr. GRASSLEY, or his designee, control 10 minutes therein; that Mr. DURBIN, or his designee, control 5 minutes therein; that the remaining time be equally divided and controlled for debate between the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 1039; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate on the amendment; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 1039; that, following said vote, the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 998; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate on the amendment; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; that, following said vote, the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 1034; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate on the amendment; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of amendment No. 1034, the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, be agreed to; that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; that the bill, as amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate vote

on passage of the bill, as amended, with no intervening action or debate.

Ordered further, That following the vote on passage of the bill, as amended, a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; and that the reported amendment to the title be agreed to.

Ordered further, That the motion to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1082 be withdrawn.

Pursuant to the foregoing order, The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Mr. BROWN, by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated: Mr. GRASSLEY, amendment No. 1039; Mr. GRASSLEY, amendment No. 998; and Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. OBAMA), amendment No. 1034.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1034 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

As in legislative session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, upon disposition of bill S. 1082, the Senate proceed to executive session and consideration of Debra Ann Livingston to be U.S. Circuit Judge; that there be 3 hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon between the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on the Judiciary, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of said nomination, with no intervening action or debate; that, following the vote, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT
PRO TEMPORE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
VIETNAM EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MENENDEZ in the chair) announced that the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106-554, appointed Mr. VITTER to the Board of Directors of the Vietnam Education Foundation.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE
CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR THE
NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS'
MEMORIAL SERVICE
On the request of Mr. BROWN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 124) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business; that the first 30 minutes therein be controlled by the minority-party; and that the second 30 minutes therein be controlled by the majority-party.

Ordered further, That upon conclusion of morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1082, as pursuant to the previous order; and that the vote on the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 1495 not occur prior to Thursday, May 10, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

At 7:34 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 9, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries:

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF
THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH
RESPECT TO THE BLOCKING OF
PROPERTY OF CERTAIN PERSONS AND
PROHIBITING THE EXPORTATION AND
REEXPORTATION OF CERTAIN GOODS
TO SYRIA—PM 12

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency

is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice, stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, and expanded in scope in Executive Order 13399 of April 25, 2006, authorizing the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibiting the exportation and reexportation of certain goods to Syria, is to continue in effect beyond May 11, 2007.

The actions of the Government of Syria in supporting terrorism, interfering in Lebanon, pursuing weapons of mass destruction and missile programs, and undermining United States and international efforts with respect to the stabilization and reconstruction of Iraq pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue in effect the national emergency declared with respect to this threat and to maintain in force the sanctions I have ordered to address this national emergency.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 8, 2007.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and was referred as indicated:

EC-1875. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, the report of a draft bill that would reauthorize the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-79. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Pennsylvania urging Congress to provide equitable funding to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the operation of quality affordable housing; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 45

Whereas, Pennsylvania's public housing authorities are essential in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania is home to 90 public housing authorities serving an estimated 245,819 residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania's public housing authorities provide high-quality affordable housing to residents in the Commonwealth of

Pennsylvania through the use of Federal programs; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania's public housing authorities have successfully assisted residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with Moving to Work programs and preapprenticeship training, resulting in greater self-sufficiency and a reduced burden on Commonwealth resources; and

Whereas, developments built by Pennsylvania's public housing authorities have in some instances increased the values of neighboring properties and communities in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by as much as 142%; and

Whereas, new funding guidelines developed by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development may result in reduced funding for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, its public housing authorities and the Pennsylvanians who rely on these services; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania's public housing authorities are a major employer in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and funding cuts from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development may result in drastic layoffs and diminished services to the residents of public housing; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognize the importance of the quality services, support and housing provided by Pennsylvania's public housing authorities and respectfully urge the Congress to provide equitable funding to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the operation of quality affordable housing; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-80. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan urging Congress to enact legislation to increase protections for the Great Lakes from Asian carp; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15

Whereas, two species of Asian carp, not native to the United States, are on the verge of invading the Great Lakes. Silver carp and bighead carp escaped from confinement at southern fish farms in past decades and have migrated up the Mississippi and the Illinois River to within less than 100 miles of the Great Lakes; and

Whereas, Asian carp could become a dominant species in the Great Lakes, threatening the \$4.5 billion Great Lakes commercial and recreational fishery and recreational boaters. Asian carp are voracious feeders that compete with native fish and

wildlife for food. In addition, silver carp can weigh up to 70 pounds and jump up to 10 feet out of the water when disturbed by boats. Boaters have suffered cuts, blackened eyes, broken bones, back injuries, and concussions from leaping silver carp; and

Whereas, the only thing preventing the movement of Asian carp into the Great Lakes is a temporary electrical barrier in the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal operated by the United States Army Corps of Engineers. A permanent electrical barrier is also under construction to replace the temporary barrier; and

Whereas, to date, over \$12 million has been spent on construction and operation of the electrical barriers. To help match federal funding, the state of Michigan has contributed nearly \$70,000 toward the completion of the permanent electrical barrier; and

Whereas, current funding is insufficient to complete construction of the permanent barrier and only finances operation of the temporary barrier through the first half of fiscal year 2007. In addition, there is no funding to renovate the temporary barrier as a permanent backup to the new barrier; and

Whereas, there are provisions in several measures before the Congress that would provide funds to upgrade the current barrier and complete construction of the permanent barrier. Bills with this language include the Great Lakes Asian Carp Barrier Act (H.R. 553 and S. 336), the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (H.R. 1495), the National Aquatic Invasive Species Act of 2007 (S. 725), and the Great Lakes Collaboration Implementation Act (H.R. 1350). It is of the utmost importance that Congress protect the Great Lakes by providing the funding and authority for the ongoing operation and maintenance of the barriers, compensate states for their contributions to the project, and provide for research into controlling Asian carp and other exotic species; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the United States Congress to enact legislation to increase protections for the Great Lakes from Asian carp; and be it further

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

POM-81. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Hawaii urging Congress to propose amendments to the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 33

Whereas, the United States Congress must decide in 2007 whether to reauthorize the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 or let it die and replace it with a new law; and

Whereas, the No Child Left Behind Act, unprecedented in the history of federal and state roles in public education by the mandated imposition of a federally prescribed, single accountability model for all public schools, undermines the established constitutional role of state and local public education governance; and

Whereas, the No Child Left Behind Act, while purporting to create an accountability system for public schools, has in reality, been an enormous financial and programmatic burden on schools and taxpayers; and

Whereas, even if states and schools are satisfied with their educational programs and outcomes, they are forced to participate in this top-down system in order to continue to receive federal funds for education, such as Title I funds; and

Whereas, the No Child Left Behind Act mandates consequences to schools if just one of thirty seven possible adequate yearly progress calculation outcomes are not met, and makes no distinction in the consequences imposed on schools that did not meet one or did not meet all thirty seven, resulting in dilution of energy, time, and money by mandating the treatment of all such schools to include identical sanctions; and

Whereas, the No Child Left Behind Act employs a view of motivation that is misguided and objectionable, using threats, punishments, and pernicious comparisons to “motivate” teachers, students, and schools; and

Whereas, private K-12 schools have chosen not to spend their time or money adopting key elements of the No Child Left Behind Act’s intensive testing and accountability regimen; and

Whereas, the No Child Left Behind Act’s narrow focus on the “basics” has discouraged the implementation of best practices and cutting edge educational research in order to achieve higher test scores; and

Whereas, the No Child Left Behind Act has driven many schools and school systems into a narrowing of curriculum, often focused on only tested subjects, to the detriment of subjects and rich educational experiences, such as the arts; and

Whereas, the goal of achieving one hundred percent proficiency, including special education students, is unrealistic, and the pursuit of which channels millions of dollars into tactically targeted programs that divert limited resources from other critical school programs, professional training, as well as the educational and physical environment of schools; and

Whereas, the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act penalize schools who enroll

students who have inherent educational deficiencies and who, as a group, will continue to remain below ever increasing No Child Left Behind “annual measurable objectives”; and

Whereas, while there has recently been some interest in the development of so-called “growth models” to recognize the contributions of a school to individual students over time, the lack of adequate funding and the prohibition against states developing their own growth models has rendered this initiative almost meaningless; and

Whereas, the No Child Left Behind Act does not provide additional funds for teacher education or training if a school is in “status” or under restructuring, which creates a punitive environment with little commitment on the part of the federal government for improving teaching and learning, or for supporting increased school success; and

Whereas, Adequate Yearly Progress does not take into account a school’s adoption of meaningful educational innovation or judicious use of research; and

Whereas, the No Child Left Behind Act has channeled countless dollars into high-stake testing, which has largely benefited national private testing companies, but at the expense of ignoring genuine student accomplishments; and

Whereas, the No Child Left Behind Act appears biased towards a one size fits all multiple choice testing system, and tends to ignore other means of engaging and assessing students such as project-based, hands-on, or problem-solving demonstrations of competency; and

Whereas, the United States Department of Education has shown little or no interest in creating incentives among colleges and universities to incorporate innovative portfolios or project-based competencies into their admissions decisions, thus reinforcing the use of high-stake, multiple-choice private contractors; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, That the United States Congress is strongly urged to propose specific amendments to, or recommend the repeal of, the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001; and be it further

Resolved, that among the issues and amendments the United States Congress should address are the following:

(1) Improving teacher quality, preparation, and training by:

(A) Building support for a comprehensive incentive program to recruit, place, and retain experienced, well-qualified teachers in high-need schools (e.g., high poverty, or geographically isolated communities);

(B) Providing significant support for teacher education, professional development, in-service training, and career opportunities;

(C) Improving the occupational status and compensation of teaching as a career;

(D) Improving qualifications of teacher candidates at colleges of education;

(E) Providing financial incentives for institutions of higher learning to incorporate portfolios and demonstrations of competency into their admissions decisions;

(F) Strengthening teacher education preparation programs in areas such as science, mathematics, technology, measurement, data analysis, and evaluation;

(G) Recognizing teachers having achieved certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards as “highly qualified” in their respective fields; and

(H) Providing flexibility in recognizing certified secondary level special education teachers as qualified teachers in their own right, and removing the unrealistic expectation that such teachers be additionally certified in every single core subject area;

(2) Improving assessment measures and systems by:

(A) Refining student assessment instruments designed specifically for use in improving instruction as well as school accountability;

(B) Encouraging states and school districts to utilize a wider range of useful assessments, including project-based competency and portfolios;

(C) Developing more appropriate means of assessing the academic progress of English Language Learners, special education students, and those with behavioral health issues; and

(D) Supporting the development and implementation of comprehensive statewide data collection and exchange systems that allow for more efficient support for student record keeping and informed educational policy decision making (e.g., electronic student transcript systems, and longitudinal analyses of growth in academic achievement);

(3) Improving accountability models, indicators of performance, and consequences by:

(A) Supporting states and the educational research community in research and development efforts to further the pioneering work required in refining the technology underlying growth (toward standards) analysis models;

(B) Permitting each state to adopt and pilot its own growth model to calculate adequate yearly progress under the No Child Left Behind Act to take advantage of inherent benefits that motivate students at all levels of proficiency;

(C) Supporting wholesale changes to the “adequate yearly progress” model for educational accountability that would provide for a fairer and more balanced appraisal of school performance and quality;

(D) Replacing punitive, conjunctive “miss one, miss all” criteria;

(E) Expanding accountability indicators to reflect performance on standards in other important disciplines and countering unintended consequences such as a narrowing of curriculum;

(F) Allowing for current limitations in reliable and valid assessments of students within a wide range of disability classifications; and

(G) Allowing for deferrals to test new immigrant students with limited English proficiency for up to three years of entering the country;

(4) Augmenting resources to assist states in efforts to accomplish challenging educational initiatives by:

(A) Requiring schools to maintain a broad and comprehensive curriculum to support adopted content and performance standards, including the arts and physical education;

(B) Fully funding special education programs, as once promised;

(C) Providing adequate funding to research and develop multiple and more valid means of assessing student competence, skills and knowledge for use in both improvement and educational accountability; and

(D) Providing funding and training support for data and technology infrastructure requirements;

(5) Supporting innovation, capacity building, and flexibility to address state and local education needs by:

(A) Recognizing schools that demonstrate successful strategies using innovative curriculum and methodologies;

(B) Developing new initiatives for school facilities that do not push educational funding toward ever larger schools and economy-of-scale construction mentality;

(C) Avoiding simplistic “one size fits all” solutions for assessment, accountability, and intervention;

(D) Addressing unique needs of “high-need” schools (e.g., high poverty, high immigration, extreme geographic isolation); and

(E) Allowing states to determine which and how many grade levels are best to test; and

(6) Returning to the original intent and purpose of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) by:

(A) Restoring the foundational precepts of ESEA and its focus on equity in educational attainment despite disadvantages stemming from socio-economic background;

(B) Allowing states to “opt out” of requirements that impact schools that do not receive ESEA entitlements, without loss of federal funds;

(C) Promoting strategies that directly reduce achievement gaps through better instruction, such as incentives for experienced, well-qualified teachers to accept

positions in high-need schools and for reducing class size;

(D) Resolving to build the best public education system and teacher work force in the world, rather than promoting lofty rhetoric and ploys that undermine and divert public funds to private schools; and

(E) Returning policy setting and curriculum and teaching decision making control back to states, school districts and local communities; and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of Hawaii’s Congressional delegation.

POM-82. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Washington urging Congress to raise the authorized funding levels of the No Child Left Behind Act to cover the costs that states and districts will incur to carry out its recommendations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBSTITUTE SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8011

Whereas, Washington State supports, believes in, and has been diligently working on the attainment of the goals of the No Child Left Behind legislation, all students achieving at high levels; and

Whereas, the state welcomes the additional support No Child Left Behind has brought to focus on quality education, the improvements needed to reach all children, and the urgency nationwide to close achievement gaps; and

Whereas, the state supports a fair, feasible, and creditable accountability system; and;

Whereas, Washington State has attached approval and is in compliance with the requirements provided in the regulations; and

Whereas, the reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind legislation will provide the opportunity for essential changes to be made to reach the goals and purposes of the law; and

Whereas, students with limited English proficiency are in a program because they cannot speak, read, or write English and they must be provided appropriate and valid measures for accountability that are not included in the overall accountability until such students develop English academic language proficiency, for a period of not more than three years; and

Whereas, students with disabilities need appropriate assessments that meet the requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), are aligned with their individual educational plans, and tested according to students’ ability and not limited to their grade level; and

Whereas, all students, all schools, and all districts do not improve on a uniform basis across any state as required by the state uniform bar, so the state uniform bar should be replaced with realistic requirements for continuous growth and improvement based on required yearly percentage increases in performance at the school, district, and state levels, which would provide fairness to accountability and an increased motivation for very low and very high performing schools; and

Whereas, the Act imposes a significant testing burden on states, schools, and districts and unless appropriate federal funding is provided for administering and scoring quality large scale assessments in the new grade levels required, states should be allowed to continue to assess students annually in selected grades in elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools and even if funding is provided for these assessments in the new grade levels, states should be able to use that funding to assess students in a variety of ways that would inform improvements in instruction but would not have to meet the extensive technical standards now required; and

Whereas, the adequate yearly progress provisions are overly prescriptive and rigid, and they identify too many schools “in need of improvement” by creating too many ways to fail, which reduces the opportunities and funding to assist schools that truly are in need of improvement; and

Whereas, the Act requires all teachers to be highly qualified regardless of state systems of certification and licensure in place, states must continue to have authority to use flexibility in meeting these requirements so that the educational needs of the students and the diverse conditions in the state are met; and

Whereas, career and technical education teachers are often hired from industries in which a bachelor’s degree is not the preferred level of certification; and

Whereas, the Washington State Legislature passed legislation in 2006 that recognizes credit for core academic subjects learned through career and technical education, but if the teacher does not have a bachelor’s degree the school district must report them to parents as “not highly qualified,” which places these teachers at a disadvantage in school districts; and

Whereas, positive changes in the definition of highly qualified teachers will assist in the awarding of equivalency credits and remove the stigma surrounding industry-certified teachers; and

Whereas, providers of supplemental services instruct students and are funded with federal funds, therefore these providers must meet the same safety and qualification standards required of public school educators; and

Whereas, supplemental services are most appropriately provided by public schools, public school educators should be allowed to offer supplemental services to qualifying students; and

Whereas, the Act imposes significant costs on the state and local school districts, teachers, and paraprofessionals; and

Whereas, these costs include the administration of newly required assessments, and the costs of staff development, certification upgrades, and coursework; now, therefore, your Memorialists respectfully request that the President and Congress of the United States work together with state legislatures and the United States Department of Education to raise authorized funding levels of the No Child Left Behind Act to cover the costs that states and districts will incur to carry out these recommendations, and fully fund the law at those levels without reducing expenditures for other education programs and to improve language in the Act and regulations concerning its implementation, to make improvements to address the issues raised in this Memorial, and to grant the time, flexibility, and changes that will ensure successful nationwide implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act; be it

Resolved, That copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, each member of Congress from the State of Washington, and the Governor of the State of Washington.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KERRY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1340. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiaries with access to geriatric assessments and chronic care coordination services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 1341. A bill to provide for the exchange of certain Bureau of Land Management land in Pima County, Arizona, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 1342. A bill to improve the health of Americans and reduce health care costs by reorienting the Nation’s health care system

toward prevention, wellness, and self care; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1343. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to prevention and treatment of diabetes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 1344. A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Wenatchee, Washington, as the Elwood “Bud” Link Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1345. A bill to affirm that Federal employees are protected from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and to repudiate any assertion to the contrary; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. WEBB):

S. 1346. A bill to amend conservation and biofuels programs of the Department of Agriculture to promote the compatible goals of economically viable agricultural production and reducing nutrient loads in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries by assisting agricultural producers to make beneficial, cost-effective changes to cropping systems, grazing management, and nutrient management associated with livestock and poultry production, crop production, bioenergy production, and other agricultural practices on agricultural land within the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1347. A bill to amend the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act to modify the date as of which certain tribal land of the Lytton Rancheria of California is deemed to be held in trust and to provide for the conduct of certain activities on the land; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 1348. A bill to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. WEBB, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1349. A bill to ensure that the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs provide to members of

the Armed Forces and veterans with traumatic brain injury the services that best meet their individual needs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 22, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States.

S. 261

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 261, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 309, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide, and for other purposes.

S. 326

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] were added as cosponsors of S. 326, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special period of limitation when uniformed services retirement pay is reduced as result of award of disability compensation.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 430, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of

military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

S. 600

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 600, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish the School-Based Health Clinic program, and for other purposes.

S. 602

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 602, a bill to develop the next generation of parental control technology.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 604, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to limit increases in the certain costs of health care services under the health care programs of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 625

At the request of Mr. TESTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 625, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 625, supra.

S. 644

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 644, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recodify as part of that title certain educational assistance programs for members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces, to improve such programs, and for other purposes.

S. 648

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 648, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the eligibility age for receipt of non-regular military service retired pay for members of the Ready Reserve in active federal status or on active duty for significant periods.

S. 691

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 691, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the benefits under the Medicare program for beneficiaries with kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 755

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 755, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social

Security Act to require States to provide diabetes screening tests under the Medicaid program for adult enrollees with diabetes risk factors, to ensure that States offer a comprehensive package of benefits under that program for individuals with diabetes, and for other purposes.

S. 790

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 790, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to permit the simplified summer food programs to be carried out in all States and by all service institutions.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 805, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa in the effort to achieve internationally recognized goals in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other major diseases and the reduction of maternal and child mortality by improving human health care capacity and improving retention of medical health professionals in sub-Saharan Africa, and for other purposes.

S. 829

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 829, a bill to reauthorize the HOPE VI program for revitalization of severely distressed public housing, and for other purposes.

S. 831

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 831, a bill to authorize States and local governments to prohibit the investment of State assets in any company that has a qualifying business relationship with Sudan.

S. 878

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 878, a bill to prevent anti-competitive mergers and acquisitions in the oil and gas industry.

S. 879

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 879, a bill to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] and the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] were added as cosponsors of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army

Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 969, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the definition of supervisor.

S. 1060

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1060, a bill to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, and for other purposes.

S. 1087

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1087, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages on account of sex, race, or national origin, and for other purposes.

S. 1146

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1146, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans who live in rural areas, and for other purposes.

S. 1164

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1164, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve patient access to, and utilization of, the colorectal cancer screening benefit under the Medicare Program.

S. 1229

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1229, a bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to provide for the application of mandatory minimum maturity standards applicable to all domestic and imported Hass avocados.

S. 1237

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1237, a bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists.

S. 1263

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] were added as cosponsors of S. 1263, a bill to protect the welfare of consumers by prohibiting price

gouging with respect to gasoline and petroleum distillates during natural disasters and abnormal market disruptions, and for other purposes.

S. 1276

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1276, a bill to establish a grant program to facilitate the creation of methamphetamine precursor electronic logbook systems, and for other purposes.

S. 1308

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1308, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of Agriculture from allowing the importation of certain cattle and beef from Canada until the implementation of country of origin labeling requirements.

S. 1332

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] were added as cosponsors of S. 1332, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 4, a joint resolution to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the United States Government regarding Indian tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 26

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 26, a concurrent resolution recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and commending recipients of the Purple Heart for their courageous demonstrations of gallantry and heroism on behalf of the United States.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 27

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 27, a concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "National Purple Heart Recognition Day".

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 29

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from

Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 29, a concurrent resolution encouraging the recognition of the Negro Baseball Leagues and their players on May 20th of each year.

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 29, supra.

SENATE RESOLUTION 171

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 171, a resolution memorializing fallen firefighters by lowering the United States flag to half-staff on the day of the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in 328A, Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on climate change.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a nomination hearing.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Room 226.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, to hold a hearing on pending benefits legislation. The

hearing will take place in room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building beginning at 9:30 a.m.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet today, Wednesday, May 9, 2007, from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. in Dirksen 106 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PRIVATE SECTOR
AND CONSUMER SOLUTIONS TO
GLOBAL WARMING AND WILDLIFE
PROTECTION.

The Committee on Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Private Sector and Consumer Solutions to Global Warming and Wildlife Protection be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 9, 2007.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:50 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrent of the Senate:

H.R. 1294. An act to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe.

H.R. 1595. An act to implement the recommendations of the Guam War Claims Review Commission.

H.R. 2080. An act to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to conform the District charter to revisions made by the Council of the District of Columbia relating to public education.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 105. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a National Suffragists Day to promote awareness of the importance of the women suffragists who worked for the right of women to vote in the United States.

H. Con. Res. 117. Concurrent resolution commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the settlement of Jamestown.

HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT
RESOLUTIONS REFERRED

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

H.R. 1025. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of implementing a

water supply and conservation project to improve water supply reliability, increase the capacity of water storage, and improve water management efficiency in the Republican River Basin between Harlan County Lake in Nebraska and Milford Lake in Kansas; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1294. An act to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 1595. An act to implement the recommendations of the Guam War Claims Review Commission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 105. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a National Suffragists Day to promote awareness of the importance of the women suffragists who worked for the right of women to vote in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H. Con. Res. 117. Concurrent resolution commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the settlement of Jamestown; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG USER FEE
AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. MCCASKILL in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1082) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize and amend the prescription drug user fee provisions, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1034, proposed by Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. OBAMA), to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GRASSLEY,

Ordered, That Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BROWN, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. BINGAMAN be added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1039.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1034 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GRASSLEY,

Ordered, That Mr. DODD, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. BINGAMAN be added as cosponsors of amendment No. 998.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1034 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1039, as modified, proposed by Mr. BROWN for Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BROWN, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. BINGAMAN), to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. GRASSLEY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That it be in order to request the yeas and nays on the question of agreeing to amendments numbered 998 and 1034 with one show of seconds, notwithstanding the amendments not presently being before the Senate.

Under the authority of the foregoing order,

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to amendments numbered 998 and 1034.

The question being taken on agreeing to amendment No. 1039 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 46, nays... 47

[Rollcall Vote No. 154 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Baucus, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Corker, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Hutchison, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Menendez, Mikulski, Nelson (FL), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 47

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Cornyn, Craig, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (NE), Salazar, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Voinovich, Warner.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. ENZI to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. ENZI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 998, proposed by Mr. BROWN for Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. DODD, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. BINGAMAN), to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.

After debate,
The question being taken.
It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 64, nays... 30

[Rollcall Vote No. 155 Leg.]

YEAS --- 64

Akaka, Baucus, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Harkin, Hutchison, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 30

Alexander, Allard, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Craig, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Enzi, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Kyl, McConnell, Murkowski, Shelby, Stevens, Thomas, Voinovich.

So the amendment was agreed to.
On motion by Mr. GRASSLEY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.
On motion by Mr. COLEMAN,
The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.
Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1034 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, to the bill.
After debate,
The question being taken.
The yeas and nays resulted---
yeas... 47, nays... 47

[Rollcall Vote No. 156 Leg.]

YEAS --- 47

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Collins, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Inouye, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 47

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez,

McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Rockefeller, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Voinovich, Warner.

So on a tie vote, the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as modified and amended, was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The motion to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1082 was withdrawn.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,
The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall the bill, as amended, pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 93, nays... 1

[Rollcall Vote No. 157 Leg.]

YEAS --- 93

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 1

Sanders.

So it was
Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The title was amended, as reported by the committee, so as to read: "An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize drug and device user fees and ensure the safety of medical products, and for other purposes."

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Senate resumed its legislative session.
Pending debate,

ORDERS FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HOUSE MESSAGE ON CONCURRENT RESOLUTION S. CON. RES. 21

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CONRAD,

Ordered, That the Chair lay before the Senate the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 21) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012; that the motion to disagree to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be agreed to; that the motion to agree to the request of conference be agreed to; and that the motion to authorize the Chair to appoint conferees be agreed to.

Ordered further, That, prior to the Chair appointing conferees, the following be the only motions to instruct conferees in order; and that no amendments be in order thereto:

A motion, intended to be made by Mr. KYL, relative to "Death Tax";

A motion, intended to be made by Mr. GREGG, relative to extension of certain tax cuts;

A motion, intended to be made by Mr. CONRAD, relative to extension of certain tax cuts;

A motion, intended to be made by Mr. CORNYN, relative to the point of order on increasing tax rates;

A motion, intended to be made by Mr. DEMINT, relative to tax increases;

A motion, intended to be made by Ms. STABENOW, relative to energy.

Ordered further, That there be 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate on each motion; that, upon conclusion of debate, the motion be laid aside; that there be 1 hour, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Finance; that, at 7:30 p.m., the Senate vote in "stacked" sequence on the question of agreeing to said motions; that

each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; and that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate before each vote.

Pending debate,

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO S. CON.

RES. 21

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANDERS in the chair) laid before the Senate the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate disagreed to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the House of Representatives, agreed to the conference requested by the House thereon, and authorized the Chair to appoint conferees.

On motion by Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. GREGG) that the conferees on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21 be instructed to insist that the final conference report include the Senate position to provide for a reduction in revenues, sufficient to accommodate legislation to provide for permanent death tax relief, with a top marginal rate of no higher than 35%, a lower rate for smaller estates, and with a meaningful exemption that shields smaller estates from having to file estate tax returns, and to permanently extend other family tax relief, so that American families, including farmers and small business owners, can continue to enjoy higher after-tax levels of income, increasing standards of living, and a growing economy, as contained in the recommended levels and amounts of Title I of S. Con. Res. 21, as agreed to by the Senate.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. GREGG that the conferees on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21 be instructed to reject the House amendment that assumes a \$916 billion tax increase, the largest tax increase in U.S. history, and insist that the final conference report include in the recommend levels and amounts in Title I of S. Con. Res. 21, reductions in revenues commensurate with extending the existing tax policy:

\$1,000 child tax credit;

Marriage penalty relief;

10% income tax bracket—so those earning \$15,000 or less continue to benefit from low tax rate;

Lower marginal rates for American families and small businesses (15%, 25%, 28%, 33%, and 35%);

Earned Income Tax Credit relief for military families;

Adoption tax credit;

Dependent care tax credit;

College tuition deduction;

Deduction for student loan interest;

\$2,000 Coverdell Ed. IRA;

15% rate on capital gains and dividends; and death tax repeal.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. CONRAD that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the House amendment to concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21 be instructed to—

(A) insist on the Senate amendment with regard to relief, which cuts taxes in the resolution by \$180 billion to provide for extension of the child tax credit, marriage penalty relief, and ten-percent bracket; reform of the estate tax to protect small businesses and family farms; extension of the adoption tax credit, dependent care tax credit, treatment of combat pay for purposes of EITC; and other tax relief;

(B) insist on Section 303 of the Senate resolution that provides for tax relief, including extensions of expiring tax relief and refundable tax relief, provided that such legislation would not increase the deficit over the total of the period of fiscal years 2007-2012; and

(C) insist on the Senate position that any additional revenues to meet these tax policies are achieved by closing the tax gap, shutting down abusive tax shelters, addressing offshore tax havens, and without raising taxes.

Pending debate,

On motion by Ms. STABENOW to instruct the conferees on the part of the Senate to insist on including in the conference report the Deficit-Neutral Reserve Fund for Energy Legislation in section 307 of S. Con. Res. 21 as it passed the Senate, which would provide for legislation to reduce our Nation's Dependence on foreign sources of energy and lower gas prices.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. CORNYN that the conferees on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21 be instructed to insist that the final conference report include the supermajority point of order against consideration of any bill, resolution, amendment, amendment between Houses, motion, or conference report that includes a Federal income tax rate increase, in order to protect the pocketbooks of working and middle-class families, college students, seniors, farmers, small business owners and entrepreneurs, and to promote the elimination of government waste, fraud, and abuse to reduce the deficit and offset new spending, as contained in section 210 of S. Con. Res. 21, as agreed to by the Senate.

After debate,

The motion was agreed.

The question recurring on agreeing to the motion by Ms. STABENOW.

After debate,

The motion was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to the motion by Mr. CONRAD.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CONRAD,

Ordered, That the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the following motions in the following order: the motion by Mr. KYL, the motion by Mr. CONRAD, and the motion by Mr. GREGG.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GREGG,

Ordered, That it be in order to request the yeas and nays on the question of agreeing to the pending motions with one show of seconds, notwithstanding the motions not presently being before the Senate.

Under the authority of the foregoing order,

On motion by Mr. GREGG,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motions.

The hour of 7:30 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on the motion by Mr. KYL.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 54, nays... 41

[Rollcall Vote No. 159 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Landrieu, Leahy, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 41

Akaka, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Levin, Lieberman, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Reed, Reid, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to the motion by Mr. CONRAD.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 51, nays... 44

[Rollcall Vote No. 160 Leg.]

YEAS --- 51

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 44

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Voinovich, Warner.

So the motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on the motion by Mr. GREGG.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 44, nays... 51

[Rollcall Vote No. 161 Leg.]

YEAS --- 44

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Warner.

NAYS --- 51

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Stabenow, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SALAZAR in the chair), as authorized, appointed Mr. CONRAD, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. DOMENICI as conferees on the part of the Senate.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. CONRAD,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1348) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr.

MENENDEZ, and Mr. SALAZAR), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. CONRAD asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. CONRAD objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. CONRAD,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2080) to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to conform the District charter to revisions made by the Council of the District of Columbia relating to public education, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. CONRAD asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. CONRAD objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CONRAD,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 1495) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; that the time until 9:45 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on the Environment and Public Works; and that, at 9:45 a.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 1495, with no intervening action or debate.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CONRAD,

At 8:38 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2007

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Reverend Paul Rowold, of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Polson, Montana, offered a prayer, and Mr. TESTER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, May 10, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. TESTER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1348) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. SALAZAR), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND
TIME AND PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2080) to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to conform the District charter to revisions made by the Council of the District of Columbia relating to public education, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL H.R. 1495

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, by Mr. REID, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 1495) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That she and Mr. INHOFE each be recognized to speak for 3 minutes; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote, as pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Thursday, May 3, 2007, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 1495.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 3, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived.

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 89, nays... 7

[Rollcall Vote No. 162 Leg.]

YEAS --- 89

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 7

Allard, Bunning, Coburn, DeMint, Ensign, Gregg, Sununu.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators, duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 1495.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1876. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Corrections to Regional Office Information" (72 FR 16269) received on May 8, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1877. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus Thuringiensis

Vip3Aa19 Protein in Cotton; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8124-6) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1878. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clethodim; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8127-2) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1879. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fenpyroximate; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL No. 8127-3) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1880. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flufenacet; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8124-2) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1881. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foramsulfuron; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8125-5) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1882. A communication from the Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act in the Educational, Technical Assistance and Training revolving fund; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1883. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Department's Chemical Demilitarization Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1884. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of the authorization of Colonel Michael S. Repass to wear the authorized insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1885. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of

Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of General Counsel, received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1886. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials Transportation; Miscellaneous Revisions to Registration and Fee Assessment Program" (RIN2137-AE11) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1887. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A318, A319, A320, and A321 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2006-NM-199)) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1888. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Superior Air Parts, Inc., Cylinder Assemblies Part Numbers Series: SA47000L, SA47000S, SA52000, SA55000, SL32000W, SL32000WH, SL32006W, SL36000TW, SL36000W, and SL36006W" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2006-NE-32)) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1889. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 B2 and B4 Series Airplanes Equipped with General Electric CF6-50 Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2006-NM-127)) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1890. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model EMB-135BJ Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2006-NM-200)) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1891. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, Weather

Takeoff Minimums; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3214)) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1892. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Valdez, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AAL-41)) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1893. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Nucla, CO" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ANM-3)) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1894. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3215)) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1895. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the inventories of commercial and inherently governmental positions in the Department; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1896. A communication from the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1897. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Iowa" (FRL No. 8312-5) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1898. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment, Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes;

Ohio; Redesignation of Allen and Stark Counties to Attainment of the 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 8312-9) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1899. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment, Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Ohio; Redesignation of Belmont County to Attainment of the 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 8312-8) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1900. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment, Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Ohio; Redesignation of Jefferson County to Attainment of the 8-hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 8312-7) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1901. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment, Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Ohio; Redesignation of Washington County to Attainment of 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 8313-1) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1902. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dioxin and Dioxin-like Compounds; Toxic Equivalency Information; Community Right-to-Know Toxic Chemical Release Reporting" (FRL No. 8311-6) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1903. A communication from the Secretary of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate for the period from October 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007; ordered to lie on the table.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. GREGG:

S. 1350. A bill to amend title II of the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform the diversity visa program and create a program that awards visas to aliens with an advanced degree; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GREGG:

S. 1351. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy and to protect against potential visa fraud and abuse; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 1352. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 127 East Locust Street in Fairbury, Illinois, as the "Dr. Francis Townsend Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 1353. A bill to nullify the determinations of the Copyright Royalty Judges with respect to webcasting, to modify the basis for making such a determination, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1354. A bill to amend the definition of a law enforcement officer under subchapter III of chapter 83 and chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, respectively, to ensure the inclusion of certain positions; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 1355. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat spaceports like airports under the exempt facility bond rules; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 1356. A bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to establish industrial bank holding company regulation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1357. A bill to amend the Law Enforcement Pay Equity Act of 2000 to permit certain annuitants of the retirement programs of the United States Park Police and United States Secret Service Uniformed Division to receive the adjustments in

pension benefits to which such annuitants would otherwise be entitled as a result of the conversion of members of the United States Park Police and United States Secret Service Uniformed Division to a new salary schedule under the amendments made by such Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 1358. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to require all gasoline sold for use in motor vehicles to contain 10 percent renewable fuel in the year 2010 and thereafter, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 1359. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance public and health professional awareness and understanding of lupus and to strengthen the Nation's research efforts to identify the causes and cure of lupus; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. DOLE (for herself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. LOTT, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1360. A bill to provide for higher education affordability, access, and opportunity; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself and Mr. KYL):

S. 1361. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for the depreciation of certain leasehold improvements and to modify the depreciation rules relating to such leasehold improvements for purposes of computing earnings and profits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1362. A bill to establish a Strategic Gasoline and Fuel Reserve; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1363. A bill to improve health care for severely injured members and former members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1364. A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to extend the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and streamline enrollment under CHIP and Medicaid, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1365. A bill to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with any

of the management partners of the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BUNNING (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. SMITH):

S. 1366. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the consolidation of life insurance companies with other companies; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 1367. A bill to amend the Public Health Services Act to provide methamphetamine prevention and treatment services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. Res. 192. A resolution recognizing National Nurses Week on May 6 through May 12, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. Res. 193. A resolution designating the week of May 6 through May 12, 2007, as "North American Occupational Safety and Health Week" and May 9, 2007, as "Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 22, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 122

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 122, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to extend benefits to service sector workers and firms, enhance certain trade adjustment assistance authorities, and for other purposes.

S. 156

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] were added as cosponsors of S. 156, a bill to make the moratorium on Internet access taxes

and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce permanent.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 430, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 430, supra.

S. 479

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] were added as cosponsors of S. 479, a bill to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.

S. 513

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 513, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to revive previous authority on the use of the Armed Forces and the militia to address interference with State or Federal law, and for other purposes.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] were added as cosponsors of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 617

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 617, a bill to make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available at a discount to certain veterans.

S. 747

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. DEMINT], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH], the Senator from Texas [Mrs.

HUTCHISON], the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] were added as cosponsors of S. 747, a bill to terminate the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and for other purposes.

S. 764

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 764, a bill to amend title XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to permit States the option of coverage of legal immigrants under the Medicaid Program and the State children's health insurance program (SCHIP).

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 777

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 777, a bill to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities.

S. 800

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 800, a bill to establish the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in the State of New York, and for other purposes.

S. 829

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 829, a bill to reauthorize the HOPE VI program for revitalization of severely distressed public housing, and for other purposes.

S. 838

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 838, a bill to authorize funding for eligible joint ventures between United States and Israeli businesses and academic persons, to establish the International Energy Advisory Board, and for other purposes.

S. 844

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms.

LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 844, a bill to provide for the protection of unaccompanied alien children, and for other purposes.

S. 940

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 940, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the subpart F exemption for active financing income.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 974

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 974, a bill to amend title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide that the provisions relating to countervailing duties apply to nonmarket economy countries, and for other purposes.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1040, a bill to repeal the current Internal Revenue Code and replace it with a flat tax, thereby guaranteeing economic growth and greater fairness for all Americans.

S. 1092

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1092, a bill to temporarily increase the number of visas which may be issued to certain highly skilled workers.

S. 1113

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1113, a bill to facilitate the provision of care and services for members of the Armed Forces for traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes.

S. 1132

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1132, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Indian tribes to receive charitable contributions of apparently wholesome food.

S. 1147

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1147, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to terminate the administrative freeze on the enrollment into the health care system of the

Department of Veterans Affairs of veterans in the lowest priority category for enrollment (referred to as "Priority 8").

S. 1159

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1159, a bill to amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part.

S. 1190

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1190, a bill to promote the deployment and adoption of telecommunications services and information technologies, and for other purposes.

S. 1205

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1205, a bill to require a pilot program on assisting veterans service organizations and other veterans groups in developing and promoting peer support programs that facilitate community reintegration of veterans returning from active duty, and for other purposes.

S. 1237

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1237, a bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists.

S. 1262

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1262, a bill to protect students receiving student loans, and for other purposes.

S. 1271

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1271, a bill to provide for a comprehensive national research effort on the physical and mental health and other readjustment needs of the members of the Armed Forces and veterans who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom and their families.

S. 1277

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1277, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify the treatment of payment under the Medicare program for clinical laboratory tests furnished by critical access hospitals.

S. 1324

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1324, a bill to

amend the Clean Air Act to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation fuel sold in the United States.

S. 1335

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1335, a bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to declare English as the official language of the Government of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1346

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1346, a bill to amend conservation and biofuels programs of the Department of Agriculture to promote the compatible goals of economically viable agricultural production and reducing nutrient loads in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries by assisting agricultural producers to make beneficial, cost-effective changes to cropping systems, grazing management, and nutrient management associated with livestock and poultry production, crop production, bioenergy production, and other agricultural practices on agricultural land within the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and for other purposes.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1349, a bill to ensure that the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs provide to members of the Armed Forces and veterans with traumatic brain injury the services that best meet their individual needs, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 29

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 29, a concurrent resolution encouraging the recognition of the Negro Baseball Leagues and their players on May 20th of each year.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 10, 2007, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 10, 2007, at 10

a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 10, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. The purpose of this hearing is to consider the nominations of Joseph Timothy Kelliher, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and R. Lyle Laverty, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 10, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Can the Middle Class Make Ends Meet? Economic Issues for America's Working Families."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, May 10, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. for a "hearing titled "Violent Islamist Extremism: Government Efforts to Defeat It."

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, May 10, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Judicial Nominations" for Thursday, May 10, 2007, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building room 226.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet on Thursday, May 10, 2007, at 9 a.m. for a hearing entitled, "Managing the Department of Homeland Security: A Status Report on Reform Efforts by the Under Secretary for Management."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 1:33 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the

House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 890. An act to establish requirements for lenders and institutions of higher education in order to protect students and other borrowers receiving educational loans.

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

S. Con. Res. 28. Concurrent resolution congratulating the City of Chicago for being chosen to represent the United States in the international competition to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and encouraging the International Olympic Committee to select Chicago as the site of the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 890. An act to establish requirements for lenders and institutions of higher education in order to protect students and other borrowers receiving educational loans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ENCOURAGING THE RECOGNITION OF THE NEGRO BASEBALL LEAGUES AND THEIR PLAYERS ON MAY 20TH OF EACH YEAR

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 29) encouraging the recognition of the Negro Baseball Leagues and their players on May 20th of each year.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the accompanying preamble.

On motion by Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for Mr. BUNNING) to amend the preamble on page 3 by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 1082).

The amendment was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK" AND "OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONAL DAY"

On the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. KLOBUCHAR in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 193) designating the week of May 6 through May 12, 2007, as "North American Occupational Safety and Health Week" and May 9, 2007, as "Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day", submitted today by Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. KENNEDY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF GIAN CARLO MENOTTI AND RECOGNIZING THE SUCCESS OF THE SPOLETO FESTIVAL USA

On the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 68) honoring the life and accomplishments of Gian Carlo Menotti and recognizing the success of the Spoleto Festival USA in Charleston, South Carolina, which he founded, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on April 26, 2007, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IDAHO POTATO COMMISSION AND DESIGNATING "IDAHO POTATO MONTH"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 180) recognizing the 70th anniversary of the Idaho Potato Commission and designating May 2007 as "Idaho Potato Month".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

At 4:26 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2007

Mr. SHERROD BROWN, from the State of Ohio, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. BROWN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 11, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a Senator from the State of Ohio, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. BROWN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 1368. A bill to amend the Denali Commission Act of 1998 to modify the authority of the Commission; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. KYL, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1369. A bill to grant immunity from civil liability to any person who voluntarily notifies appropriate security personnel of suspicious activity believed to threaten transportation safety or security or takes reasonable action to mitigate such activity; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CANTWELL (for himself, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1370. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure more investment and innovation in clean energy technologies; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 1371. A bill to establish a program to award innovation prizes to individuals and entities for researching and developing innovative technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 1372. A bill to provide for a Center for Nanotechnology Research and Engineering; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 1373. A bill to provide grants and loan guarantees for the development and construction of science parks to promote the clustering of innovation through high technology activities; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 1374. A bill to assist States in making voluntary high quality full-day prekindergarten programs available and economically affordable for the families of

all children for at least 1 year preceding kindergarten; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DODD, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1375. A bill to ensure that new mothers and their families are educated about postpartum depression, screened for symptoms, and provided with essential services, and to increase research at the National Institutes of Health on postpartum depression; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE
RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. SMITH):

S. Res. 194. A resolution commemorating the 40th anniversary of the landmark case *In re Gault*, et. al., in which the Supreme Court held that all children accused of delinquent acts and facing a proceeding in which their freedom may be curtailed have a right to counsel in the proceedings against them; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 195. A resolution commending the Oregon State University College of Forestry on the occasion of its centennial; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 329

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 430, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the

60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI], the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] were added as cosponsors of S. 579, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 700

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide a tax credit to individuals who enter into agreements to protect the habitats of endangered and threatened species, and for other purposes.

S. 713

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to ensure dignity in care for members of the Armed Forces recovering from injuries.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 727, a bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 839

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 839, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude amounts received as a military basic housing allowance from consideration as income for purposes of the low-income housing credit and qualified residential rental projects.

S. 919

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr.

LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 919, a bill to reauthorize Department of Agriculture conservation and energy programs and certain other programs of the Department, to modify the operation and administration of these programs, and for other purposes.

S. 921

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 921, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 935

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 935, a bill to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 946

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 946, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to reauthorize the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program, and for other purposes.

S. 994

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 994, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the deductible and change the method of determining the mileage reimbursement rate under the beneficiary travel program administered by the Secretary of Veteran Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 999, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

S. 1019

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. DEMINT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1019, a bill to provide comprehensive reform of the health care system of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1047

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1047, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts paid on behalf of Federal employees and members of the Armed Forces on active

duty under Federal student loan repayment programs.

S. 1173

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1173, a bill to protect, consistent with Roe v. Wade, a woman's freedom to choose to bear a child or terminate a pregnancy, and for other purposes.

S. 1175

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1175, a bill to end the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, and for other purposes.

S. 1204

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1204, a bill to enhance Federal efforts focused on public awareness and education about the risks and dangers associated with Shaken Baby Syndrome.

S. 1224

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] were added as cosponsors of S. 1224, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1237

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1237, a bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists.

S. 1249

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to require the President to close the Department of Defense detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes.

S. 1257

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1257, a bill to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives.

S. 1310

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1310, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of increased

payments for ground ambulance services under the Medicare program.

S. 1323

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1323, a bill to prevent legislative and regulatory functions from being usurped by civil liability actions brought or continued against food manufacturers, marketers, distributors, advertisers, sellers, and trade associations for claims of injury relating to a person's weight gain, obesity, or any health condition associated with weight gain or obesity.

S. 1334

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1334, a bill to amend section 2306 of title 38, United States Code, to make permanent authority to furnish government headstones and markers for graves of veterans at private cemeteries, and for other purposes.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1349, a bill to ensure that the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs provide to members of the Armed Forces and veterans with traumatic brain injury the services that best meet their individual needs, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 192

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 192, a resolution recognizing National Nurses Week on May 6 through May 12, 2007.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:01 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Chiappardi, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1684. An act to authorize appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1873. An act to reauthorize the program and activities of the Small Business Administration relating to procurement, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 1684. An act to authorize appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1873. An act to reauthorize the programs and activities of the Small Business Administration relating to procurement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF
BILL H.R. 2206

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and after the majority leader, concurs with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2206) making emergency supplemental appropriations and additional supplemental appropriations for agricultural and other emergency assistance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF
BILL H.R. 1495

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the motion to proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 1495) provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes, be agreed to; that, on Monday, May 14, 2007, at 3 p.m., the Senate proceed to consider the bill; and that Mrs. BOXER then be recognized to propose an amendment.

ORDER FOR HOUSE BILL TO BE
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate receives from the House the bill (H.R. 2206) making emergency supplemental appropriations and additional supplemental appropriations for agricultural and other emergency assistance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, it be read twice, and placed on the calendar.

COMMEMORATING THE 40TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE
LANDMARK CASE IN RE GAULT

On the request of Mr. REID,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 194) commemorating the 40th anniversary of the landmark case *In re Gault, et. al.*, in which the Supreme Court held that all children accused of delinquent acts and facing a proceeding in which their freedom may be curtailed have a right to counsel in the proceedings against them, submitted today by Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. SMITH), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

Pending debate,

AUTHORITY FOR THE
INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION
ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding an adjournment on today, Senators be authorized to introduce legislation and submit statements, until 2 p.m. on today.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, MAY 14,
2007, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, May 14, 2007; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 3 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, at 3 p.m., the Senate proceed to consider bill H.R. 1495, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 12:08 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, May 14, 2007.

MONDAY, MAY 14, 2007

Mr. MARK L. PRYOR, from the State of Arkansas, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. PRYOR led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 14, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK L. PRYOR, a Senator from the State of Arkansas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. PRYOR took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, May 11, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, May 11, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Friday, May 11, 2007,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-83. A joint resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Maine urging Congress to increase funding for Community Development Block Grants; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas, the primary objective of the Community Development Block Grant program is the development of viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low income and moderate income; and

Whereas, the State of Maine and the Maine entitlement communities receive direct allocations from the Community Development Block Grant program annually for a wide variety of community and economic development activities that principally benefit low-income and moderate-income persons, including the elderly, children and those who are at risk; and

Whereas, in Maine and in communities throughout the nation, 33 years of Community Development Block Grant program funding has developed a strong network of relationships among local governments, residents, businesses and nonprofit organizations; and

Whereas, the Community Development Block Grant program has been cut every year since fiscal year 2001, and President Bush has released his fiscal year 2008 federal budget to Congress proposing only \$2,986,000,000 in formula funding for the Community Development Block Grant program, a reduction of \$736,000,000 from last year that would present a severe hardship to Maine communities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, your Memorialists, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to indicate that this valuable program has made a tremendous contribution to the viability of the housing stock, infrastructure, public services and economic vitality of the State and that we respectfully urge and request that the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by the Community Development Block Grant program by supporting increased funding for the program in fiscal year 2008; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States, to the President of the Senate of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States

and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

POM-84. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan expressing opposition to Norfolk Southern Corporation's proposed sale of its rail lines from Ypsilanti to Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids to Kalamazoo and continuing to the Indiana border; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 56

Whereas, the Norfolk Southern Corporation is considering the sale of its Michigan lines from Grand Rapids to Kalamazoo and from Ypsilanti to Kalamazoo. The Ypsilanti to Kalamazoo line carries the state's busiest high-speed Amtrak train, the Wolverine, which travels from Detroit to Chicago. The Wolverine travels on the Norfolk Southern Railroad's rail corridor from Ypsilanti to Kalamazoo until it connects with Amtrak's own line. Ridership on this line increased six percent in 2006 to 142,185 passengers; and

Whereas, the Ypsilanti to Kalamazoo portion of the Norfolk Southern line is a vital link between Detroit and Chicago. Expanding the high-speed rail capacity on this line is vital to the future development of this area. New industry, including coal energy, bio-diesel, and ethanol fuel plants are proposed for Michigan and specifically along the I-94 corridor located near the Ypsilanti to Kalamazoo rail line. Continued operation of this line by Norfolk Southern is essential to expansion of new industry in this area. Over 150 railroad employees' jobs are associated with the rail traffic along this line; and

Whereas, Norfolk Southern is a Class One railroad operator, earning revenue in excess of \$250 million annually. As a Class One operator, Norfolk Southern has the capacity to maintain and promote the use of these lines. The proposed sale of the Ypsilanti to Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids to Kalamazoo lines will almost certainly place the lines under the management of a Class Three operator, a rail company earning revenue of \$20 million of less annually. A Class Three operator will be far less likely to have the means to maintain the lines, thus increasing the chance of accidents. Class Three operators also rely on federal grants for line and equipment maintenance, grants that are not always guaranteed; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we express opposition to Norfolk Southern's proposed sale of its rail lines from Ypsilanti to Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids to Kalamazoo and continuing to the Indiana border; and be it further

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

United States Department of Transportation, Surface Transportation Board; the Norfolk Southern Corporation; AMTRAK; and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

POM-85. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan urging Congress to restore funding for the Weatherization Assistance Program in fiscal year 2008 and to consider increasing future funding for this important federal program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 36

Whereas, the Federal Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), created in 1976 during the nation's oil crisis and administered by the United States Department of Energy (DOE), provides funding to states to operate programs that pay for weatherization improvements for low-income homes. Weatherization refers to a wide variety of measures and technologies, such as weather stripping, caulking, insulation, and energy-efficient appliances that reduce a building's energy consumption. The WAP is the country's longest running and perhaps most successful energy-efficiency program. During the last 30 years, the WAP has provided weatherization services to more than 5.5 million low-income families; and

Whereas, the WAP is a proven and effective program that helps not only low-income households, but the nation as a whole. The WAP empowers low-income families by enabling them to reduce energy costs and take responsibility for their energy bills. Weatherization reduces heating bills by an average of 31 percent. Low-income families receiving WAP retrofits commonly save about \$200 to \$300 each year in energy costs. In addition to the direct benefits that low-income families receive, a recent study by Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) documents a multitude of indirect benefits to local economies, the nation's energy security, and the environment. These benefits include job creation, increased property values, reduced national energy consumption, and a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions by an average of one ton per weatherized house. The ORNL study concludes that for each \$1 of investment in the WAP program, the nation receives \$3.71 worth of benefits. Surely, no other program receives such bang for its buck; and

Whereas, the effectiveness of the WAP program is threatened by recent DOE funding decisions. The DOE recently cut the Fiscal Year 2007 budget for the WAP by about 16 percent or about \$38 million less than it was a year ago. Local communities and state weatherization directors throughout the nation were dismayed by this decision; and

Whereas, under the Fiscal Year 2007 budget, Michigan is receiving almost \$2

million less than it did a year ago, and it could not have come at a worse time. The state is suffering through disturbingly high unemployment rates and a weakened economy and is in the midst of its most devastating and prolonged economic downturn since the Great Depression. Losing about \$1.9 million in WAP funds and the associated job stimulus that WAP generally provides is a hard pill for the state to swallow; and

Whereas, as the Fiscal Year 2008 federal budget is hammered out, the WAP program should be recognized and celebrated for its immense effectiveness rather than having its budget slashed. Clearly, it is fiscally wise to invest in the energy-saving WAP program; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the President of the United States, the United States Congress, and the United States Department of Energy to restore funding for the Weatherization Assistance Program in Fiscal Year 2008 and to consider increasing future funding for this important federal program; and be it further

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

POM-86. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Montana urging Congress to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act and work toward a permanent solution to compensate states and local governments for lost tax revenue on federal land within Montana; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Whereas, the stability of Montana's economy has historically been dependent on use of our abundant natural resources; and

Whereas, the natural resource harvest has historically contributed billions of dollars to Montana's economy by providing employment opportunities to members of our communities, supporting our business communities, and contributing to the health of our schools; and

Whereas, revenue from industries related to the natural resource harvest has produced taxes for the support of local and state governments; and

Whereas, the amount of money generated by national forests has dropped more than 85% between 1986 and 2005, creating a financial crisis for rural forest communities in Montana and around the country; and

Whereas, Congress passed the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination

Act of 2000 to provide a safety net for these communities, and the purpose of the Act was to stabilize payments to states and counties to help support roads and schools, provide projects that enhance forest ecosystem health, provide employment opportunities, and improve cooperative relationships among federal land management agencies and those who use and care about the lands that the agencies manage; and

Whereas, counties in Montana received more than \$14 million in the last year to maintain schools and roads; and

Whereas, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act has expired; and

Whereas, if the Act is not reauthorized, many counties will suffer severe financial impacts resulting in significant reduction in services, including but not limited to public safety and education: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana:

(1) That the Legislature of the State of Montana urge the U.S. Congress to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 and work toward a permanent solution to compensate states and local governments for lost tax revenue on federal land within Montana.

(2) That the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of State of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Western Governors' Association, and the Montana Congressional Delegation.

POM-87. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging Congress to establish a "Marshall Plan" for the United States automotive industry; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 31

Whereas, at a time when our country's auto sector is facing untold, and often unfair, challenges, it is in our national interest to establish a "Marshall Plan," similar to the plan instituted to jump-start the decimated post-WWII European economy, to help accelerate the domestic production of alternative fuel and advanced technology vehicles. Providing assistance to the automobile manufacturers and auto parts suppliers to dramatically accelerate the domestic production of alternative fuel and advanced technology (hybrid, clean diesel, and fuel cell) vehicles and their key components is of paramount importance to our entire economy; and

Whereas, only through action of the federal government could a comprehensive plan be developed to help retain and create tens of

thousands of jobs for American workers, and assure that American companies are producing the cars and trucks of the future right here in the United States. Providing the opportunity for the automotive sector to retool and expand existing facilities, and helping to make sure that there is a level playing field among all automotive companies with respect to corporate taxes and health care costs, will produce tremendous benefits for years to come; and

Whereas, indeed, a Marshall Plan would have any number of direct and indirect benefits. It would reduce our dependence on foreign oil, thereby reducing our dangerous reliance on foreign oil and increasing our energy security. It would also improve the environment by reducing global warming emissions. The plan would further generate additional revenue for federal, state, and local governments because of the jobs that would be created for American workers. Moreover, it would benefit consumers through lower costs for flex fuel and advanced technology vehicles, and lower overall fuel costs. Finally, the plan would help corporate profitability and help ensure that workers and retirees receive the health care and retirement benefits they have earned; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States to establish a "Marshall Plan" for the United States automotive industry; and be it further

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

POM-88. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging Congress to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program for the State of Michigan; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 50

Whereas, the House of Representatives regard the health of our children to be of paramount importance to families in our state. Poor child health is a threat to educational achievement as well as the social and psychological well-being of the children of our state; and

Whereas, the members of the Michigan Legislature consider protecting the health of our children to be essential to improving the lives of our youngest citizens and the quality of life in this state. The Michigan SCHIP program, which has enrolled uninsured children since its inception, is an integral part of the arrangements for health benefits for the children of the State of Michigan. We recognize the value of the Michigan SCHIP

in preserving child wellness, preventing and treating childhood disease, and improving health outcomes, including overall health costs; and

Whereas, the federal funding available to the State of Michigan through SCHIP is an invaluable source of funding to provide health benefits for children of modest means. Furthermore, we encourage all components of state government to work with educators, health care providers, social workers, and parents to ensure that all available public and private assistance to provide health benefits for uninsured children be garnered and used to the maximum extent; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the United States Congress to ensure timely reauthorization of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) to assure federal funding for Michigan SCHIP; and be it further

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

POM-89. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Georgia urging Congress to continue to press for strong measures to end the violence in Sudan and urging the Securities and Exchange Commission to provide guidance to public pension fund managers in order to avoid investments which may be supporting nations involved in the support of terrorism or human rights violations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 273

Whereas, Sudan's government and southern rebels have come to an historic, long-awaited agreement that ends Africa's longest civil war and brings hope to millions of exiled Sudanese yearning to return home; and

Whereas, continued violence in the troubled region of Darfur, Sudan, previously described by the Bush administration as genocide, casts a shadow over the agreement that does not cover the Darfur conflict; and

Whereas, the government of Sudan appears to have sponsored a militia composed of a loose collection of fighters, apparently of Arab background, known as the "Janjaweed"; and with the active support of the regular army, the Janjaweed have attacked villages and committed numerous human rights violations; and

Whereas, the humanitarian consequences of the situation in Darfur are grave, with an estimated over 100,000 innocent civilians brutally murdered; and according to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees 2004 statistics, 662,302 people have been internally

displaced and 730,650 people have been forced from their homes to flee to neighboring countries; and

Whereas, the citizens of the State of Georgia abhor this violence and desire that their tax dollars neither directly nor indirectly support these human rights violations through investment in companies aiding the government of Sudan in these acts of terror; and

Whereas, the United States Congress established the Office of Global Security Risk in the Securities and Exchange Commission to provide information to United States investors, including public pension plans, to ascertain whether their funds are invested in corporations with ties to governments that support terrorism; and

Whereas, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the National Association of State Retirement Administrators, the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers, and the National Council on Teacher Retirement have joined in urging the Securities and Exchange Commission to assist investors by requiring companies to disclose business conducted in states designated by the State Department as sponsoring terrorism: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the President, the United States Congress, the United Nations, and the African Union are urged to continue to work with the international community to press the government of Sudan to halt these ongoing human rights violations; and be it further

Resolved, That the Securities and Exchange Commission is urged to issue guidance to public pension fund managers so that the state may be assured that its funds are not invested in companies that are not in compliance with relevant U.S. laws and are not contributing to terrorism; be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States, the Clerk of the Senate of the United States, each member of the Georgia delegation to the Congress of the United States, Christopher Cox, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, the Secretary General of the United Nations, and the President of the African Union.

POM-90. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Massachusetts commending Taiwan on its contributions to promote world health; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, good health is essential to every person and access to the highest standards of health information and services is necessary to improve public health, especially in view of such world health crises as HIV/AIDS,

severe acute respiratory syndrome, Avian flu, Tuberculosis and Malaria; and

Whereas, public health knows neither borders nor politics; and

Whereas, there is a genuine need to improve management and surveillance, foster communications and improve laboratory capabilities among nations; and

Whereas, the World Health Organization set forth, in the first chapter of its charter, the objective of attaining the highest possible level of health for all people; and

Whereas, Taiwan's achievements in the field of health are substantial including, having one of the highest life expectancy levels in Asia, maternal and infant mortality rates comparable to those of western countries, having eradicated diseases such as cholera, smallpox and the plague and being the first to eradicate polio and providing children with Hepatitis-B vaccinations; and

Whereas, Taiwan's population of 23.5 million is larger than that of three-quarters of the member states in the World Health Organization; and

Whereas, the great potential of cross-borderspread of diseases has made it crucial for all countries, including Taiwan, to have direct and unobstructed access to information and assistance from the World Health Organization in order to successfully limit the spread of various infectious diseases and achieve world health; and

Whereas, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and its Taiwanese counterpart have enjoyed close collaboration on a wide range of public health issues and concerns; and

Whereas, Taiwan has been eagerly and voluntarily assisting, financially and technically, in international health activities supported by the World Health Organization and donating generously to disaster areas; and

Whereas, in 2001, President George W. Bush and senior members of his administration vocalized support for Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization; and

Whereas, in 2002, the European Parliament called on the World Health assembly to accept observer status for Taiwan, and its member states to support the application of Taiwan as an observer to the World Health Organization; and

Whereas, in 2002, the United States House of Representatives and Senate authorized the Secretary of State to endorse observer status for Taiwan at the World Health assembly; and

Whereas, in 2002, the United States House of Representatives passed H.R. 441, entitled "WHO for Taiwan", in support of Taiwan's participation as an observer in the World Health Organization; Now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Massachusetts General Court hereby commends the Republic of

China, Taiwan, on its many contributions to promote world health and supports its application as an observer to the World Health Organization; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted forthwith by the Clerk of the Senate to President George W. Bush, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation, President Chen Shui-Bian on behalf of the 23 million citizens of Taiwan, the Director-General of the World Health Organization and Director-General Kuo-Tung Yang of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston.

POM-91. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Pennsylvania designating April 24, 2007, as "Pennsylvania's Day of Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 25

Whereas, one and one-half million men, women and children of Armenian descent were victims of the brutal genocide perpetrated by the Turkish Ottoman Empire from 1915 to 1923; and

Whereas, the Armenian genocide and massacres of the Armenian people have been recognized as an attempt to eliminate all traces of a thriving and noble civilization more than 3,000 years old; and

Whereas, revisionists still inexplicably deny the existence of these horrific events; and

Whereas, modern Turkey continues to deny and distort the facts of the Armenian genocide and honors the perpetrators of that crime against humanity as national heroes; and

Whereas, before the implementation of the Holocaust of European Jews, in order to encourage his followers, Adolf Hitler asked, "Who remembers the Armenians?"; and

Whereas, by consistently remembering and openly condemning the atrocities committed against the Armenians, Pennsylvanians affirm the need for constant vigilance to prevent similar atrocities in the future; and

Whereas, the Armenian people have not received reparations for their losses; and

Whereas, recognition of the 92nd anniversary of the Armenian genocide and education about past horrors is crucial to ensuring against future genocide; and

Whereas, Armenia is now a free and independent republic, having embraced democracy following nearly 70 years of oppressive Soviet domination; and

Whereas, Armenian Americans living in Pennsylvania have greatly enriched this Commonwealth through their leadership in business, agriculture, academia, government and the arts; Therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania designate April 24, 2007, as "Pennsylvania's Day of Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923"; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to the Pennsylvania congressional delegation and to the Armenian National Committee of Pennsylvania.

POM-92. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Pennsylvania urging the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee of the United States Postal Service to issue a commemorative stamp honoring coal miners; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 197

Whereas, our entire nation owes our coal miners a great deal more than we could ever repay them for the difficult and dangerous job which they perform so that we can have the fuel we need to operate our industries and to heat our homes; and

Whereas, coal mining is as much a culture as it is an industry; and

Whereas, coal miners sacrifice life and limb for little recognition, and it would be proper and fitting for our nation to recognize our coal miners, past and present, for their contributions: Therefore be it

Resolved, That the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee of the United States Postal Service to issue a commemorative stamp honoring our coal miners and their contributions to our nation and its citizens; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be delivered to the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, c/o Stamp Development, United States Postal Service, 1735 North Lynn Street, Room 5013, Arlington, VA 22209-6432, to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-93. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Montana opposing the relaxation of mail delivery standards under consideration by the President's Commission on the U.S. Postal Service; requesting that the U.S. Postal Service maintain current levels of service; and requesting that the U.S. Postal Service maintain current overnight delivery standards and not centralize Montana's mail sorting operations; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Whereas, the United States Postal Service, founded in 1775, provides dependable,

affordable mail service to Montana communities; and

Whereas, the United States Postal Service remains an important part of the nation's economic infrastructure through which nearly \$1 trillion of economic activity is conducted each year and in which 9 million people are employed; and

Whereas, many Montanans, especially in rural areas, do not have easy access to the Internet or to electronic banking and bill paying and are heavily dependent on the United States Postal Service for communication and conducting business transactions; and

Whereas, Americans currently enjoy the most extensive postal service at the lowest postage rates of any major industrialized nation in the world; and

Whereas, the President's Commission on the United States Postal Service has recommended changes to postal operations that could sever postal employees from federal employee health, retirement, and workers' compensation programs and has recommended repeal of laws that could pave the way toward reducing rank-and-file wages and benefits while simultaneously eliminating the current salary cap on executive level postal positions; and

Whereas, the Commission has recommended a new Presidentially appointed, corporate-style board of directors and a new postal regulatory board and has proposed giving these new politically appointed governing bodies broad authority to set rates; and

Whereas, the Commission has proposed to refine the scope of the United States Postal Service's "universal service" obligation and uniform rate structure and change and restrict the scope of services currently protected under postal monopoly regulations; and

Whereas, the new board's broad authority could allow post offices to be closed and prices to be set with a complicated postage rate structure or could turn over postal operations to private, for-profit enterprises; and

Whereas, replacing the United States Postal Service's public service obligation with a profit-seeking mandate would undermine the United States Postal Service's historical "universal service" obligation and weaken its national infrastructure; and

Whereas, in the interim period prior to legislated postal reform, the United States Postal Service may move forward with initiatives to close postal facilities in Montana; and

Whereas, the United States Postal Service is requesting that the United States Postal Rate Commission investigate relaxation of overnight delivery standards; and

Whereas, the United States Postal Service could consolidate the processing of mail in Montana, including moving all Helena

outgoing mail-sorting operations to Great Falls; and

Whereas, this consolidation would not serve the public's best interest because of the decrease in productivity compared to the current processing of mail in Helena; and

Whereas, the consolidation could result in the elimination of the agency's current obligation to deliver local mail overnight and could relax other mail delivery standards across Montana; and

Whereas, the economy of the Helena area would be negatively impacted as a result of the relaxation of overnight delivery standards; and

Whereas, the public health and the public services provided by state agencies would be negatively impacted as a result of the relaxation of overnight delivery standards: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana, That the Montana Legislature urges the President, the Congress of the United States, and the United States Postal Service to continue to maintain affordable, dependable mail service at current levels because of its social and economic importance to our nation; and Be it further

Resolved, That any recommendation from the President's Commission on the United States Postal Service or the United States Postal Rate Commission that curtails public services in the current postal service be rejected; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of the State of Montana opposes any changes that would harm the public and workers of the United States Postal Service, including legislated or United States Postal Service initiatives to close or consolidate postal facilities, relax overnight delivery standards, centralize mail-sorting operations, take away or modify the collective bargaining system of postal workers, or change the current bargaining system for employee benefits; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent by the Secretary of State to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, the Postmaster General of the United States Postal Service, the United States Postal Rate Commission, the President's Commission on the United States Postal Service, the Committee on Ways and Means, the Committee on Rules, and the Committee on the Budget of the United States House of Representatives, the Budget Committee of the United States Senate, and each member of the Montana Congressional Delegation.

POM-94. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan urging

Congress to enact the Second Chance Act to help juvenile and adult ex-offenders to successfully reenter their communities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 45

Whereas, the transition from confinement to release presents both great risks and opportunities for young ex-offenders and the communities in which they live. Unsuccessful transitions into the community can result in an alarmingly high recidivism rate for offenders. Effective reentry programs can reduce recidivism rates by providing the necessary support and resources to guide ex-offenders through a successful transition from confinement to community life; and

Whereas, comprehensive reentry programs are especially effective among young people. With their development still in progress, young ex-offenders are more amenable to effective behavior modification interventions, thus saving lives, anguish, and public tax dollars. An example of an effective program that reduces recidivism is Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care (MTFC). This program provides services to youth and their families to assist in the transition from confinement to reentry into the community. MTFC includes ongoing supervision, frequent contact, and coordination of services with the youth's probation officer, teachers, and other involved adults. Studies show that youths in MTFC were less likely to turn back to crime compared to ex-offenders in residential group homes; and

Whereas, research-based reentry programs such as MTFC not only reduce crime, but they are also cost effective. Currently, many young people are released unconditionally when they "age-out" of juvenile court jurisdiction and are not provided access to family reunification or aftercare services. Such unconditional releases increase the likelihood that ex-offenders will return to crime. MTFC and similar programs could save taxpayers thousands of dollars and could save innocent people the heartache of suffering from a criminal attack; and

Whereas, the Second Chance Act calls for an authorization of around \$200 million over two years to assist ex-offenders in making a successful transition from confinement to release into the community. The United States Department of Justice would administer demonstration grants to states and local governments to provide and coordinate reentry programs for juvenile and adult offenders. This legislation includes family reunification services, job training, education, housing, and substance abuse and mental health services. This legislation would establish a federal interagency task force on offender reentry, provide research on reentry, and create a national resource center to collect and disseminate information on best

practices in offender reentry: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the United States Congress to enact the Second Chance Act to help juvenile and adult ex-offenders to successfully reenter their communities; and be it further

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 1376. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and expand the drug discount program under section 340B of such Act to improve the provision of discounts on drug purchases for certain safety net providers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 1377. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the City of Henderson, Nevada, certain Federal land located in the City, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 1378. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the distribution of the drug dextromethorphan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1379. A bill to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to strike the exception to the residency requirements for United States attorneys; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself and Mr. ALLARD):

S. 1380. A bill to designate as wilderness certain land within the Rocky Mountain National Park and to adjust the boundaries of the Indian Peaks Wilderness and the Arapaho National Recreation Area of the Arapaho National Forest in the State of Colorado; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 1381. A bill to require the Federal Trade Commission to monitor and investigate gasoline prices under certain circumstances; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REID:

S. 1382. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 1383. A bill to reduce the disparity in punishment between crack and powder cocaine offenses, to more broadly focus the punishment for drug offenders on the seriousness of the offense and the culpability of the offender, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 1384. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal authority for adjustments to per diem payments to homeless veterans service centers for receipt of other sources of income, to extend authorities for certain programs to benefit homeless veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 1385. A bill to designate the United States courthouse facility located at 301 North Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida, as the "C. Clyde Atkins United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. REED:

S. 1386. A bill to amend the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, to provide better assistance to low- and moderate-income families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1387. A bill to amend the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 to provide for greenhouse gases; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1388. A bill to establish a commercial truck highway safety demonstration program in the State of Maine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1389. A bill to authorize the National Science Foundation to establish a Climate Change Education Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. CRAIG):

S. Res. 196. A resolution commending Idaho on winning the bid to host the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. STEVENS, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. Res. 197. A resolution honoring the accomplishments of AmeriCorps; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KOHL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SPECTER, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. Res. 198. A resolution designating May 15, 2007, as "National MPS Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 21

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 21, a bill to expand access to preventive health care services that help reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce abortions, and improve access to women's health care.

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 22, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 160

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 160, a bill to provide for compensation to the Lower Brule and Crow Creek Sioux Tribes of South Dakota for damage to tribal land caused by Pick-Sloan projects along the Missouri River.

S. 223

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 223, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 423, a bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2007, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.

S. 573

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 573, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 579, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, *supra*.

S. 609

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 609, a bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

S. 673

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 673, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide credits for the installation of wind energy property, including by rural homeowners, farmers, ranchers, and small businesses, and for other purposes.

S. 691

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the benefits under the Medicare program for beneficiaries with kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 739

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 739, a bill to provide disadvantaged children with access to dental services.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to establish a competitive grant program to build capacity in veterinary medical education and expand the workforce of veterinarians engaged in public health practice and biomedical research.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 823

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] were added as cosponsors of S. 823, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to facilitating the development of microbicides for preventing transmission of HIV/AIDS and other diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 871

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] were added as cosponsors of S. 871, a bill to establish and provide for the treatment of Individual Development Accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 881

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 881, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 941

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 941, a bill to increase Federal support for Community Health Centers and the National Health Service Corps in order to ensure access to health care for millions of Americans living in medically-underserved areas.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 969, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the definition of supervisor.

S. 971

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 971, a bill to establish the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, to provide funding for the support of fundamental agricultural research of the highest quality, and for other purposes.

S. 973

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 973, a bill to amend the Mandatory Victims' Restitution Act to improve restitution for victims of crime, and for other purposes.

S. 1026

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1026, a bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia, as the "Charlie Norwood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

S. 1060

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1060, a bill to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, and for other purposes.

S. 1113

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1113, a bill to facilitate the provision of care and services for members of the Armed Forces for traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes.

S. 1161

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] were added as cosponsors of S. 1161, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize the expansion of medicare coverage of medical nutrition therapy services.

S. 1164

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1164, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve patient access to, and utilization of, the colorectal cancer screening benefit under the Medicare Program.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue

Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit through 2013, and for other purposes.

S. 1252

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1252, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for uniformity in the awarding of disability ratings for wounds or injuries incurred by members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 1257

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1257, a bill to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives.

S. 1267

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1267, a bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

S. 1277

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1277, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify the treatment of payment under the Medicare program for clinical laboratory tests furnished by critical access hospitals.

S. 1287

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1287, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an offset against income tax refunds to pay for State judicial debts that are past-due.

S. 1299

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1299, a bill to establish on behalf of consumers a fiduciary duty and other standards of care for mortgage brokers and originators, and to establish standards to assess a consumer's ability to repay, and for other purposes.

S. 1313

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1313, a bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide relief for servicemembers with

respect to contracts for cellular phone service, and for other purposes.

S. 1328

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1328, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships.

S. 1332

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1332, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs.

S. 1346

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1346, a bill to amend conservation and biofuels programs of the Department of Agriculture to promote the compatible goals of economically viable agricultural production and reducing nutrient loads in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries by assisting agricultural producers to make beneficial, cost-effective changes to cropping systems, grazing management, and nutrient management associated with livestock and poultry production, crop production, bioenergy production, and other agricultural practices on agricultural land within the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and for other purposes.

S. 1354

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1354, a bill to amend the definition of a law enforcement officer under subchapter III of chapter 83 and chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, respectively, to ensure the inclusion of certain positions.

S. 1355

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1355, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat spaceports like airports under the exempt facility bond rules.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 3

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 3, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that it is the goal of the United States that, not later than January 1, 2025, the agricultural, forestry, and working land of the

United States should provide from renewable resources not less than 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States and continue to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, feed, and fiber.

SENATE RESOLUTION 171

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 171, a resolution memorializing fallen firefighters by lowering the United States flag to half-staff on the day of the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

SENATE RESOLUTION 191

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 191, a resolution establishing a national goal for the universal deployment of next-generation broadband networks to access the Internet and for other uses by 2015, and calling upon Congress and the President to develop a strategy, enact legislation, and adopt policies to accomplish this objective.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2082. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2206. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations and additional supplemental appropriations for agricultural and other emergency assistance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 2082. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Intelligence.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 2206. Making emergency supplemental appropriations and additional supplemental appropriations for agricultural and other emergency assistance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

Pursuant to the order of Friday, May 11, 2007, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WEBB in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1495) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. ISAKSON) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1065, in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mrs. BOXER for Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. GREGG, Mr. SUNUNU, and Mr. DEMINT) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title II, subtitle A, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1086).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. REID) to amend the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1097).

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. DODD, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. LEAHY) to amend the pending amendment, at the appropriate place, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1098).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. COBURN to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on various pages and lines, striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 1089).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. COBURN to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 11, various lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 1090).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That any motion to bring to a close debate presented on tomorrow on amendments numbered 1097 and 1098 be deemed to have been presented on today, prior to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1348 having been made.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate resumes consideration of bill H.R. 1495 on tomorrow, the time until 11:45 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between Mrs. BOXER and Mr. COBURN, or their designees, on the pending amendment No. 1090; and that, at 11:45 a.m., the Senate vote in relation to said amendment, with no intervening action or debate.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1348

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1348) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1348, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1348:

BARBARA BOXER, HARRY REID, PATRICK LEAHY, CARL LEVIN, JACK REED, DICK DURBIN, D. INOUE, BARBARA MIKULSKI, ROBERT MENENDEZ, AMY KLOBUCHAR, DANIEL K. AKAKA, MARIA CANTWELL, JEFF BINGAMAN, KEN SALAZAR, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, CHRISTOPHER DODD, EDWARD KENNEDY.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived; and that the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion on Wednesday, May 16, 2007, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader.

Mr. REID thereupon withdrew the motion to proceed.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 192) recognizing National Nurses Week on May 6 through May 12, 2007.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL MPS AWARENESS DAY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 198) designating May 15, 2007, as "National MPS Awareness Day", submitted today by Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KOHL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SPECTER, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. STEVENS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMEMORATING THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE AMERICAN HELLENIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 71) commemorating the 85th Anniversary of the founding of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), a leading association for the Nation's 1.3 million American citizens of Greek ancestry, and Philhellenes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business; that the first 30 minutes therein be controlled by the majority leader, or his designee, and the second 30 minutes therein be controlled by the minority leader, or his designee; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1495, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 5:30 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2007

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. TESTER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 15, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. TESTER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Journal of the proceedings of the
Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The morning hour being deemed expired,
and the times for the recognition of the two
leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Senate proceeded to a period of 60
minutes for the transaction of morning
business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President
of the United States was transmitted to the
Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries:

REPORT CERTIFYING THAT THE
EXPORT TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
CHINA OF CERTAIN MATERIALS IS NOT
DETRIMENTAL TO THE U.S. SPACE
LAUNCH INDUSTRY AND THAT THE
MATERIAL WILL NOT MEASURABLY
IMPROVE THE MISSILE OR SPACE
LAUNCH CAPABILITIES OF THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA—PM 13

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the
Senate the following message from the
President of the United States, together with
an accompanying report; which was referred
to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the provisions of
section 1512 of the Strom Thurmond
National Defense Authorization Act for
Fiscal Year 1999 (Public Law 105-261), I
hereby certify that the export to the People's
Republic of China of the following items is
not detrimental to the U.S. space launch
industry, and that the material and equipment,
including any indirect technical benefit that
could be derived from such exports, will not
measurably improve the missile or space
launch capabilities of the People's Republic
of China:

A four-axis filament winding machine for
production of spare parts for China's water
purification and treatment industries;

A computer control system upgrade to a
three-axis filament winding machine for
production of spare parts for China's water
purification and treatment industries;

An isostatic press for manufacturing
automotive spare parts; and

A four-axis filament winding machine to be
used in production of graphite or glass
composite golf clubs.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, May 15, 2007.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report a of committee was
submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on
the Judiciary, with amendments:

S. 119. A bill to prohibit profiteering and
fraud relating to military action, relief, and
reconstruction efforts, and for other purposes
(Rept. No. 110-66).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read
the first and, by unanimous consent, second
times, and referred, placed on the calendar,
held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr.
VITTER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WEBB, and
Mrs. DOLE):

S. 1390. A bill to provide for the issuance
of a "forever stamp" to honor the sacrifices of
the brave men and women of the armed
forces who have been awarded the Purple
Heart; to the Committee on Homeland
Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for
himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1391. A bill to amend the Elementary
and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to
authorize the Secretary of Education to award
grants for the support of full-service
community schools, and for other purposes;
to the Committee on Health, Education,
Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 1392. A bill to increase the authorization
for the major medical facility project to
consolidate the medical centers of the
Department of Veterans Affairs at the
University Drive and H. John Heinz III
divisions, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; to the
Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself,
Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1393. A bill to amend the Immigration
and Nationality Act to prescribe the binding
oath or affirmation of renunciation and
allegiance required to be naturalized as a
citizen of the United States, to encourage and
support the efforts of prospective citizens of
the United States to become citizens, and for
other purposes; to the Committee on the
Judiciary.

By Mr. STABENOW (for herself, Mr.
VOINOVICH, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LEVIN,
and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1394. A bill to amend the Internal
Revenue Code of 1986, to exclude from gross
income of individual taxpayers discharges of
indebtedness attributable to certain forgiven

residential mortgage obligations; to the
Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mrs.
MCCASKILL):

S. 1395. A bill to prevent unfair practices
in credit card accounts, and for other
purposes; to the Committee on Banking,
Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ISAKSON:

S. 1396. A bill to authorize a major medical
facility project to modernize inpatient wards
at the Department of Veterans Affairs
Medical Center in Atlanta, Georgia; to the
Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr.
HAGEL, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr.
VOINOVICH):

S. 1397. A bill to increase the allocation of
visas for certain highly skilled workers and to
reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa
programs for aliens working temporarily in
the United States; to the Committee on the
Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr.
COCHRAN):

S. 1398. A bill to expand the research and
prevention activities of the National Institute
of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney
Diseases, and the Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention with respect to inflammatory
bowel disease; to the Committee on Health,
Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. 1399. A bill to amend the Internal
Revenue Code of 1986 to combine the Hope
Scholarship Credit and the deduction for
qualified tuition and related expenses into a
refundable college affordability and creating
chances for educational success for students
(ACCESS) credit, to establish an Early
Federal Pell Grant Commitment
Demonstration Program, and to increase the
maximum Federal Pell Grant Award; to the
Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr.
ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BURR,
Mr. ISAKSON, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 1400. A bill to amend the Higher
Education Act of 1965 to improve the
information and repayment options to student
borrowers, and for other purposes; to the
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and
Pensions.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr.
ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BURR,
Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. ROBERTS, and Ms.
MURKOWSKI):

S. 1401. A bill to improve the National
Student Loan Data System; to the Committee
on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 1402. A bill to amend the Investment
Advisors Act of 1940, with respect to the
exemption to registration requirements; to the
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban
Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. CONRAD, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1403. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to provide incentives for the production of bioenergy crops; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 1404. A bill to provide for Congressional authority with respect to certain acquisitions, mergers, and takeovers under the Defense Production Act of 1950; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. Res. 199. A resolution calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Dr. Haleh Esfandiari; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. Res. 200. A resolution commending Louisiana jockeys for their continued success in the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. Res. 201. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "National Life Insurance Awareness Month"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. Res. 202. A resolution designating the period beginning on May 14, 2007, and ending on May 18, 2007, as "National Health Information Technology Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 117

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 117, a bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and services for members of the Armed Forces, veterans of the Global War on Terrorism, and other veterans, to require reports on the effects of the Global War on Terrorism, and for other purposes.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States.

S. 206

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 206, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 430, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 469

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

S. 506

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 506, a bill to improve efficiency in the Federal Government through the use of high-performance green buildings, and for other purposes.

S. 545

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 545, a bill to improve consumer access to passenger vehicle loss data held by insurers.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 579, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 625

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 625, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S. 661

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 661, a bill to establish kinship navigator programs, to establish guardianship

assistance payments for children, and for other purposes.

S. 667

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 667, a bill to expand programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse and neglect prevention, and early identification of developmental and health delays, including potential mental health concerns, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 667, supra.

S. 694

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 694, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of light motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 755

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 755, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require States to provide diabetes screening tests under the Medicaid program for adult enrollees with diabetes risk factors, to ensure that States offer a comprehensive package of benefits under that program for individuals with diabetes, and for other purposes.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 805, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa in the effort to achieve internationally recognized goals in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other major diseases and the reduction of maternal and child mortality by improving human health care capacity and improving retention of medical health professionals in sub-Saharan Africa, and for other purposes.

S. 807

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK] and the Senator from Louisiana

[Mr. VITTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 807, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 to provide that manure shall not be considered to be a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

S. 824

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 824, a bill to amend Public Law 106-348 to extend the authorization for establishing a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 831

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 831, a bill to authorize States and local governments to prohibit the investment of State assets in any company that has a qualifying business relationship with Sudan.

S. 845

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 845, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to expand and intensify programs with respect to research and related activities concerning elder falls.

S. 866

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 866, a bill to provide for increased planning and funding for health promotion programs of the Department of Health and Human Services.

S. 897

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 897, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide more help to Alzheimer's disease caregivers.

S. 898

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 898, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to fund breakthroughs in Alzheimer's disease research while providing more help to caregivers and increasing public education about prevention.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL] were added as cosponsors of S. 901, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

S. 902

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 902, a bill to provide support and assistance for families of members of the National Guard and Reserve who are undergoing deployment, and for other purposes.

S. 921

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 921, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 935

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 935, a bill to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 980

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 980, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to address online pharmacies.

S. 988

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 988, a bill to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

S. 991

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 991, a bill to establish the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation under the authorities of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] were added as cosponsors of S. 999, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

S. 1136

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1136, a bill to

promote the economic security and safety of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and for other purposes.

S. 1155

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1155, a bill to treat payments under the Conservation Reserve Program as rentals from real estate.

S. 1175

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1175, a bill to end the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, and for other purposes.

S. 1226

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1226, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish programs to improve the quality, performance, and delivery of pediatric care.

S. 1232

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1232, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to develop a voluntary policy for managing the risk of food allergy and anaphylaxis in schools, to establish school-based food allergy management grants, and for other purposes.

S. 1237

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] were added as cosponsors of S. 1237, a bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists.

S. 1257

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1257, a bill to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives.

S. 1259

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1259, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance for developing countries to promote quality basic education and to establish the achievement of universal basic education in all developing countries as an objective of United States foreign assistance policy, and for other purposes.

S. 1263

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms.

MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1263, a bill to protect the welfare of consumers by prohibiting price gouging with respect to gasoline and petroleum distillates during natural disasters and abnormal market disruptions, and for other purposes.

S. 1310

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1310, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of increased payments for ground ambulance services under the Medicare program.

S. 1328

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1328, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships.

S. 1332

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1332, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs.

S. 1350

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1350, a bill to amend title II of the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform the diversity visa program and create a program that awards visas to aliens with an advanced degree.

S. 1351

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1351, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy and to protect against potential visa fraud and abuse.

S. 1359

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1359, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance public and health professional awareness and understanding of lupus and to strengthen the Nation's research efforts to identify the causes and cure of lupus.

S. 1379

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1379, a bill to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to strike the exception to the residency requirements for United States attorneys.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1386

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1386, a bill to amend the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, to provide better assistance to low- and moderate-income families, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 118

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 118, a resolution urging the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt.

SENATE RESOLUTION 197

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 197, a resolution honoring the accomplishments of AmeriCorps.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 15, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at 10 a.m. in Room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, May 15, 2007, at 10 a.m. for a hearing titled "Equal Representation in

Congress: Providing Voting Rights to the District of Columbia."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Preserving Prosecutorial Independence: Is the Department of Justice Politicizing the Hiring and Firing of U.S. Attorneys?—Part IV" on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building room 226.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 15, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT AND AGING

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions' Subcommittee on Retirement and Aging, be authorized to meet to hold a hearing on Alzheimer's disease during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at 10 a.m. in room 628 of the Senate Dirksen Office building.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1124. An act to extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999.

H.R. 1260. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6301 Highway 58 in Harrison, Tennessee, as the "Claude Ramsey Post Office".

H.R. 1335. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 508 East Main Street in Seneca, South Carolina, as the "S/Sgt Lewis G. Watkins Post Office Building".

H.R. 1617. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 561 Kingsland Avenue in University City, Missouri, as the "Harriet F. Woods Post Office Building".

H.R. 2025. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11033 South State Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Willye B. White Post Office Building".

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 1260. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at

6301 Highway 58 in Harrison, Tennessee, as the "Claude Ramsey Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1335. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 508 East Main Street in Seneca, South Carolina, as the "S Sgt Lewis G. Watkins Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1617. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 561 Kingsland Avenue in University City, Missouri, as the "Harriett F. Woods Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2025. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11033 South State Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Willye B. White Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 1124. An act to extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1495) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1090, proposed by Mr. COBURN, to amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of substitute) to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 12, nays... 77

[Rollcall Vote No. 163 Leg.]

YEAS --- 12

Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Ensign, Feingold, Gregg, Lott, Lugar, Sessions, Smith, Sununu.

NAYS --- 77

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1089, proposed by Mr. COBURN, to amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That, at 2:15 p.m. today, Mr. CARDIN be recognized to propose an amendment numbered 1072; that there be 5 minutes for debate thereon to be controlled by Mr. CARDIN; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the amendment be withdrawn.

Ordered further, That the question then recur on agreeing to amendment No. 1089; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; that, upon disposition of the amendment, the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 1086; that there be 5 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; and that no intervening amendments be in order to the amendments, prior to the votes.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That the following be recognized to speak as in morning business: Mr. DODD, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. LEVIN; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate recess, as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1089, proposed by Mr. COBURN, to amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of substitute) to the bill.

After debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:54 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1495.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1089 to amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CARDIN,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the order of today, it be in order for him to propose an amendment numbered 1071 in lieu of amendment No. 1072.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CARDIN,

Ordered, That the pending amendments be laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

On motion by Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. DODD) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title V, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1071).

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified, The amendment was withdrawn.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1089 to amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. COBURN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 11, nays... 79

[Rollcall Vote No. 164 Leg.]

YEAS --- 11

Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Craig, Crapo, Ensign, Hutchison, Kyl, Smith, Sununu.

NAYS --- 79

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Dodd, Dorgan, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Inhofe, Inouye,

Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1086 to amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 22, nays... 69

[Rollcall Vote No. 165 Leg.]

YEAS --- 22

Allard, Bingaman, Burr, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coburn, Collins, Corker, Dodd, Ensign, Feingold, Gregg, Kohl, Landrieu, Lieberman, McCaskill, Nelson (FL), Sanders, Sununu, Voinovich, Webb.

NAYS --- 69

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bond, Boxer, Bunning, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Conrad, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, Dorgan, Enzi, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kyl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Salazar, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Warner, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1098, proposed by Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. DODD, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. HARKIN), to amendment No. 1097, proposed by Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. REID), to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KERRY,

Ordered, That there be 2.5 hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Mr. KERRY and Mr. INHOFE, or their designees, on an amendment to be proposed by Mr. KERRY; that Mr. INHOFE be recognized for the first 10 minutes therein; that no second-degree amendments be in order to the amendment; that, upon

conclusion of debate, but not earlier than 5:35 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; and that, if the Senate fails to agree to the amendment with a minimum of 60 yeas votes, the amendment be withdrawn, with no further intervening action or debate.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1098 to amendment No. 1097 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CARPER, Mr. REED, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. CANTWELL, and Ms. SNOWE) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in title II, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1094).

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 51, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 166 Leg.]

YEAS --- 51

Akaka, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Gregg, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Sununu, Tester, Warner, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 42

Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Roberts, Salazar, Sessions, Shelby, Stevens, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Webb.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yeas votes, as pursuant to the order of today).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment No. 1094, not having received 60 yeas votes, was withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1098 to amendment No. 1097 to the language proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of a substitute).

U.S. TROOP READINESS,
VETERANS' CARE, KATRINA
RECOVERY, AND IRAQ
ACCOUNTABILITY
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 2206) making emergency supplemental appropriations and additional supplemental appropriations for agricultural and other emergency assistance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1123, in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) to amend (perfect) the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) by striking all after the first word and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1124).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending (perfecting) amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending (perfecting) amendment on line 1, by striking all after the word "Constitution" and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1125).

On motion by Mr. REID to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (being designated No. 1126).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend (perfect) the instructions contained in the pending motion to commit by striking all after the first word and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1127).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment on line 1, by striking all after the word "Constitution" and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1128).

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the amendment No. 1123 (in

the nature of a substitute), which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1123 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill:

HARRY REID, DEBBIE STABENOW, D. INOUE, JON TESTER, BILL NELSON, JEFF BINGAMAN, BARBARA BOXER, PATTY MURRAY, FRANK LAUTENBERG, BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, TOM CARPER, CHUCK SCHUMER, MARIA CANTWELL, CARL LEVIN, DANIEL K. AKAKA, TED KENNEDY, AMY KLOBUCHAR.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 2206:

HARRY REID, BARBARA BOXER, JEFF BINGAMAN, PATTY MURRAY, PATRICK LEAHY, CARL LEVIN, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, D. INOUE, BYRON L. DORGAN, BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, MAX BAUCUS, BILL NELSON, CHUCK SCHUMER, DEBBIE STABENOW, RICHARD J. DURBIN, DANIEL K. AKAKA, JACK REED.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1123 (in the nature of a substitute) one hour after the Senate convenes on Thursday, May 17, 2007; and that, if said motion is agreed to, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Senate remain on bill H.R. 2206 until its disposition.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1128 to amendment No. 1127 to the instructions contained in the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. REID raised a question as to the presence of a quorum.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MENENDEZ in the chair) directed the roll to be called to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

Pending the ascertainment of the presence of a quorum,

Mr. WARNER asked unanimous consent that the quorum call be withdrawn.

Mr. REID objected.

Pending the further ascertainment of the presence of a quorum,

When,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WARNER,

Ordered, That the quorum call be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1128 to amendment No.

1127 to the instructions contained in the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WARNER,

Ordered, That the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1495.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1495.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1098 to amendment No. 1097 to the language proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. WARNER (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) to amend the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1134).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate resumes consideration of bill H.R. 1495 on tomorrow, the time until 10:30 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the majority and minority leaders, or their designees; that the last 20 minutes be equally divided and controlled between the majority and minority leaders; and that the majority leader control the final 10 minutes therein; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on agreeing to the motions to bring to a close debate on the following amendments in the following order: amendment No. 1098; amendment No. 1097; amendment No. 1134; and amendment No. 1135; that, if a motion is not agreed to, the amendment relative to that motion be withdrawn; that no amendments be in order to be proposed prior to said votes; and that, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the quorums under the rule be waived.

Ordered further, That there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to each vote in "stacked" sequence; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

Ordered further, That notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, Senators be authorized to "file" second-degree amendments until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1134 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of a substitute).

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1098, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1098 to amendment No. 1097 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of a substitute):

RUSSELL D. FEINGOLD, HARRY REID, BARBARA BOXER, AMY KLOBUCHAR, SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, TED KENNEDY, PATTY MURRAY, RICHARD J. DURBIN, BERNARD SANDERS, D. INOUE, CHRISTOPHER DODD, RON WYDEN, JOHN KERRY, DEBBIE STABENOW, BEN CARDIN, JIM WEBB, CHUCK SCHUMER, TOM HARKIN.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1134 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of a substitute).

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1097 to bill H.R. 1495, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1097 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of a substitute):

CARL LEVIN, HARRY REID, BARBARA BOXER, AMY KLOBUCHAR, SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, TED KENNEDY, PATTY MURRAY, RICHARD J. DURBIN, JON TESTER, MAX BAUCUS, TOM CARPER, D. INOUE, BEN NELSON, RON WYDEN, DEBBIE STABENOW, BYRON L. DORGAN, CLAIRE MCCASKILL.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1134 to the language proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of a substitute).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL for Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. BOND) to amend the language proposed to be stricken by the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1135).

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1134 to bill H.R. 1495, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do

hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1134 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of a substitute):

MITCH MCCONNELL, JUDD GREGG, RICHARD BURR, MIKE CRAPO, JOHN CORNYN, LISA MURKOWSKI, SUSAN COLLINS, JOHN WARNER, ORRIN HATCH, CRAIG THOMAS, LARRY E. CRAIG, JOHN E. SUNUNU, PETE DOMENICI, JIM INHOFE, TRENT LOTT, JOHN THUNE, KIT BOND.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1135, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1135 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of a substitute):

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN CORNYN, PETE DOMENICI, JOHNNY ISAKSON, JIM INHOFE, CRAIG THOMAS, TRENT LOTT, JOHN E. SUNUNU, JOHN THUNE, THAD COCHRAN, KIT BOND, NORM COLEMAN, JOHN WARNER, RICHARD G. LUGAR, JEFF SESSIONS, ORRIN HATCH, GORDON H. SMITH.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1135 to the language proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of a substitute).

ORDER FOR THE PRINTING OF A SENATE DOCUMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That tributes to Mr. STEVENS in the Record be printed as a Senate document; and that Senators have until June 1, 2007, to contribute such tributes.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WEEK"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 202) designating the period beginning on May 14, 2007, and ending on May 18, 2007, as "National Health Information Technology Week", submitted today by Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE BENEFITS AND IMPORTANCE OF SCHOOL-BASED MUSIC EDUCATION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 121) recognizing the benefits and importance of school-based music education, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. CON. RES. 21

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on Thursday, May 17, 2007, it be in order to consider the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 21) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012.

ORDERS RELATIVE TO BILL S. 1348

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, no earlier than 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 21, 2007, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1348; that the hour for debate prior to said vote be equally divided and controlled between the majority and minority leaders, or their designees; and that, if said motion is agreed to, the motion to proceed be agreed to, with no intervening action or debate.

Ordered further, That, on Monday, May 21, 2007, there be 3 hours for debate under the control of Mr. SESSIONS; and that, if the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1348 is agreed to, on Tuesday, May 22, 2007, there be 2 hours for debate under the control of Mr. SESSIONS.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of bill H.R. 1495, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 9:03 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 9 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 16, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

WATER RESOURCES
DEVELOPMENT ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1495) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1135, proposed by Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. BOND), to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That he be added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1098.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1135 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of a substitute).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of amendment No. 1098, the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1097 be withdrawn; and that said amendment then be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1135 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PRYOR in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on yesterday, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1098 to amendment No. 1097 to the language of bill H.R. 1495 proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of a substitute).

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The quorum under the rule having been waived.

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---

yeas... 29, nays... 67

[Rollcall Vote No. 167 Leg.]

YEAS --- 29

Akaka, Biden, Boxer, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Clinton, Dodd, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Obama, Reid, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 67

Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Domenici, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Landrieu, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The motion having been disagreed to,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The amendment was withdrawn.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1097 was withdrawn; and the amendment was withdrawn.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TESTER in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on yesterday, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1134 to the language of bill H.R. 1495 proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of a substitute).

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The quorum under the rule having been waived.. Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 52, nays... 44

[Rollcall Vote No. 168 Leg.]

YEAS --- 52

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Isakson, Landrieu, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Roberts, Salazar, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 44

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inhofe, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Obama, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Vitter, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. WARNER to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. WARNER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The motion having been disagreed to,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The amendment was withdrawn.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on yesterday, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1135 to the language of bill H.R. 1495 proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of a substitute).

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The quorum under the rule having been waived.

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 87, nays... 9

[Rollcall Vote No. 169 Leg.]

YEAS --- 87

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Wyden.

NAYS --- 9

Boxer, Dodd, Feingold, Harkin, Kennedy, Leahy, Menendez, Sanders, Whitehouse.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1135 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. INHOFE) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on various pages and lines, striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 1145).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That the amendment be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That no further amendments be in order to be proposed; that the time until 5:15 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Environment and Public Works, or their designees; that, at 5:15 p.m. today, the amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, be agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, as amended, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 4 of rule XII; that, upon passage of the bill, a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, in a ratio of 6 majority- to 5 minority-party Senators; and that all occur without further intervening action or debate.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1065 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

The hour of 5:15 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. INHOFE,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 91, nays... 4

[Rollcall Vote No. 170 Leg.]

YEAS --- 91

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 4

Coburn, DeMint, Gregg, Sununu.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

Pursuant to the order of today,

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate insisted on its amendment, and asked a conference with the House of Representatives thereon.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. CANTWELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1904. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aspergillus flavus NRRL 21882 on Corn; Temporary Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8130-6) received on May 11, 2007; to the

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1905. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Chlorantraniliprole; Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8128-2) received on May 11, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1906. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acetochlor; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8126-2) received on May 11, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1907. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pendimethalin; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8120-2) received on May 11, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1908. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pythium Oligandrum DV 74; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 7713-1) received on May 11, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1909. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of the Navy pursuing a multi-year procurement for the V-22 Osprey for the fiscal year 2008 through fiscal year 2012 program years; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1910. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Democratic Republic of the Congo that was declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1911. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Burma that was declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1912. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the

Development Fund for Iraq and certain property in which Iraq has an interest that was declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1913. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Sudan that was declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1914. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1915. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the accomplishments made under the Airport Improvement Program during fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1916. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Cumberland River, Clarksville, TN" ((RIN1625-AA11)(CGD08-07-010)) received on May 14, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1917. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulations (including 2 regulations beginning with CGD05-07-047)" (RIN1625-AA09) received on May 14, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1918. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone: Queen of England Visit, Jamestown Island, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(CGD05-07-038)) received on May 14, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1919. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Roanoke River, Plymouth, North Carolina" ((RIN1625-AA08)(CGD05-07-028)) received on May 14, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1920. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations for Marine Events (including 3 regulations beginning with CGD05-07-009)" (RIN1625-AA08) received on May 14, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1921. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone (including 4 regulations beginning with COTP SAVANNAH 06-160)" (RIN1625-AA87) received on May 14, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1922. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones (including 12 regulations beginning with CGD05-07-024)" (RIN1625-AA00) received on May 14, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1923. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operations (including 3 regulations beginning with CGD07-06-050)" (RIN1625-AA09) received on May 14, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1924. A communication from the Director, Office of Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's 2006 lists of Government activities determined to be inherently governmental and those to be not inherently governmental in nature; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1925. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Redesignation of the Weirton, WV Portion of the Steubenville-Weirton, OH-WV 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Area's Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 8314-1) received on May 11, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1926. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of

Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Redesignation of the West Virginia Portion of the Wheeling, WV-OH 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Area's Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 8314-6) received on May 11, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1927. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Michigan; Redesignation of Flint, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo-Battle Creek, Lansing-East Lansing, Muskegon, Benton Harbor, Benzie County, Cass County, Huron County, and Mason County 8-hour Ozone Nonattainment Areas to Attainment for Ozone" (FRL No. 8314-4) received on May 11, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1928. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil Pollution Prevention; Non-Transportation Related Onshore and Offshore Facilities" ((RIN2050-AG36)(FRL No. 8315-1)) received on May 11, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1929. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources, National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants, and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories" ((RIN2060-AN84)(FRL No. 8315-2)) received on May 11, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1930. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Field Directive on the Proper Treatment of Upfront Fees, Milestone Payments, Royalties, and Deferred Income Upon Entering into a Collaboration Agreement in the Biotech and Pharmaceutical Industries" (UIL 263.13-02) received on May 9, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1931. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Regarding

Public Inspection of Unrelated Business Income Tax Returns" (Notice 2007-45) received on May 9, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1932. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 856 - Definition of Real Estate Investment Trust" (Rev. Rul. 2007-33) received on May 9, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1933. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the certification of a proposed export of defense articles, technical data and defense services for major defense equipment in the amount of \$25,000,000 or more to Denmark; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1934. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment in the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1935. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2007-100 - 2007-107); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1936. A communication from the Staff Director, U.S. Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2006 Annual Report and Sourcebook of Federal Sentencing Statistics"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1937. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, two legislative proposals relating to the implementation of treaties concerning maritime terrorism and the maritime transportation of weapons of mass destruction; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1938. A communication from the National Treasurer, American Ex-Prisoners of War, transmitting, pursuant to law, the organization's audit for the year 2005-2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1939. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2006 Audit of the Corps along with its 2006 Annual Report; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1940. A communication from the Regulatory Contact, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Official Fees and Tolerances for Barley Protein Testing" (RIN0580-AA95) received on May 11, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1941. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of the authorization of Colonel Charles W. Hooper to wear the authorized insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1942. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of the authorization of Brigadier General James L. Williams to wear the authorized insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1943. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indiana Regulatory Program" (IN-157-FOR) received on May 16, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1944. A communication from the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the findings of a study of issues regarding energy rights-of-way on tribal land; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1945. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a certification relative to the importation of harvested shrimp; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1946. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Regarding Heavy Hybrid Motor Vehicles" (Notice 2007-46) received on May 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1947. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Discontinue Publication of BLS-LIFO Department Store Inventory Price Indexes" (Notice 2007-44) received on May 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1948. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bureau of Labor Statistics Price Indexes for Department Stores - March 2007" (Notice 2007-34) received on May 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1949. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Withdrawal of Obsolete Guidance on Blocked Income" (Rev. Rul. 2007-35) received on May 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1950. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Health Savings Accounts Inflation Adjustments" (Rev. Proc. 2007-36) received on May 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1951. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, two draft bills relative to the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Initiative; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1952. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the removal of radiation-hardened microelectronic circuits from the United States Munitions List; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1953. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an amendment to Part 121 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1954. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the final report of the Academic Competitiveness Council; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1955. A communication from the Chairman and Commissioners, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, a draft bill intended to "amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 to revise the Act to clarify the scope of the National Indian Gaming Commission's authority and to make such other technical amendments as are required"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1956. A communication from the Chair, U.S. Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the federal cocaine sentencing policy; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1957. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, a legislative proposal entitled "Intellectual Property Protection Act of 2007"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BROWBACK (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. COBURN):

S. 1405. A bill to enhance the ability of community banks to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1406. A bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to strengthen polar bear conservation efforts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1407. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to temporarily provide a shorter recovery period for the depreciation of certain systems installed in nonresidential and residential rental buildings; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1408. A bill to improve quality in health care by providing incentives for adoption of modern information technology; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 1409. A bill to provide and enhance education, housing, and entrepreneur assistance for veterans who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1410. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for the purchase of hearing aids; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1411. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish within the Environmental Protection Agency an office to measure and report on greenhouse gas emissions of Federal agencies; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 1412. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Development Act of 2002 to support beginning farmers and ranchers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 1413. A bill to provide for research and education with respect to uterine fibroids, and

for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1414. A bill to amend the National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act to require State academic assessments of student achievement in United States history and civics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1415. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Social Security Act to improve screening and treatment of cancers, provide for survivorship services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. KOHL, Mr. DODD, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 1416. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the deduction for mortgage insurance premiums; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. BROWBACK, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. CASEY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. DOLE, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. DODD):

S. Res. 203. A resolution calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to use its unique influence and economic leverage to stop genocide and violence in Darfur, Sudan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. Res. 204. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with regard to the importance of National Women's Health Week, which promotes awareness of diseases that affect women and which encourages women to take preventive measures to ensure good health; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. OBAMA, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. BAYH, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. Res. 205. A resolution designating June 2007 as "National Internet Safety Month"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 67

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 67, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit former members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces are entitled to travel on such aircraft.

S. 150

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 150, a bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to protect the health of pregnant women, fetuses, infants, and children by requiring a health advisory and drinking water standard for perchlorate.

S. 340

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] were added as cosponsors of S. 340, a bill to improve agricultural job opportunities, benefits, and security for aliens in the United States and for other purposes.

S. 368

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 368, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 558

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 558, a bill to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services.

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 558, supra.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 626, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 694

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 694, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of light motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 831

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 831, a bill to authorize States and local governments to prohibit the investment of State assets in any company that has a qualifying business relationship with Sudan.

S. 849

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 849, a bill to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 901, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

S. 935

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 935, a bill to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 971

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 971, a bill to establish the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, to provide funding for the support of fundamental agricultural research of the highest quality, and for other purposes.

S. 1003

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1003, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to emergency medical services and the quality and efficiency of care furnished in emergency departments of hospitals and critical access hospitals by establishing a bipartisan commission to examine factors that affect the effective delivery of such services, by providing for additional payments for certain physician services furnished in such emergency departments, and by establishing a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Working Group, and for other purposes.

S. 1060

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1060, a bill to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of

offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, and for other purposes.

S. 1175

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1175, a bill to end the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, and for other purposes.

S. 1183

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1183, a bill to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1224

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1224, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1226

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1226, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish programs to improve the quality, performance, and delivery of pediatric care.

S. 1232

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1232, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to develop a voluntary policy for managing the risk of food allergy and anaphylaxis in schools, to establish school-based food allergy management grants, and for other purposes.

S. 1328

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1328, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships.

S. 1379

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] were added as cosponsors of S. 1379, a bill to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to

strike the exception to the residency requirements for United States attorneys.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 16, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a business meeting during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 16, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 16, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "U.S. Preference Programs: How well do they work?"

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to conduct a hearing entitled, "Rogue Online Pharmacies: The Growing Problem of Internet Drug Trafficking" on Wednesday, May 16, 2007 at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate for a markup of S. 1256 "Small Business Lending Reauthorization and Improvements Act of 2007" on Wednesday, May 16, 2007, beginning at 2 p.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 16, 2007, to hold a hearing on the nomination of Dr. Michael J. Kussman to be Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs. The hearing will take place in room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building beginning at 10 a.m.

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

The Joint Economic Committee be authorized to conduct a hearing entitled, "Are the Explosive Costs of Elder Care Hurting Family Finances and Business Competition?", in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, Wednesday, May 16, 2007, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet on Wednesday, May 16, 2007, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Dirksen 106 for the purpose of conducting a hearing regarding Medicare Advantage, Marketing, and Sales.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CLEAN AIR AND NUCLEAR SAFETY

The Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 16, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 3:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 634. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

H.R. 692. An act to amend title 4, United States Code, to authorize the Governor of a State, territory, or possession of the United States to order that the National flag be flown at half-staff in that State, territory, or possession in the event of the death of a member of the Armed Forces from that State, territory, or possession who dies while serving on active duty.

H.R. 916. An act to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders.

H.R. 1700. An act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1773. An act to limit the authority of the Secretary of Transportation to grant authority to motor carriers domiciled in Mexico to operate beyond United States municipalities and commercial zones on the United States-Mexico border.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 79. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

H. Con. Res. 123. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 634. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 692. An act to amend title 4, United States Code, to authorize the Governor of a State, territory, or possession of the United States to order that the National flag be flown at half-staff in that State, territory, or possession in the event of the death of a member of the Armed Forces from that State, territory, or possession who dies while serving on active duty; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1036. An act to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property to the Alaska Railroad Corporation; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 1505. To designate the United States courthouse located at 131 East 4th Street in Davenport, Iowa, as the "James A. Leach Federal Building"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 1773. An act to limit the authority of the Secretary of Transportation to grant authority to motor carriers domiciled in Mexico to operate beyond United States municipalities and commercial zones on the United States-Mexico border; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 916. An act to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR THE GREATER WASHINGTON SOAP BOX DERBY

On the request of Ms. CANTWELL, The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 79) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SPECIAL OLYMPICS LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN

On the request of Ms. CANTWELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 123) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE RELATIVE TO THE IMPORTANCE OF NATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK

On the request of Ms. CANTWELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 204) expressing the sense of the Senate with regard to the importance of National Women's Health Week, which promotes awareness of diseases that affect women and which encourages women to take preventive measures to ensure good health, submitted today by Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. BINGAMAN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL INTERNET SAFETY MONTH"

On the request of Ms. CANTWELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 205) designating June 2007 as "National Internet Safety Month", submitted today by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. OBAMA, Ms.

LANDRIEU, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. BAYH, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. DOMENICI), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF A NATIONAL CHILDREN AND FAMILIES DAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. CANTWELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 62) supporting the goals and ideals of a National Children and Families Day, in order to encourage adults in the United States to support and listen to children and to help children throughout the Nation achieve their hopes and dreams, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ACTION VITIATED; BILL WITHDRAWN

On the request of Ms. CANTWELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1415) to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Social Security Act to improve screening and treatment of cancers, provide for survivorship services, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. REID, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Ms. CANTWELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Ms. CANTWELL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

Subsequently,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the first reading of the bill, previously designated S. 1415, be vitiated; and that the bill be withdrawn.

RELATIVE TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 2206

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, if the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1123 (in the nature of a substitute) to bill H.R. 2206 is agreed to, all other pending amendments and motions be withdrawn; the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, as amended; that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, with no intervening action or debate.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. CON. RES. 21

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of bill H.R. 2206, the Senate proceed to consider the conference report on concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 21) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012, notwithstanding the receipt of the conference report from the House of Representatives; that the time until 3 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate thereon between Mr. CONRAD and Mr. GREGG, or their designees; that, at 3 p.m. on tomorrow, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the conference report, notwithstanding the receipt of the conference report and provided that said conference report has been agreed to by the House of Representatives; that, if the House has not agreed to the conference report on tomorrow, when the Senate considers the conference report, there be two hours equally divided and controlled for debate between Mr. CONRAD and Mr. GREGG prior to a vote on agreeing to the conference report; and that it be in order to consider said conference report, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be

approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to consider bill H.R. 2206, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

At 6:45 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2007

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. TESTER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, May 17, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. TESTER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

U.S. TROOP READINESS,
VETERANS' CARE, KATRINA
RECOVERY, AND IRAQ
ACCOUNTABILITY
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 2206) making emergency supplemental appropriations and additional supplemental appropriations for agricultural and other emergency assistance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1128, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 1127, proposed by Mr. REID, to the instructions contained in the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. OBAMA in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Tuesday, May 15, 2007, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1123 to bill H.R. 2206.

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, May 15, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived.

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 94, nays... 1

[Rollcall Vote No. 171 Leg.]

YEAS --- 94

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden

NAYS --- 1

Feingold.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The pending amendments numbered 1124, 1125, 1126, 1127, and 1128, and the pending motions to bring to a close debate and to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations were withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1123 (in the nature of a substitute), proposed by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McCONNELL), to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The amendment No. 1123 (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

Mr. BYRD requested the yeas and nays on passage of the bill, as amended.

There was not a sufficient second.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Resolved, That it pass.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate insisted on its amendment and asked a conference with the House of Representatives thereon.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
S. CON. RES. 21

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21, notwithstanding the receipt of the conference report from the House of Representatives.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CONRAD,

Ordered, That debate time relative to the conference report on concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21 continue until 3:30 p.m.; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on the Budget; and that other provisions of the order of yesterday remain in status quo.

Pending debate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. KLOBUCHAR in the chair) laid before the Senate the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 21) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the conference report.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the conference report.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 52, nays... 40

[Rollcall Vote No. 172 Leg.]

YEAS --- 52

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 40

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Specter, Stevens, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the conference report was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. CONRAD to reconsider the vote agreeing to the conference report.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pending debate,

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES TO
BILL H.R. 1495

The PRESIDING OFFICER, as authorized, appointed Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. VITTER as conferees on the part of the Senate to the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1495) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

BILL ORDERED PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the bill (S. 1419) to move the United States toward greater energy independence and security, to increase the production of clean renewable fuels, to protect consumers from price gouging, to increase the energy efficiency of products, buildings and vehicles, to promote research on and deploy greenhouse gas capture and storage options, and to improve the energy performance of the Federal Government, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. REID, and at the desk, be read twice and placed on the calendar.

ENCOURAGING THE ELIMINATION
OF HARMFUL FISHING SUBSIDIES

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 208) encouraging the elimination of harmful fishing subsidies that contribute to overcapacity in the world's commercial fishing fleet and lead to the overfishing of global fish stocks, submitted today by Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LOTT, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SUNUNU, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. VITTER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE
NEW POWER-SHARING
GOVERNMENT IN NORTHERN
IRELAND

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 209) expressing support for the new power-sharing government in Northern Ireland, submitted today by Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. OBAMA), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MORNING BUSINESS

The following morning business occurred on today:

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries:

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE
CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL
EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO
BURMA—PM 14

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication, stating that the Burma emergency is to continue beyond May 20, 2007.

The crisis between the United States and Burma arising from the actions and policies of the Government of Burma, including its policies of committing large-scale repression of the democratic opposition in Burma, that led to the declaration of a national emergency on May 20, 1997, has not been resolved. These actions and policies are hostile to U.S. interests and pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency and maintain in force the sanctions against Burma to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH,

THE WHITE HOUSE, *May 17, 2007.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1958. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed amendment to a manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of defense articles in Turkey in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1959. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the determination of five countries that are not cooperating fully with U.S. antiterrorism efforts; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1960. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of payment-in-kind compensation negotiated with the United Kingdom for the return of U.S.-funded housing and improvements in Bentwaters, Bishop's Green, Blackbushe, Burtonwood, Caversfield, Chicksands, Clayhill, Greenham Common, Sculthorpe, Upper Heyford, Welford, and Woodbridge; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1961. A communication from the Director, Office of Administration and Management, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report certifying that the cost of Wedges 2 through 5 of the Pentagon Renovation will be within the specified limitation; to the Committee on Armed Services.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-95. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire supporting the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

Whereas, the people of New Hampshire value clean air and water, and prioritize natural resources protection for economic growth, and better health, and quality of life for our citizens;

Whereas, the governor of New Hampshire has declared in executive order number 2005-4 that New Hampshire will lead-by-example in energy efficiency to protect public health, future economic growth, our environment, quality of life, and taxpayer dollars; and

Whereas, the use of energy for electricity, heating, cooling, and transportation has a significant effect on public health and the environment, contributing to such problems as ground-level ozone, acid rain, eutrophication of water bodies, soot, haze, mercury contamination, and climate change; and

Whereas, 5 New Hampshire cities, Dover, Keene, Manchester, Nashua, and Portsmouth, and many cities across the United States, have signed onto the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement and have reduced global warming pollution through programs that provide economic and quality of life benefits such as reduced energy bills, green

space preservation, air quality improvements, reduced traffic congestion, improved transportation choices, economic development, and job creation through energy conservation and new energy technologies, and have recognized that energy efficiency and conservation will save taxpayer money; and

Whereas, rural communities and agriculture sectors will benefit from energy efficiency and conservation and the development of a broad spectrum of renewable energy sources including wind power, biodiesel, biomass, methane digesters, and solar, including establishing additional markets for agricultural commodities, creating new uses for crops, livestock, and their byproducts, more productive use of marginal lands, improving wildlife habitat, and providing new employment opportunities; and

Whereas, significant reduction in New Hampshire's greenhouse gas emissions, diversification of in-state energy sources, and collaboration with other northeastern states will have a measurable effect on global warming and New Hampshire will lead the region with sustainable economic growth, the next generation of new technology, and dynamic job creation; and

Whereas, producing 25 percent of New Hampshire's energy demand from renewable sources by the year 2025 is realistic and presents numerous benefits for the state's communities, diversifies the business sector, protects the environment and public health, and promotes national security; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives: That the New Hampshire house of representatives supports the vision of a "25 by 25" goal, whereby renewable energy will provide 25 percent of the total energy consumed in New Hampshire by the year 2025; and

That the New Hampshire house of representatives supports incentives to consumers to increase energy efficiency and conservation; and

That the New Hampshire house of representatives agrees that smart energy measures, like anti-idling policies, expanding public transportation choices, and appropriate vehicle selection for state agency uses, will help reduce air pollution and global warming gases; and

That copies of this resolution, signed by the speaker of the house of representatives be forwarded by the house clerk to the governor of New Hampshire, the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the New Hampshire congressional delegation.

POM-96. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire urging Congress to take actions

relative to veterans' benefits and the war in Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 10

Whereas, in the history of military campaigns for over 2 centuries beginning with the Revolutionary War, the people of the United States of America have engaged in military and diplomatic initiatives to gain and preserve freedom for all people; and

Whereas, the citizens of the state of New Hampshire strongly support the men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces in Iraq, Afghanistan, and arenas known and not yet known; and

Whereas, over 3,000 American military personnel, including 17 from New Hampshire, have died since March of 2003 in the hostilities in Iraq, and tens of thousands have returned home with significant unmet physical and other health care needs; and

Whereas, the citizens of the state of New Hampshire recognize, appreciate, and are forever thankful for the sacrifices that all of our American and New Hampshire soldiers have made, especially those who have given their lives or been wounded in previous and current battles to protect our freedoms; and

Whereas, the unknown time line of the war in Iraq has stretched thin our National Guard and Reserves, including the New Hampshire national guard, and created a severe equipment shortage, thereby reducing the readiness level of our National Guard to fully meet its missions of responding to natural disasters, terrorism, and protecting us at home; and

Whereas, the New Hampshire house of representatives has an obligation to speak out on matters which affect the people of our state, and the ability of our government to protect us at home; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives: That the New Hampshire house of representatives and the American people will continue to support and protect the members of the United States Armed Forces and the New Hampshire national guard who are serving or who have served bravely and honorably in Iraq and elsewhere; and

That the New Hampshire house of representatives disapproves of the decision of President George W. Bush, announced on January 10, 2007, to deploy more than 20,000 additional United States combat troops to Iraq; and

That the New Hampshire house of representatives calls on the Bush Administration and Congress to fund fully all benefits for veterans to appropriately care for our brave men and women when they return from this war and other combat; and

That the New Hampshire house of representatives urges the President and Congress to commence talks with the neighbors in the Middle East and begin the

orderly withdrawal of American military forces from Iraq; and

That the clerk of the New Hampshire house of representatives send copies of this resolution to governor John Lynch, the president and minority leader of the New Hampshire state senate, the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of Defense, the United States Secretary of State, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the New Hampshire congressional delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DODD, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 1675. A bill to suspend the requirements of the Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding electronic filing of previous participation certificates and regarding filing of such certificates with respect to certain low-income housing investors.

H.R. 1676. A bill to reauthorize the program of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for loan guarantees for Indian housing.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 130. A resolution designating July 28, 2007, as "National Day of the American Cowboy".

S. Res. 132. A resolution recognizing the Civil Air Patrol for 65 years of service to the United States.

S. Res. 138. A resolution honoring the accomplishments and legacy of Cesar Estrada Chavez.

By Mr. DODD, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 254. A bill to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1417. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit a report to Congress providing a master plan for the use of the West Los Angeles Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1418. A bill to provide assistance to improve the health of newborns, children, and mothers in developing countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. REID:

S. 1419. A bill to move the United States toward greater energy independence and security, to increase the production of clean renewable fuels, to protect consumers from price gouging, to increase the energy efficiency of products, buildings and vehicles, to promote research on and deploy greenhouse gas capture and storage options, and to improve the energy performance of the Federal Government, and for other purposes; placed on the calendar

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1420. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require staff working with developmentally disabled individuals to call emergency services in the event of a life-threatening situation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 1421. A bill to provide for the maintenance, management, and availability for research of assets of Air Force Health Study; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 1422. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program to provide to agricultural operators and producers a reserve to assist in the stabilization of farm income during low-revenue years, to assist operators and producers to invest in value-added farms, to promote higher levels of environmental stewardship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 1423. A bill to extend tax relief to the residents and businesses of an area with respect to which a major disaster has been declared by the President under section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (FEMA-1699-DR) by reason of severe storms and tornados beginning on May 4, 2007, and determined by the President to warrant individual or public assistance from the Federal Government under such Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1424. A bill to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1425. A bill to enhance the defense nanotechnology research and development

program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1426. A bill to amend the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 to reauthorize the market access program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 1427. A bill to establish the Federal Emergency Management Agency as an independent agency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 1428. A bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to assure access to durable medical equipment under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1429. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize the provision of technical assistance to small public water systems; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 1430. A bill to authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000,000 or more in Iran's energy sector, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 1431. A bill to provide for a statewide early childhood education professional development and career system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. REED):

S. 1432. A bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 and the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve access to healthy foods, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. ALLARD):

S. Res. 206. A resolution to provide for a budget point of order against legislation that increases income taxes on taxpayers, including hardworking middle-income families, entrepreneurs, and college students; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. DODD:

S. Res. 207. A resolution calling on the President of the United States immediately to recommend new candidates for the positions of the Attorney General of the United States and the President of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (commonly known as the "World Bank") in order to preserve the integrity and the efficacy of the Department of Justice and the World Bank; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LOTT, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SUNUNU, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. VITTER):

S. Res. 208. A resolution encouraging the elimination of harmful fishing subsidies that contribute to overcapacity in the world's commercial fishing fleet and lead to the overfishing of global fish stocks; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. Res. 209. A resolution expressing support for the new power-sharing government in Northern Ireland; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. INOUE):

S. Res. 210. A resolution honoring the accomplishments of Stephen Joel Trachtenberg as president of the George Washington University in Washington, D.C., in recognition of his upcoming retirement in July 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 254

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] were added as cosponsors of S. 254, a bill to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 326

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special period of limitation when uniformed services retirement pay is reduced as result of award of disability compensation.

S. 368

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 368, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 383

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 383, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the period of eligibility for health care for combat service in the Persian Gulf War or future hostilities from two years to five years after discharge or release.

S. 399

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 399, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include podiatrists as physicians for purposes of covering physicians services under the Medicaid program.

S. 465

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 465, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act and title III of the Public Health Service Act to improve access to information about individuals' health care options and legal rights for care near the end of life, to promote advance care planning and decisionmaking so that individuals' wishes are known should they become unable to speak for themselves, to engage health care providers in disseminating information about and assisting in the preparation of advance directives, which include living wills and durable powers of attorney for health care, and for other purposes.

S. 469

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

S. 506

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 506, a bill to improve efficiency in the Federal Government through the use of high-

performance green buildings, and for other purposes.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 557

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the depreciation classification of motorsports entertainment complexes.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 600

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 600, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish the School-Based Health Clinic program, and for other purposes.

S. 638

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 638, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 661

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 661, a bill to establish kinship navigator programs, to establish guardianship assistance payments for children, and for other purposes.

S. 718

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 718, a bill to optimize the delivery of critical care medicine and expand the critical care workforce.

S. 749

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 749, a bill to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain

rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names.

S. 777

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 777, a bill to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities.

S. 799

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] were added as cosponsors of S. 799, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide individuals with disabilities and older Americans with equal access to community-based attendant services and supports, and for other purposes.

S. 807

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 807, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 to provide that manure shall not be considered to be a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

S. 822

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 822, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve and extend certain energy-related tax provisions, and for other purposes.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

S. 982

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 982, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for integration of mental health services and mental health treatment outreach teams, and for other purposes.

S. 1019

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1019, a bill to provide comprehensive reform of the health care system of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1026

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1026, a bill to designate the Department of

Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia, as the "Charlie Norwood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

S. 1042

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1042, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly.

S. 1065

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1065, a bill to improve the diagnosis and treatment of traumatic brain injury in members and former members of the Armed Forces, to review and expand telehealth and telemental health programs of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1070

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1070, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to enhance the social security of the Nation by ensuring adequate public-private infrastructure and to resolve to prevent, detect, treat, intervene in, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes.

S. 1175

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1175, a bill to end the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, and for other purposes.

S. 1226

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1226, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish programs to improve the quality, performance, and delivery of pediatric care.

S. 1254

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1254, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that the reductions in social security benefits which are required in the case of spouses and surviving spouses who are also receiving certain government pensions shall be equal to the amount by which two-thirds of the total amount of the combined monthly benefit (before reduction) and monthly pension exceeds \$1, 200, adjusted for inflation.

S. 1263

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1263, a bill to protect the welfare of

consumers by prohibiting price gouging with respect to gasoline and petroleum distillates during natural disasters and abnormal market disruptions, and for other purposes.

S. 1277

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1277, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify the treatment of payment under the Medicare program for clinical laboratory tests furnished by critical access hospitals.

S. 1312

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1312, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to ensure the right of employees to a secret-ballot election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board.

S. 1359

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1359, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance public and health professional awareness and understanding of lupus and to strengthen the Nation's research efforts to identify the causes and cure of lupus.

S. 1379

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1379, a bill to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to strike the exception to the residency requirements for United States attorneys.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1398

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1398, a bill to expand the research and prevention activities of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to inflammatory bowel disease.

S. 1411

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1411, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish within the Environmental Protection Agency an office to measure and report on greenhouse gas emissions of Federal agencies.

S. 1412

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1412, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Development Act of 2002 to support beginning farmers and ranchers, and for other purposes.

S. 1413

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 1413, a bill to provide for research and education with respect to uterine fibroids, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 82

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 82, a resolution designating August 16, 2007 as "National Airborne Day".

SENATE RESOLUTION 116

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 116, a resolution designating May 2007 as "National Autoimmune Diseases Awareness Month" and supporting efforts to increase awareness of autoimmune diseases and increase funding for autoimmune disease research.

SENATE RESOLUTION 132

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 132, a resolution recognizing the Civil Air Patrol for 65 years of service to the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 171

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 171, a resolution memorializing fallen firefighters by lowering the United States flag to half-staff on the day of the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

SENATE RESOLUTION 198

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 198, a resolution designating May 15, 2007, as "National MPS Awareness Day".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CONRAD,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 17, 2007, at 10:15

a.m., in open session, to receive testimony on United States European Command in review of the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years Defense Program.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 17, 2007, at 3 p.m., in executive session, to consider a pending military nomination.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, May 17, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct an oversight hearing on law enforcement in Indian Country.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, May 17, 2007, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Room 226.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 17, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed mark-up.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet on Thursday, May 17, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. for a hearing entitled, Evaluating the Progress and Identifying Obstacles in Improving the Federal Government's Security Clearance Program.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITIES, INSURANCE, AND INVESTMENT

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 17, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing on "Consolidation of NASD and the Regulatory Functions of the NYSE: Working Towards Improved Regulation."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 4:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the resolution (S. Con. Res. 21) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and

including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 1 P.M. ON MONDAY, MAY 21, 2007, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 1 p.m. on Monday, May 21, 2007; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1348; that Mr. SESSIONS be recognized to speak, as pursuant to the order of May 15, 2007; that the following the conclusion of remarks by Mr. SESSIONS, the time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, at 5:30 p.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1348, without further intervening action or debate.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:04 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 1 p.m. on Monday, May 21, 2007.

MONDAY, MAY 21, 2007

Mr. SHERROD BROWN, from the State of Ohio, called the Senate to order at 1 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. BROWN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, May 21, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a Senator from the State of Ohio, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. BROWN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 17, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 17, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate, one of his secretaries:

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO IRAQ -- PM 15

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication. This notice states that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, as modified in scope and relied upon for additional steps taken in Executive Order 13315 of August 28, 2003, Executive Order 13350 of July 29, 2004, and Executive Order 13364 of November 29, 2004, is to continue in effect beyond May 22, 2007.

The threats of attachment or other judicial process against (i) the Development Fund for Iraq, (ii) Iraqi petroleum and petroleum products, and interests therein, and proceeds,

obligations, or any financial instruments of any nature whatsoever arising from or related to the sale or marketing thereof, and interests therein, or (iii) any accounts, assets, investments, or any other property of any kind owned by, belonging to, or held by, on behalf of, or otherwise for the Central Bank of Iraq obstruct the orderly reconstruction of Iraq. These threats also impede the restoration and maintenance of peace and security and the development of political, administrative, and economic institutions in Iraq. These threats continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Accordingly, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency protecting the Development Fund for Iraq, certain other property in which Iraq has an interest, and the Central Bank of Iraq and maintain in force the measures to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, *May 18, 2007.*

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 1348

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 17, 2007,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. REID (and subsequently withdrawn by him) on Monday, May 14, 2007, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1348) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1348.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the order that the Senate vote at 5:30 p.m.; that Mr. MENENDEZ be recognized to speak for 5 minutes; that the minority-party have an additional 5 minutes for debate; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion.

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 17, 2007,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. STABENOW in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Monday, May 14, 2007, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1348.

Pursuant to the order of Monday, May 14, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived.

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 69, nays... 23

[Rollcall Vote No. 173 Leg.]

YEAS --- 69

Akaka, Alexander, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Craig, Domenici, Durbin, Ensign, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

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Allard, Baucus, Bunning, Byrd, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Dorgan, Enzi, Hutchison, Inhofe, Roberts, Sanders, Sessions, Shelby, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1348.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 17, 2007,

The motion was agreed to.

Whereupon,

COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION
REFORM ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1348) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1962. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aspergillus flavus AF36 on Pistachio; Temporary Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8129-4) received on May 18, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1963. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coumaphos; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8131-4) received on May 18, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1964. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Famoxadone; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8128-6) received on May 18, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1965. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Propanil, Phenmedipham, Triallate, and MCPA; Tolerance Actions" (FRL No. 8126-6) received on May 18, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1966. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mexican Fruit Fly; Addition of Quarantined Area" (Docket No. APHIS-2007-0051) received on May 18, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1967. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, a legislative proposal that would shift funding for the research, development, and maintenance of information technology functions of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation from the Government to the insurance companies participating in the program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1968. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the National Guard Counterdrug Schools; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1969. A communication from the Associate Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Former Liberian Regime of Charles Taylor Sanctions Regulations" (31 C.F.R. Part 593) received on May 17, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1970. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, the report of a draft bill intended to "amend the Mineral Leasing Act to provide for Net Receipts Sharing and for other purposes"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

EC-1971. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 8313-2) received on May 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1972. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Georgia; Removal of Douglas County Transportation Control Measure; Correcting Amendment" (FRL No. 8317-3) received on May 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1973. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule on the Treatment of Data Influenced by Exceptional Events; Correction" (FRL No. 8316-5) received on May 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1974. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Listing of Substitutes for Ozone-Depleting Substances - n-Propyl Bromide in Solvent Cleaning" ((RIN2060-AO10)(FRL No. 8316-8)) received on May 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1975. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Abnormal Occurrences: Fiscal Year 2006"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1976. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch,

Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Statistical Sampling for Purposes of Section 199" (Rev. Proc. 2007-35) received on May 17, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1977. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualifying In-Kind Partnerships Involving Mining" (Rev. Rul. 2007-30) received on May 17, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1978. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Universal Service Support" (Rev. Rul. 2007-31) received on May 17, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1979. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, the report of a legislative proposal entitled "Student Loan Fairness Act of 2007"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

EC-1980. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-41, "Verizon Center Sales Tax Revenue Bond Approval Act of 2007" received on May 17, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1981. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-39, "Human Papillomavirus Vaccination and Reporting Act of 2007" received on May 17, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1982. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-40, "Lorraine H. Whitlock Memorial Bridge Designation Act of 2007" received on May 17, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1983. A communication from the Acting Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Director, received on May 17, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendments:

S. 1079. A bill to establish the Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1433. A bill to amend the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act to provide competitive status to certain Federal employees in the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1434. A bill to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to promote the use of energy and water efficiency measures in Federal buildings, to promote energy savings performance contracts and utility energy service contracts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COCHRAN:

S. 1435. A bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to increase the capacity of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1436. A bill to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act to add clementines to the list of fruits and vegetables subject to minimum quality import requirements issued by the Secretary of Agriculture; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. BROWN, Mr. REID, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1437. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the semicentennial of the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1438. A bill to improve railroad safety; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 1439. A bill to reauthorize the broadband loan and loan guarantee program under title VI of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1440. A bill to provide for judicial determination of injury in certain cases involving dumped and subsidized merchandise imported into the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 1441. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify authorities for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to accept new applications for grants for State home construction projects to authorize the Secretary to award grants for construction of facilities used in non-institutional care programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. THOMAS:

S. 1442. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish new units of Customs Patrol Officers; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself and Mr. BUNNING):

S. 1443. A bill to provide standards for renewable fuels and coal-derived fuels; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S.J. Res. 13. A joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the International Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE
RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. Res. 211. A resolution expressing the profound concerns of the Senate regarding the transgression against freedom of thought and expression that is being carried out in Venezuela, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. Res. 212. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate relating to legislation to curb global warming; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 231

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 231, a bill to authorize the Edward Byrne

Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

S. 280

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 280, a bill to provide for a program to accelerate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States by establishing a market-driven system of greenhouse gas tradeable allowances, to support the deployment of new climate change-related technologies, and to ensure benefits to consumers from the trading in such allowances, and for other purposes.

S. 326

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special period of limitation when uniformed services retirement pay is reduced as result of award of disability compensation.

S. 413

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 413, a bill to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 and the Revised Statutes of the United States to prohibit financial holding companies and national banks from engaging, directly or indirectly, in real estate brokerage or real estate management activities, and for other purposes.

S. 442

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 442, a bill to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders.

S. 458

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 458, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the treatment of certain physician pathology services under the Medicare program.

S. 557

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the depreciation classification of motorsports entertainment complexes.

S. 558

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 558, a bill to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services.

S. 609

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 609, a bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

S. 615

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 615, a bill to provide the nonimmigrant spouses and children of nonimmigrant aliens who perished in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks an opportunity to adjust their status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, and for other purposes.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] were added as cosponsors of S. 626, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide a tax credit to individuals who enter into agreements to protect the habitats of endangered and threatened species, and for other purposes.

S. 749

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 749, a bill to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names.

S. 764

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 764, a bill to amend title XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to permit States the option of coverage of legal immigrants under the Medicaid Program and the State children's health insurance program (SCHIP).

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 807

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 807, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 to provide that manure shall not be considered to be a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

S. 849

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 849, a bill to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes.

S. 893

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 893, a bill to allow a State to combine certain funds and enter into a performance agreement with the Secretary of Education to improve the academic achievement of students.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] were added as cosponsors of S. 901, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

S. 935

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 935, a bill to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 946

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 946, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to reauthorize the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program, and for other purposes.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 969, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the definition of supervisor.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 999, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

S. 1012

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1012, a bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 1013

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1013, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to encourage States to provide pregnant women enrolled in the Medicaid program with access to comprehensive tobacco cessation services.

S. 1027

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1027, a bill to prevent tobacco smuggling, to ensure the collection of all tobacco taxes, and for other purposes.

S. 1070

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1070, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to enhance the social security of the Nation by ensuring adequate public-private infrastructure and to resolve to prevent, detect, treat, intervene in, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes.

S. 1183

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1183, a bill to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1200

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and

the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1200, a bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend the Act.

S. 1213

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1213, a bill to give States the flexibility to reduce bureaucracy by streamlining enrollment processes for the Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Programs through better linkages with programs providing nutrition and related assistance to low-income families.

S. 1257

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1257, a bill to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives.

S. 1312

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1312, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to ensure the right of employees to a secret-ballot election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board.

S. 1340

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1340, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiaries with access to geriatric assessments and chronic care coordination services, and for other purposes.

S. 1363

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1363, a bill to improve health care for severely injured members and former members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1395

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1395, a bill to prevent unfair practices in credit card accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 1415

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ]

were added as cosponsors of S. 1415, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Social Security Act to improve screening and treatment of cancers, provide for survivorship services, and for other purposes.

S. 1428

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1428, a bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to assure access to durable medical equipment under the Medicare program.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 26

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 26, a concurrent resolution recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and commending recipients of the Purple Heart for their courageous demonstrations of gallantry and heroism on behalf of the United States.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 27

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 27, a concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "National Purple Heart Recognition Day".

SENATE RESOLUTION 205

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 205, a resolution designating June 2007 as "National Internet Safety Month".

SENATE RESOLUTION 210

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 210, a resolution honoring the accomplishments of Stephen Joel Trachtenberg as president of the George Washington University in Washington, D.C., in recognition of his upcoming retirement in July 2007.

AUTHORITY FOR A COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet to hold an off-the-floor markup during the session of the Senate on Monday, May 21, 2007, at 5:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 1:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 43. Joint resolution increasing the statutory limit on the public debt.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION REFERRED

The following joint resolution was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.J. Res. 43. Joint resolution increasing the statutory limit on the public debt; to the Committee on Finance.

CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO CONSTANTINO BRUMIDI

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 254) to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment.

The reported amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL DAY OF THE AMERICAN COWBOY"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 130) designating July 28, 2007, as "National Day of the American Cowboy".

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1348.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. SPECTER) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu

thereof other words (being amendment No. 1150, in nature of a substitute).

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the first half of the time therein be controlled by the majority leader, or his designee; that the second half of the time therein be controlled by the minority leader, or his designee; that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1348; that Mr. SESSIONS be recognized to speak for 2 hours, as pursuant to the order of Tuesday, May 15, 2007; and that no amendments be in order to be proposed during the remarks of Mr. SESSIONS.

Ordered further, That, at 12:30 p.m., on tomorrow, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m.; and that, if Mr. SESSIONS has not concluded his remarks by said time, he be recognized to speak at 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 8:14 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2007

Ms. MARY L. LANDRIEU, from the State of Louisiana, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Ms. LANDRIEU led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
 PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 22, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARY L. LANDRIEU, a Senator from the State of Louisiana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Ms. LANDRIEU took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business. Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1984. A communication from the Under Secretary, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Data Collection Related to the Participation of Faith-Based and Community Organizations" ((RIN0584-AD43)(FNS-2007-0005)) received on May 21, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1985. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the competitive sourcing efforts of the Department during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1986. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General William G. Boykin, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1987. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Dell L. Dailey, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1988. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Excessive Pass - Through Charges" (DFARS Case 2006-D057) received on May 21, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1989. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Deletion of Obsolete Acquisition Procedures" (DFARS Case 2006-D046) received on May 21, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1990. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Military Construction on Guam" (DFARS Case 2006-D065) received on May 21, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1991. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wage Determinations" (DFARS Case 2006-D043) received on May 21, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1992. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acquisition Integrity" (DFARS Case 2006-D044) received on May 21, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1993. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's intent to obligate up to \$5 million of fiscal year 2006 funds for the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1994. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Stanley R. Szemborski, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1995. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of General Bryan D. Brown, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the

retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1996. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Programs" (DFARS Case 2003-D047) received on May 21, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1997. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act; Revisions to the Indian Housing Block Grant Program" ((RIN2577-AC57)(FR-4938-F-03)) received on May 21, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1998. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updated Office Names, Office Addresses, Statements of Legal Authority and Statute Name and Citation" (RIN0694-AE01) received on May 21, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1999. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations Based on the 2006 Missile Technology Control Regime Plenary Agreements" (RIN0694-AD96) received on May 21, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2000. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determination" (72 FR 18587) received on May 21, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2001. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 20735) received on May 21, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2002. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 20755) received on

May 21, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2003. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 20243) received on May 21, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2004. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 20251) received on May 21, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2005. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification that the cost of response and recovery efforts in the State of Indiana has exceeded the \$5 million limit; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2006. A communication from the Acting Director, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to category rating for calendar year 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2007. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement 2007 2nd and 3rd Season Atlantic Shark Commercial Management Measures" (I.D. 021307B) received on May 21, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2008. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Interim Rule to Temporarily Amend the Monkfish Fishery Management Plan" (RIN0648-AT22) received on May 21, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2009. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Decrease of Landing Limit for Georges Bank Yellowtail Flounder" (I.D. 041707E) received on May 21, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2010. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive

Economic Zone Off Alaska; Yellowfin Sole by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (I.D. 041807B) received on May 21, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2011. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Northern Rockfish and Pelagic Shelf Rockfish for Trawl Catcher Vessels Participating in the Rockfish Entry Level Fishery in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (I.D. 042007A) received on May 21, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2012. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Northern Rockfish, Pacific Ocean Perch, and Pelagic Shelf Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area and West Yakutat District of the Gulf of Alaska" (I.D. 042307B) received on May 21, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2013. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inseason Action, Temporary Rule, Closure of the Eastern U.S./Canada Area" (RIN0648-AN17) received on May 21, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2014. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Annual Report on Transportation Security; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2015. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, two reports relative to the Department's compliance with the Energy Policy Act of 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2016. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Quality of Water, Colorado River Basin, Progress Report No. 22"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2017. A communication from the Chief of Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - June 2007" (Rev. Rul. 2007-36) received on May 21, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2018. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2007-78 - 2007-99); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2019. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Microbiology Devices; Reclassification of Herpes Simplex Virus Types 1 and 2 Serological Assays" (Docket No. 2005N-0471) received on May 21, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2020. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Obstetrical and Gynecological Devices; Classification of Computerized Labor Monitoring System" (Docket No. 2007N-0120) received on May 21, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2021. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Child Care and Development Fund State Match Provisions" (RIN0970-AC18) received on May 18, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2022. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Letter Report: Auditor's Concerns Regarding Matters that May Adversely Affect the Financial Operations of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2023. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Letter Report: Sufficiency Review of the Water and Sewer Authority's Fiscal Year 2007 Revenue Estimate in Support of the Issuance of \$300 Million in Public Utility Subordinated Lien Revenue Bonds (Series 2007)"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2024. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semiannual report of the Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2025. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's semiannual report as prepared by the Inspector General for the six-month period ending March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2026. A communication from the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Potomac Electric Power Company, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Company's Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2027. A communication from the Administrator, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2028. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, the report of draft legislation that would authorize four new competitive grant programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2029. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, the report of draft legislation entitled "Criminal Judicial Procedure, Administration, and Technical Amendments Act of 2007"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2030. A communication from the Director, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Trademark Classification Changes" (RIN0651-AC10) received on May 21, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 294. A bill to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-67).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 879. A bill to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal (Rept. No. 110-68).

S. 863. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraud in connection with major disaster or emergency funds (Rept. No. 110-69).

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 414. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 60 Calle McKinley, West in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, as the "Miguel Angel Garcia Mendez Post Office Building".

H.R. 437. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 West Eisenhower Street in Rio Grande City, Texas, as the "Lino Perez, Jr. Post Office".

H.R. 625. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4230 Maine Avenue in Baldwin Park, California, as the "Atanacio Haro-Marin Post Office".

H.R. 988. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5757 Tilton Avenue in Riverside, California, as the "Lieutenant Todd Jason Bryant Post Office".

H.R. 1402. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 320 South Lecanto Highway in Lecanto, Florida, as the "Sergeant Dennis J. Flanagan Lecanto Post Office Building".

S. 1352. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 127 East Locust Street in Fairbury, Illinois, as the "Dr. Francis Townsend Post Office Building".

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. KYL, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. LOTT):

S. 15. A bill to establish a new budget process to create a comprehensive plan to rein in spending, reduce the deficit, and regain control of the Federal budget process; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 31. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reduce fraud in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. McCAIN:

S. 32. A bill to reform the acquisition process of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 33. A bill to redesignate the Office for Vocational and Adult Education as the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education; considered and passed.

By Mr. ENZI:

S. 34. A bill to promote simplification and fairness in the administration and collection of sales and use taxes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 35. A bill to amend section 7209 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 1444. A bill to provide for free mailing privileges for personal correspondence and parcels sent to members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty in Iraq or Afghanistan; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 1445. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish, promote, and support a comprehensive prevention, research, and medical management referral program for hepatitis C virus infection; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. WEBB):

S. 1446. A bill to amend the National Capital Transportation Act of 1969 to authorize additional Federal contributions for maintaining and improving the transit system of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KOHL:

S. 1447. A bill to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make decisions relating to proposed amendments to milk marketing orders not later than 90 days after the date on which the Secretary holds a hearing; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1448. A bill to extend the same Federal benefits to law enforcement officers serving private institutions of higher education and rail carriers that apply to law enforcement officers serving units of State and local government; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself and Mr. ALLARD):

S. 1449. A bill to establish the Rocky Mountain Science Collections Center to assist in preserving the archeological,

anthropological, paleontological, zoological, and geologic artifacts and archival documentation from the Rocky Mountain region through the construction of an on-site, secure collections facility for the Denver Museum of Nature and Science in Denver, Colorado; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1450. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Housing Assistance Council; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 1451. A bill to encourage the development of coordinated quality reforms to improve health care delivery and reduce the cost of care in the health care system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 1452. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a national center for public mental health emergency preparedness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CRAPO:

S. Res. 213. A resolution supporting National Men's Health Week; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 119

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 119, a bill to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts, and for other purposes.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States.

S. 231

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 231, a bill to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

S. 329

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms.

CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] were added as cosponsors of S. 579, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 648

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 648, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the eligibility age for receipt of non-regular military service retired pay for members of the Ready Reserve in active federal status or on active duty for significant periods.

S. 831

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 831, a bill to authorize States and local governments to prohibit the investment of State assets in any company that has a qualifying business relationship with Sudan.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] were added as cosponsors of S. 901, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, supra.

S. 935

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 935, a bill to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 937

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] were added as cosponsors of S. 937, a bill to improve support and services for individuals with autism and their families.

S. 940

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 940, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the subpart F exemption for active financing income.

S. 959

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 959, a bill to award a grant to enable Teach for America, Inc., to implement and expand its teaching program.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] were added as cosponsors of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 1084

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1084, a bill to provide housing assistance for very low-income veterans.

S. 1145

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT] were added as cosponsors of S. 1145, a bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform.

S. 1147

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1147, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to terminate the administrative freeze on the enrollment into the health care system of the Department of Veterans Affairs of veterans in the lowest priority category for enrollment (referred to as "Priority 8").

S. 1172

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1172, a bill to reduce hunger in the United States.

S. 1183

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1183, a bill to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1226

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1226, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish programs to improve the quality, performance, and delivery of pediatric care.

S. 1232

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1232, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to develop a voluntary policy for managing the risk of food allergy and anaphylaxis in schools, to establish school-based food allergy management grants, and for other purposes.

S. 1244

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1244, a bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to expand coverage under the Act, to increase protections for whistleblowers, to increase penalties for certain violators, and for other purposes.

S. 1276

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1276, a bill to establish a grant program to facilitate the creation of methamphetamine precursor electronic logbook systems, and for other purposes.

S. 1337

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1337, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to provide for equal coverage of mental health services under the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1403

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1403, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to provide incentives for the production of bioenergy crops.

S. 1407

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1407, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to

temporarily provide a shorter recovery period for the depreciation of certain systems installed in nonresidential and residential rental buildings.

S. 1413

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1413, a bill to provide for research and education with respect to uterine fibroids, and for other purposes.

S. 1415

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1415, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Social Security Act to improve screening and treatment of cancers, provide for survivorship services, and for other purposes.

S. 1426

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1426, a bill to amend the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 to reauthorize the market access program, and for other purposes.

S. 1435

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1435, a bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to increase the capacity of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and for other purposes.

S. 1439

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1439, a bill to reauthorize the broadband loan and loan guarantee program under title VI of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936.

SENATE RESOLUTION 171

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 171, a resolution memorializing fallen firefighters by lowering the United States flag to half-staff on the day of the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BAUCUS,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

AIRLAND SUBCOMMITTEE

The Airland Subcommittee of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at 12:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to

hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at 10 a.m. to hold a nomination hearing.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at 3 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Restoring Habeas Corpus: Protecting American Values and the Great Writ" for Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate for a hearing entitled "Minority Entrepreneurship: Assessing the Effectiveness of SBA's Programs for the Minority Business Community," on Tuesday, May 22, 2007, beginning at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 22, 2007.

EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

The Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.

PERSONNEL SUBCOMMITTEE

The Personnel Subcommittee of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at 10 a.m.

READINESS AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT SUBCOMMITTEE

The Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at 4 p.m.

SEAPOWERS SUBCOMMITTEE

The Seapower Subcommittee of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on

Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at 9 a.m. in closed session.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE SAFETY

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety, be authorized to meet to hold a hearing on Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at 10 a.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet on Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at 10 a.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:43 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 698. An act to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to establish industrial bank holding company regulation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1425. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4551 East 52nd Street in Odessa, Texas, as the "Staff Sergeant Marvin 'Rex' Young Post Office Building".

H.R. 2077. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20805 State Route 125 in Blue Creek, Ohio, as the "George B. Lewis Post Office Building".

H.R. 2078. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14536 State Route 136 in Cherry Fork, Ohio, as the "Staff Sergeant Omer 'O.T.' Hawkins Post Office".

H.R. 2272. An act to invest in innovation through research and development, and to improve the competitiveness of the United States.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 698. An act to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to establish industrial bank holding company regulation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1425. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4551 East 52nd Street in Odessa, Texas, as

the "Staff Sergeant Marvin "Rex" Young Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2077. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20805 State Route 125 in Blue Creek, Ohio, as the "George B. Lewis Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2078. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14536 State Route 136 in Cherry Fork, Ohio, as the "Staff Sergeant Omer T. 'O.T.' Hawkins Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 2272. An act to invest in innovation through research and development, and to improve the competitiveness of the United States.

COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1348) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), proposed by Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. SPECTER), to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. DORGAN be the first amendment in order today.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That, he be recognized to speak for 10 minutes; and that the Senate, previously ordered to recess at 12:30 p.m., instead recess at 12:40 p.m.

After debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:40 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill S. 1348.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mrs. BOXER) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in title IV, by striking subtitle A (being amendment No. 1153).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That, at 5:45 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to the pending amendment; that the time until then be divided and controlled, as follows: Mr. DORGAN, 20 minutes; that the remaining time be equally divided and controlled between Mr. KYL and Mr. KENNEDY; and that no second-degree amendments to the amendment be in order prior to the vote.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1153 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 31, nays... 64

[Rollcall Vote No. 174 Leg.]

YEAS --- 31

Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Casey, Clinton, Coburn, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Harkin, Inouye, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, McCaskill, Murray, Nelson (NE), Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Stabenow, Tester, Vitter, Webb, Whitehouse.

NAYS --- 64

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Nelson (FL), Pryor, Roberts, Salazar, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thomas, Thune, Voinovich, Warner, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.
 On motion by Mr. KENNEDY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.
 On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,
 The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.
 The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.
 Pending debate,

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER
 SENATE NATIONAL SECURITY WORKING GROUP

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MENENDEZ in the chair) announced that the majority leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 105 (adopted April 13, 1989), as amended by S. Res. 149 (adopted October 5, 1993), as amended by Public Law 105-275 (adopted October 21, 1998), further amended by S. Res. 75 (adopted March 25, 1999), amended by S. Res. 383 (adopted October 27, 2000), and amended by S. Res. 355 (adopted November 13, 2002), and further amended by S. Res. 480 (adopted November 20, 2004), had appointed the following Senators to serve as members of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 110th Congress: Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. BYRD.

RELATIVE TO APPLICATION OF THE INDIAN SELF-DETERMINATION AND EDUCATION ASSISTANCE ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,
 The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 375) to waive application of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to a specific parcel of real property transferred by the United States to 2 Indian tribes in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes.
 The question being on the passage of the bill; and
 No amendment being proposed,
 The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.
Resolved, That it pass.
 A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AMENDING THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOME RULE ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,
 The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 2080) to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to conform the District charter to revisions made by the

Council of the District of Columbia relating to public education.
 The question being on the passage of the bill; and
 No amendment being proposed,
 The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.
Resolved, That it pass.
 A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

REDESIGNATING THE OFFICE FOR VOCATIONAL AND ADULT EDUCATION

On the request of Mr. CASEY,
 The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 33) to redesignate the Office for Vocational and Adult Education as the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, introduced on today by Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.
 The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.
 The question being on the passage of the bill; and
 No amendment being proposed,
 The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.
Resolved, That it pass.
 A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,
Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled; that the majority control the first half of the time therein, and the minority control the second half of the time therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1348.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,
 At 6:30 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
 PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 23, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
 The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
 The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
 The Senate proceeded to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business.
 Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2031. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction that was declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2032. A communication from the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's progress in improving homeless data collection and preparing a homeless assessment report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2033. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to the Republic of Korea; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2034. A communication from the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Affordable Housing Needs 2005"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2035. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense services associated with the Ballistic Missile Defense Expansion Project and sold commercially under contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2036. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of defense articles abroad, including J79 engine parts, in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2037. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles, including CH-47F Chinook helicopters, in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to the Netherlands; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2038. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Amendment of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Policy with Respect to Somalia" (22 CFR Part 126), received on May 21, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2039. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on efforts taken by the agencies and departments of the U.S. Government relating to the prevention of nuclear proliferation from January 1, 2006, to December 31, 2006; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2040. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-44, "School Modernization Funds Submission Requirements Waiver Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on May 22, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2041. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-43, "Closing of a Public Alley in Squares 739, the Closure of Streets, the Opening and Widening of Streets, and the Dedication of Land for Street Purposes Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on May 22, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2042. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-45, "National Capital Revitalization Corporation and Anacostia Waterfront Corporation Freedom of Information Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on May 22, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2043. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-46, "Vacancy Conversion Fee Exemption Reinstatement Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on May 22, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2044. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-42, "Solid Waste Disposal Fee Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on May 22, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2045. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Department of Justice Implementation of OMB Guidance on Nonprocurement

Debarment and Suspension" (RIN1121-AA73), received on May 22, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendments:

S. 495. A bill to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information (Rept. No. 110-70).

By Mr. KOHL, from the Special Committee on Aging:

Special Report entitled "Economic Developments in Aging" (Rept. No. 110-71).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 231. A bill to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. 36. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act to establish a biofuels promotion program to promote sustainable production of biofuels and biomass, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BURR, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. THOMAS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BUNNING, and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 37. A bill to enhance the management and disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste, to assure protection of public health safety, to ensure the territorial integrity and security of the repository at Yucca Mountain, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 38. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a program for the provision of readjustment and mental health services to veterans who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1453. A bill to extend the moratorium on taxes on Internet access and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce imposed by the Internet Tax Freedom Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. 1454. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase burial benefits for veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 1455. A bill to provide for the establishment of a health information technology and privacy system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 1456. A bill to provide for the establishment and maintenance of electronic personal health records for individuals and family members enrolled in Federal employee health benefits plans under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1457. A bill to provide for the protection of mail delivery on certain postal routes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1458. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to provide incentives for improved agricultural air quality; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1459. A bill to strengthen the Nation's research efforts to identify the causes and cure of psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis, expand psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis data collection, study access to and quality of care for people with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1460. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Development Act of 2002 to support beginning farmers and ranchers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 1461. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from imposing penalties against a State under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program for failure to satisfy minimum work participation rates or comply with work participation verification procedures with respect to months beginning after September 2006 and before the end of the 12-month period that begins on the date the Secretary approves the State's work verification plan; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 1462. A bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to promote the adoption of children with special needs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 1463. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to regulate the sale of ammonium nitrate to prevent and deter the acquisition of ammonium nitrate by terrorists, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 1464. A bill to establish a Global Service Fellowship Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. REID):

S. 1465. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of certain medical mobility devices approved as class III medical devices; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SMITH):

S. 1466. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude property tax rebates and other benefits provided to volunteer firefighters, search and rescue personnel, and emergency medical responders from income and employment taxes and wage withholding; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. 1467. A bill to establish an establish an Early Federal Pell Grant Commitment Demonstration Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. 1468. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase burial benefits for veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 1469. A bill to require the closure of the Department of Defense detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other

purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1470. A bill to provide States with the resources needed to rid our schools of performance-enhancing drug use; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 15

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 15, a bill to establish a new budget process to create a comprehensive plan to rein in spending, reduce the deficit, and regain control of the Federal budget process.

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 22, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 60

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] were added as cosponsors of S. 60, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide a means for continued improvement in emergency medical services for children.

S. 82

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 82, a bill to reaffirm the authority of the Comptroller General to audit and evaluate the programs, activities, and financial transactions of the intelligence community, and for other purposes.

S. 156

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 156, a bill to make the moratorium on Internet access taxes and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce permanent.

S. 206

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 206, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 223

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr.

ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 223, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 231

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 231, a bill to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

At the request of Mr. VITTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 231, supra.

S. 329

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 331

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 331, a bill to provide grants from moneys collected from violations of the corporate average fuel economy program to be used to expand infrastructure necessary to increase the availability of alternative fuels.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 392, a bill to ensure payment of United States assessments for United Nations peacekeeping operations for the 2005 through 2008 time period.

S. 442

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 442, a bill to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders.

S. 450

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 594

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 594, a bill to limit the use, sale, and transfer of cluster munitions.

S. 625

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER]

was added as a cosponsor of S. 625, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S. 661

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 661, a bill to establish kinship navigator programs, to establish guardianship assistance payments for children, and for other purposes.

S. 675

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 675, a bill to provide competitive grants for training court reporters and closed captioners to meet requirements for realtime writers under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

S. 691

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the benefits under the Medicare program for beneficiaries with kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 694

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 694, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of light motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide a tax credit to individuals who enter into agreements to protect the habitats of endangered and threatened species, and for other purposes.

S. 807

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 807, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 to provide that manure shall not be considered to be a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] were added as cosponsors of S. 901, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of

appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 911, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 921

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 921, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] were added as cosponsors of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 994

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 994, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the deductible and change the method of determining the mileage reimbursement rate under the beneficiary travel program administered by the Secretary of Veteran Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1003

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1003, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to emergency medical services and the quality and efficiency of care furnished in emergency departments of hospitals and critical access hospitals by establishing a bipartisan commission to examine factors that affect the effective delivery of such services, by providing for additional payments for certain physician services furnished in such emergency departments, and by establishing a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Working Group, and for other purposes.

S. 1019

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1019, a bill to provide comprehensive reform of the health care system of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1117

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1117, a bill to establish a grant program to provide vision care to children, and for other purposes.

S. 1155

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1155, a bill to treat payments under the Conservation Reserve Program as rentals from real estate.

S. 1172

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1172, a bill to reduce hunger in the United States.

S. 1183

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1183, a bill to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1224

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1224, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1338

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1338, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a two-year moratorium on certain Medicare physician payment reductions for imaging services.

S. 1339

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1339, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, the Higher Education Act of 1965, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve recruitment, preparation, distribution, and retention of public elementary and secondary school teachers and principals, and for other purposes.

S. 1370

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1370, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure more investment and innovation in clean energy technologies.

S. 1389

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1389, a bill to authorize the National Science Foundation to establish a Climate Change Education Program.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1410, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for the purchase of hearing aids.

SENATE RESOLUTION 203

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL], the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 203, a resolution calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to use its unique influence and economic leverage to stop genocide and violence in Darfur, Sudan.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the sessions of the Senate on Wednesday, May 23, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. in closed session to mark up the national defense authorization act for fiscal year 2008.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 23, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 23, 2007, at 11:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 23, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Funding Social Security's Administrative Costs: Will the Budget Meet the Mission?"

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing entitled "Rising Crime in the United States: Examining the Federal Role in Helping Communities Prevent and Respond to Violent Crime" on Wednesday, May 23, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing entitled "Ending Taxation without Representation: The Constitutionality of S. 1257" on Wednesday, May 23, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 23, 2007 to hold a hearing on pending health legislation.

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

The Joint Economic Committee be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing entitled, "Is Market Concentration in the U.S. Petroleum Industry, Harming Consumers?", in Room 215 of the Hart Senate Office Building, Wednesday, May 23, 2007, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Security and International Trade and Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 23, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "U.S. Economic Relations With China: Strategies and Options on Exchange Rates and Market Access."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 23, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. to hold a closed markup.

STRATEGIC FORCES SUBCOMMITTEE

The Strategic Forces Subcommittee of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 23, 2007 at 11:30 a.m., in closed session, to mark up the Strategic Forces Programs and Provisions contained in the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2008.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:57 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1525. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to discourage spyware, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1615. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for aiming laser pointer at airplanes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1722. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 Banyan Trail in Boca Raton, Florida, as the "Leonard W. Herman Post Office".

H.R. 2264. An act to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal.

H.R. 2399. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act and title 18, United States Code, to combat the crime of alien smuggling and related activities, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 128. Concurrent resolution authorizing the printing of a commemorative document memory of the late President of the United States, Gerald Rudolph Ford.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 214. An act to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys.

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

H.R. 1104. An act to increase the number of Iraqi and Afghani translators and interpreters who may admitted to the United States as special immigrants.

At 4:10 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: Mr. HINCHEY of New York, Mr. HALL of New York, Mr. MCHUGH of New York, and Mr. Tiahrt of Kansas.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 1525. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to discourage spyware, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1615. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for aiming laser pointers at airplanes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1722. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 Banyan Trail in Boca Raton, Florida, as the "Leonard W. Herman Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2399. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act and title 18, United States Code, to combat the crime of alien smuggling and related activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 2264. An act to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal.

COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. MCCASKILL in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1348) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), proposed by Mr. REID for Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. SPECTER), to the bill.

On motion by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. DEMINT, and Mrs. DOLE) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1166).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. DODD, and Mr. DURBIN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in section 409(1)(B), by striking subparagraph (B), and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1169).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. OBAMA,

Ordered, That, at 2:20 p.m., there 4 minutes for debate on the pending amendment, divided and controlled, as follows: Mr. BINGAMAN, 2 minutes; Mr. KENNEDY, 1 minute; Mr. SPECTER 1 minute; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate

vote in relation to the amendment, with no intervening action or debate; and that no amendment to the amendment be in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1169 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 74, nays... 24

[Rollcall Vote No. 175 Leg.]

YEAS --- 74

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Dodd, Dole, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Snowe, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 24

Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Coleman, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Domenici, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Kennedy, Kyl, Lieberman, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, Salazar, Smith, Specter, Warner.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1166 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. KYL, and Mr. MCCONNELL) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 1173).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. HAGEL) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1146).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That the question recur on amendment No. 1173; and that the amendment be agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1146 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. CORNYN, and Mrs. DOLE) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) by striking section 1, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1172).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. GREGG,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 1146.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1146 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1172 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY to lay the pending amendment on the table.

Mr. KENNEDY asked for the yeas and nays on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

There was not a sufficient second.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to lay amendment No. 1172 on the table.

Mr. KENNEDY, by unanimous consent, withdrew his pending motion.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1172 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That the yeas and nays, previously ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, be vitiated.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1172 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1166 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, and Mr. DEMINT) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 47, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 1184).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. SCHUMER) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in section 404, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 1165).

Mr. LEAHY modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 1165, as modified, to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1184 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. GRAHAM for Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. KYL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. CORNYN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature

of a substitute) on page 6, by striking the period on line 11 and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1168).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1184 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. BOND, and Mr. COCHRAN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1158).

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN LEGISLATION

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the chair laid before the Senate a resolution relative to Rachel Carson intended to be submitted today by Mr. CARDIN; that the Senate proceed to consider the resolution; that the resolution be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Mr. COLEMAN objected.

COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1348.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1158 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. INOUE, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. CANTWELL) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1186).

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR SUBMISSION OF TRIBUTES

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

Ordered, That Senators be permitted to submit tributes to Mr. STEVENS until the close of business on Monday, June 4, 2007.

AUTHORIZING THE PRINTING OF A
MEMORATIVE DOCUMENT IN
MEMORY OF THE LATE PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES, GERALD
RUDOLPH FORD

On the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 128) authorizing the printing of a commemorative document in memory of the late President of the United States, Gerald Rudolph Ford, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN
BILLS ON THE CALENDAR EN
BLOC

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

The Senate proceeded to consider, en bloc, the following bills on the calendar:

S. 1352. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 127 East Locust Street in Fairbury, Illinois, as the "Dr. Francis Townsend Post Office Building".

H.R. 414. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 60 Calle McKinley, West in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, as the "Miguel Angel Garcia Mendez Post Office Building".

H.R. 437. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 West Eisenhower Street in Rio Grande City, Texas, as the "Lino Perez, Jr. Post Office".

H.R. 625. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4230 Maine Avenue in Baldwin Park, California, as the "Atanacio Haro-Marin Post Office".

H.R. 988. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5757 Tilton Avenue in Riverside, California, as the "Lieutenant Todd Jason Bryant Post Office".

H.R. 1402. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 320 South Lecanto Highway in Lecanto, Florida, as the "Sergeant Dennis J. Flanagan Lecanto Post Office Building".

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

Ordered, That the bills, en bloc, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider the vote on the passage of the bills, en bloc, be deemed made and laid on the table.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled; that the minority control the first half of time therein, and the majority control the second half of time therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1348.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT
ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. SESSIONS.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,
At 8:26 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SALAZAR in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2007

Mr. ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CASEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 24, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., a Senator from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CASEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The morning hour being deemed expired,
and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.
Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2046. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a letter stating that an exchange of notes stamped "for your information" enclosed in Treaty Doc. 109-20, the Protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Germany for the Avoidance of the Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital and to Certain Other Taxes, corrects that Protocol, and requesting that the Senate give its advice and consent to the Protocol as corrected by that exchange of notes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2047. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense services related to the Rolling Airframe Missile MK 31 Guided Missile Weapon System in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2048. A communication from the Administrator, Risk Management Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Mint Crop Insurance Provisions" (RIN0563-AC03) received on May 23, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2049. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Control of Gasoline Volatility" (FRL No. 8318-3) received on May 23, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2050. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Georgia; Enhanced Inspection and Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 8318-1) received on May 23, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2051. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Florida; Prevention of Significant Deterioration Requirements for Power Plants Subject to the Florida Power Plant Siting Act" (FRL No. 8317-8) received on May 23, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2052. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Kansas" (FRL No. 8318-6) received on May 23, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2053. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL No. 8318-8) received on May 23, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2054. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 8315-9) received on May 23, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2055. A communication from the Chief, Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dominican Republic - Central America - United States Free Trade Agreement" (RIN1505-AB64) received on May 23, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2056. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a recommendation to continue the waiver of application of Subsections (a) and (b) of Section 402 of the Act to Belarus for one year; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2057. A communication from the Administrator, Office of Foreign Labor Certification, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Labor Certification for the Permanent Employment of Aliens in the United States; Reducing the Incentives and Opportunities for Fraud and Abuse and Enhancing Program Integrity" (RIN1205-AB42) received on May 23, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2058. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's annual report for calendar year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2059. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period from October 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2060. A communication from the Director, National Legislation Commission, American Legion, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the financial condition of the Legion as of December 31, 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-97. A resolution adopted by the City Commission of Sunny Isles Beach, Florida, requesting fair treatment for Haitian asylum seekers who recently arrived ashore in Hallandale Beach, Florida; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-98. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona urging Congress to take immediate action to allow the Arizona Game and Fish Commission to recover the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge desert bighorn sheep population; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 2008

Whereas, the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge was created primarily in response to concerns for historic declines in desert bighorn populations throughout the west, and the refuge is critical to the health of desert bighorn sheep; and

Whereas, the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge desert bighorn sheep population has declined from 812 sheep in 2000 to 390 sheep in 2006, as documented through extrapolation of data from surveys conducted by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission and the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge; and

Whereas, the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge is the primary source of desert bighorn sheep, mexicana subspecies, throughout the southwestern portion of the United States; and

Whereas, the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge has served as the primary resource for repatriation of desert bighorn sheep to mountain ranges in Arizona, Texas, New Mexico and Colorado and has repatriated at least 513 desert bighorn sheep in 25 of the past 49 years since transplanting began; and

Whereas, the decline in the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge sheep herd coincides with periods of drought and a known increase in the resident population of mountain lions on the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge; and

Whereas, the current population of Kofa desert bighorn sheep is inadequate to support continuing repatriation; and

Whereas, failure to take immediate action will likely result in further decline and threaten the viability of the Kofa herd; and

Whereas, the Arizona Game and Fish Commission has a trust responsibility under title 17, Arizona Revised Statutes, to manage all wildlife in Arizona; and

Whereas, although the United States Fish and Wildlife Service is mandated to manage the natural resources of the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge, the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 which provides that the Secretary of the Interior shall ensure effective coordination, interaction and cooperation with the fish and wildlife agency of the states in which the units of the system are located; and

Whereas, the Arizona Game and Fish Commission and Department are recognized for their body of expertise relative to managing both desert bighorn sheep and mountain lions, and immediate management action is needed to secure the health and

viability of the Kofa desert bighorn sheep population.

Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

1. That the United States Congress take immediate action to reaffirm the Arizona Game and Fish Department's position as the leading agency in the management of non-migratory and non-endangered state wildlife.

2. That the Arizona Game and Fish Commission employ, without any unnecessary delays, burdens or obstacles, all management tools and measures necessary to recover the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge desert bighorn sheep population, including the management of predators, water developments, human intervention and the potential for disease epizootics.

3. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona and the Director of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

POM-99. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Arizona urging Congress to repeal federal tax withholding on certain payments made by government agencies; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 1001

Whereas, section 511 of the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005 imposes on certain governmental agencies the duty to withhold and remit income taxes on certain payments for providers of services or property; and

Whereas, many providers of covered transactions may be in marginal businesses with little or no federal income tax liability, thereby forcing an interest-free loan to the federal government by the businesses that can least afford them; and

Whereas, section 511 places an undue burden on governmental agencies, creating yet another unfunded mandate to state and local governments; and

Whereas, the Internal Revenue Service is barely able to cope with the current level of tracking of withholding payments, much less handle the exponential increase in such payments that section 511 creates; and

Whereas, this withholding scheme will inevitably lead to endless disputes between governmental agencies and their service providers over billing and account balances.

Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of Representatives concurring, prays:

1. That the Congress of the United States repeal section 511 of the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005, codified as section 3402(t) of the Internal Revenue Code.

2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-100. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to take such actions as are necessary to support the goals and ideals of a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 61

Whereas, the death of a child is a devastating experience, and the murder of a child is exceptionally difficult; and

Whereas, Parents of Murdered Children, Inc., (POMC) helps families of murder victims cope with grief through a variety of support services, including counseling, crisis intervention, professional referrals, and assistance in dealing with the criminal justice system; and

Whereas, POMC was formed in 1978 by Robert and Charlotte Hullinger after the tragic murder of their daughter, Lisa, on September 25 of that year; and

Whereas, POMC has grown from only five parents at the first meeting of the organization in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1978 to over 100,000 members in more than 300 chapters worldwide; and

Whereas, POMC membership is open to anyone who has suffered the murder of a loved one and to professionals who are in frequent contact with survivors of murder victims; and

Whereas, POMC provides comfort and vital, ongoing assistance to countless loved ones of murder victims; and

Whereas, POMC helps guide families of murder victims through the process of pursuing justice in the criminal justice system, which can be an overwhelming experience for grieving loved ones; and

Whereas, POMC has designated September 25 of each year as a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims; and

Whereas, the designation of a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims provides an opportunity for the people of the United States to honor the memories of murder victims: therefore, be it

Resolved that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to support the goals and ideals of a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims and to recognize the significant benefits that Parents of Murdered Children, Inc., provides to the loved ones of murder victims, be it further

Resolved that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of

the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 924. A bill to strengthen the United States Coast Guard's Integrated Deepwater Program (Rept. No. 110-72).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 368. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-73).

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Allocations to Subcommittee of Budget Totals" (Rept. No. 110-74).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 740. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent caller ID spoofing, and for other purposes.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

H. Con. Res. 76. A concurrent resolution honoring the 50th Anniversary of the International Geophysical Year (IGY) and its past contributions to space research, and looking forward to future accomplishments.

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 110. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-United States dialogue and relationship.

S. Res. 211. A resolution expressing the profound concerns of the Senate regarding the transgression against freedom of thought and expression that is being carried out in Venezuela, and for other purposes.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 1327. A bill to create and extend certain temporary district court judgeships.

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Con. Res. 25. A concurrent resolution condemning the recent violent actions of the Government of Zimbabwe against peaceful opposition party activists and members of civil society.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND
JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. SUNUNU (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 40. A bill to authorize the issuance of Federal charters and licenses for carrying on the sale, solicitation, negotiation, and underwriting of insurance or any other insurance operations, to provide a comprehensive system for the Federal regulation and supervision of national insurers and national agencies, to provide for policyholder protections in the event of an insolvency or the impairment of a national insurer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 1471. A bill to provide for the voluntary development by States of qualifying best practices for health care and to encourage such voluntary development by amending titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to provide differential rates of payment favoring treatment provided consistent with qualifying best practices under the Medicare and Medicaid programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1472. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to create a Bureau of Reclamation partnership with the North Bay Water Reuse Authority and other regional partners to achieve objectives relating to water supply, water quality, and environmental restoration; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1473. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Madera Irrigation District for purposes of supporting the Madera Water Supply Enhancement Project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1474. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to plan, design and construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, and other uses from the Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin, Santa Ana River, California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1475. A bill to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program, and for

other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 1476. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct special resources study of the Tule Lake Segregation Center in Modoc County, California, to determine suitability and feasibility of establishing a unit of the National Park System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself and Mr. ALLARD):

S. 1477. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the Jackson Gulch rehabilitation project in the State of Colorado; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DODD, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WEBB, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1478. A bill to provide lasting protection for inventoried roadless areas within the National Forest System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1479. A bill to improve the oversight and regulation of tissue banks and the tissue donation process, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 1480. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment of a monthly stipend to the surviving parents (known as "Gold Star parents") of members of the Armed Forces who die during a period of war; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1481. A bill to restore fairness and reliability to the medical justice system and promote patient safety by fostering alternatives to current medical tort litigation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1482. A bill to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct research on indicators of child well-being; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1483. A bill to create a new incentive fund that will encourage States to adopt the 21st Century Skills Framework; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 1484. A bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restore the Medicare treatment of ownership of oxygen equipment to that in effect before enactment of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CRAIG, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1485. A bill to impose tariff-rate quotas on certain casein and milk protein concentrates; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1486. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to restore integrity to and strengthen payment limitation rules for commodity payments and benefits; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. DODD, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. INOUE, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. BROWN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1487. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require an individual, durable, voter-verified paper record under title III of such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1488. A bill to amend the definition of independent student for purposes of the need analysis in the Higher Education Act of 1965 to include older adopted students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. CANTWELL):

S. 1489. A bill to provide for an additional place of holding court in the western district of Washington; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 1490. A bill to provide for the establishment and maintenance of electronic personal health records for individuals and family members enrolled in Federal employee health benefits plans under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. BOND, Mr. VOINOVICH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 1491. A bill to amend the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to provide grants for the installation of E-85 fuel infrastructure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1492. A bill to improve the quality of federal and state data regarding the availability and quality of broadband services and to promote the deployment of affordable broadband services to all parts of the Nation; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 1493. A bill to promote innovation and basic research in advanced information and communications technologies that will enhance or facilitate the availability and affordability of advanced communications services to all Americans; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BAUCUS, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1494. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the special diabetes programs for Type I diabetes and Indians under that Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1495. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the application of the tonnage tax on vessels operating in the dual United States domestic and foreign trades, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CASEY, Mr. DORGAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BROWN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ALLARD, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BYRD, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. TESTER, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 1496. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to include pollinators in certain conservation programs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CARDIN:

S. 1497. A bill to promote the energy independence of the United States, and for

other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 1498. A bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit the import, export, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1499. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce air pollution from marine vessels; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 1500. A bill to support democracy and human rights in Zimbabwe, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BAYH:

S. 1501. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to consolidate the current education tax incentives into one credit against income tax for higher education expenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. ENZI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. KERRY, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1502. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to encourage owners and operators of privately-held farm, ranch, and forest land to voluntarily make their land available for access by the public under programs administered by States and tribal governments; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 1503. A bill to improve domestic fuels security; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 1504. A bill to revalue the LIFO inventories of major integrated oil companies; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. BURR, and Mr. COBURN):

S. 1505. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the approval of biosimilars, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 1506. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to modify provisions relating to beach monitoring, and for other

purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 1507. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for drug and health care claims data release; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DORGAN:

S. 1508. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and expand various tax incentives for production of renewable energy and clean energy sources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 1509. A bill to improve United States hurricane forecasting, monitoring, and warning capabilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 1510. A bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate consumer product safety rules concerning the safety and labeling of portable generators; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1511. A bill to promote the development and use of marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 1512. A bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to expand Federal eligibility for children in foster care who have attained age 18; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. OBAMA:

S. 1513. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to authorize grant programs to enhance the access of low-income African-American students to higher education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. REED):

S. 1514. A bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 1515. A bill to establish a domestic violence volunteer attorney network to represent domestic violence victims; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 1516. A bill to provide environmental assistance to non-Federal interests in the State of Colorado; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 1517. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the distribution of a share of certain mineral revenues to the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. ALLARD, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BOND, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BROWN, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1518. A bill to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 1519. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a transition to a new voluntary quality reporting program for physicians and other health professionals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 1520. A bill to prohibit price gouging relating to gasoline and diesel fuels in areas affected by major disasters; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 1521. A bill to provide information, resources, recommendations, and funding to help State and local law enforcement enact crime prevention and intervention strategies supported by rigorous evidence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1522. A bill to amend the Bonneville Power Administration portions of the Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act of 2000 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008 through 2014, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 1523. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide from the Capitol power plant; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 1524. A bill to waive time limitations specified by law in order to allow the Medal of Honor to be awarded to Gary Lee McKiddy, of Miamisburg, Ohio, for acts of valor while a helicopter crew chief and door gunner with the 1st Cavalry Division during the Vietnam War; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. CANTWELL, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1525. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the energy efficient appliance credit for appliances produced after 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. CARPER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1526. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to develop standards for general service lamps that will operate more efficiently and assist in reducing costs to consumers, business concerns, government entities, and other users, to require that general service lamps and related products manufactured or sold in interstate commerce after 2013 meet those standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. CARPER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1527. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for renovation and construction of manufacturing facilities for incandescent lamps; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 1528. A bill to amend chapter 87 of title 18, United States Code, to end the terrorizing effects of the sale of murderabilia on crime victims and their families; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 1529. A bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to end benefit erosion, support working families with child care expenses, encourage retirement and education savings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. DODD, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. REID, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. WEBB):

S.J. Res. 14. A joint resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Attorney General Alberto Gonzales no longer holds the confidence of the Senate and of the American people; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SMITH, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DODD, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. Res. 214. A resolution calling upon the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to immediately release Dr. Haleh Esfandiari; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. Res. 215. A resolution designating September 25, 2007, as "National First Responder Appreciation Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. Res. 216. A resolution recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the American Association for Cancer Research and declaring the month of May National Cancer Research Month; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. DEMINT):

S. Res. 217. A resolution designating the week beginning May 20, 2007, as "National Hurricane Preparedness Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. Res. 218. A resolution to authorize the printing of a collection of the rules of the committees of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. Res. 219. A resolution recognizing the year 2007 as the official 50th anniversary celebration of the beginnings of marinas, power production, recreation, and boating on Lake Sidney Lanier, Georgia; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 37

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 37, a bill to enhance the management and disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste, to assure protection of public health safety, to ensure the territorial integrity and security of the repository at Yucca Mountain, and for other purposes.

S. 48

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 48, a bill to return meaning to the Fifth Amendment by limiting the power of eminent domain.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States.

S. 274

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 274, a bill to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, and for other purposes.

S. 329

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 357

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 357, a bill to improve passenger automobile fuel economy and safety, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, reduce dependence on foreign oil, and for other purposes.

S. 399

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] were added as cosponsors of S. 399, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include podiatrists as physicians for purposes of covering physicians services under the Medicaid program.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. BOND, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN] were added as cosponsors of S. 430, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 450

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act

to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 467

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 467, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to expand the clinical trials drug data bank.

S. 506

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 506, a bill to improve efficiency in the Federal Government through the use of high-performance green buildings, and for other purposes.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to accelerate efforts to develop vaccines for diseases primarily affecting developing countries and for other purposes.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 582, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to classify automatic fire sprinkler systems as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 597

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 597, a bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

S. 609

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 609, a bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

S. 634

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 634, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 672

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 672, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax-exempt financing for qualified renewable energy facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 764

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 764, a bill to amend title XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to permit States the option of coverage of legal immigrants under the Medicaid Program and the State children's health insurance program (SCHIP).

S. 804

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 804, a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to improve the administration of elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

S. 823

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 823, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to facilitating the development of microbicides for preventing transmission of HIV/AIDS and other diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 829

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 829, a bill to reauthorize the HOPE VI program for revitalization of severely distressed public housing, and for other purposes.

S. 860

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 860, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States the option to provide Medicaid coverage for low-income individuals infected with HIV.

S. 871

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 871, a bill to establish and provide for the treatment of Individual Development Accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 879

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 879, a bill to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal.

S. 881

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 881, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 881, *supra*.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms.

STABENOW], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 901, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

S. 929

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 929, a bill to streamline the regulation of nonadmitted insurance and reinsurance, and for other purposes.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL] were added as cosponsors of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 1042

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1042, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly.

S. 1064

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1064, a bill to provide for the improvement of the physical evaluation processes applicable to members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 1107

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1107, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce cost-sharing under part D of such title for certain non-institutionalized full-benefit dual eligible individuals.

S. 1172

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of

S. 1172, a bill to reduce hunger in the United States.

S. 1226

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1226, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish programs to improve the quality, performance, and delivery of pediatric care.

S. 1263

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1263, a bill to protect the welfare of consumers by prohibiting price gouging with respect to gasoline and petroleum distillates during natural disasters and abnormal market disruptions, and for other purposes.

S. 1334

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1334, a bill to amend section 2306 of title 38, United States Code, to make permanent authority to furnish government headstones and markers for graves of veterans at private cemeteries, and for other purposes.

S. 1337

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1337, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to provide for equal coverage of mental health services under the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

S. 1373

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1373, a bill to provide grants and loan guarantees for the development and construction of science parks to promote the clustering of innovation through high technology activities.

S. 1379

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1379, a bill to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to strike the exception to the residency requirements for United States attorneys.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1398

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1398, a bill to expand the research and prevention activities of the National Institute of Diabetes and

Digestive and Kidney Diseases, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to inflammatory bowel disease.

S. 1418

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1418, a bill to provide assistance to improve the health of newborns, children, and mothers in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 1430

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1430, a bill to authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000, 000 or more in Iran's energy sector, and for other purposes.

S. 1439

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1439, a bill to reauthorize the broadband loan and loan guarantee program under title VI of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936.

S. 1448

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1448, a bill to extend the same Federal benefits to law enforcement officers serving private institutions of higher education and rail carriers that apply to law enforcement officers serving units of State and local government.

S. 1457

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1457, a bill to provide for the protection of mail delivery on certain postal routes, and for other purposes.

S. 1466

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1466, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude property tax rebates and other benefits provided to volunteer firefighters, search and rescue personnel, and emergency medical responders from income and employment taxes and wage withholding.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 10

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 10, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United

States relative to equal rights for men and women.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 25

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 25, a concurrent resolution condemning the recent violent actions of the Government of Zimbabwe against peaceful opposition party activists and members of civil society.

SENATE RESOLUTION 82

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 82, a resolution designating August 16, 2007 as "National Airborne Day".

SENATE RESOLUTION 211

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU], the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ], the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 211, a resolution expressing the profound concerns of the Senate regarding the transgression against freedom of thought and expression that is being carried out in Venezuela, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISASTER RECOVERY

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, May 24, 2007, at 3 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 24, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 24, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a

hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 24, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 24, 2007 at 10:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 24, 2007, at 2 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 24, 2007, at 11:30 a.m. to hold a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, May 24, 2007, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Room 226.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 24, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, FEDERAL SERVICE, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security be authorized to meet on Thursday, May 24, 2007 at 10 a.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 67. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 612. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the period of eligibility for health care for combat service in the Persian Gulf War or future hostilities from two years to five years after discharge or release.

H.R. 1100. An act to revise the boundary of the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site in the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1252. An act to protect consumers from price-gouging of gasoline and other fuels, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1427. An act to reform the regulation of certain housing-related Government-sponsored enterprises, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1470. An act to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers.

H.R. 1660. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the southern Colorado region.

H.R. 2199. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide certain improvements in the treatment of individuals with traumatic brain injuries, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2239. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for vocational rehabilitation benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

H.R. 2429. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide an exception to the 60-day limit on Medicare reciprocal billing arrangements between two physicians during the period in which one of the physicians is ordered to active duty as a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces.

The message also announced that pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 51312(b), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy: Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York and Mr. KING of New York.

At 2:58 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 158. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional adjournment of the Senate.

At 5:27 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Brandon, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 988. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5757 Tilton Avenue in Riverside, California, as the "Lieutenant Todd Jason Bryant Post Office".

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 7:14 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Chiappardi, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the

amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2206) making emergency supplemental appropriations and additional supplemental appropriations for agricultural and other emergency assistance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 67. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 612. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the period of eligibility for health care for combat service in the Persian Gulf War or future hostilities from two years to five years after discharge or release; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1100. An act to revise the boundary of the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site in the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1252. An act to protect consumers from price-gouging of gasoline and other fuels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1427. An act to reform the regulation of certain housing-related Government-sponsored enterprises, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1470. An act to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1660. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the southern Colorado region; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2199. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide certain improvements in the treatment of individuals with traumatic brain injuries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2239. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for vocational rehabilitation benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2429. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide an exception to the 60-day limit on Medicare reciprocal billing arrangements between two physicians during the period in which one of the physicians is ordered to active duty as a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Finance.

COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. OBAMA in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1348) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1186, proposed by Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. INOUE, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. CANTWELL), to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, proposed by Mr. REID for Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. SPECTER), to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. CORKER) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in section 401, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1181).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SPECTER,

Ordered, That amendment No. 1168, agreed to on yesterday, be modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1181 to amendment No. 1150 (in nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That Mr. COLEMAN be recognized to speak for 5 minutes; that, at 12:15 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 1186; that, prior to said vote, there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; that, following said vote, the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 1158; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; that the second vote be 10 minutes in duration; and that no

amendments be in order to either amendment prior to the vote.

Ordered further, That, at 2:15 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 1181; that, prior to said vote, Mr. DORGAN and Mr. DURBIN each be recognized to speak for 10 minutes thereon; that, upon conclusion of remarks by them, there be 5 minutes for debate thereon; and that no amendment be in order to the amendment prior to the vote.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1181 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SPECTER for Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BURR, and Mr. SPECTER) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on various pages and lines, by striking certain sums and inserting other sums and words (being amendment No. 1190).

Mr. SPECTER, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 1190, as modified, to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. COLEMAN,

Ordered, That the amendment, as modified, be agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1186 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 86, nays... 10

[Rollcall Vote No. 176 Leg.]

YEAS --- 86

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer,

Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Thune, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden

NAYS --- 10

Bunning, Chambliss, Enzi, Gregg, Hagel, Inhofe, Isakson, Sessions, Sununu, Vitter.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. CRAIG,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HAGEL,

Ordered, That on rollcall vote No. 176, his vote be changed from "nay" to "yea," thus changing the result to yeas 87, nays 9.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1158, proposed by Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. BOND, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ALLARD, and Mrs. DOLE), to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 48, nays... 49

[Rollcall Vote No. 177 Leg.]

YEAS --- 48

Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Landrieu, Lott, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

NAYS --- 49

Akaka, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Domenici, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Martinez, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1181 to amendment No.

1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. REID) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 1199).

Pending debate,

CALLING FOR THE RELEASE OF DR. HALEH ESFANDIARI

On the request of Mr. CARDIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. MCCASKILL in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 214) calling upon the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to immediately release Dr. Haleh Esfandiari, submitted today by Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SMITH, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DODD, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. COLEMAN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

After debate,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1348.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1199 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DODD, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. INOUE) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and sums, and inserting other words and sums (being amendment No. 1194).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 1186, previously agreed to, be modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1194 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

The hour of 2:15 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1181 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 48, nays... 49

[Rollcall Vote No. 178 Leg.]

YEAS --- 48

Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cardin, Casey, Clinton, Coburn, Conrad, Corker, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Grassley, Harkin, Inhofe, Inouye, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, McCaskill, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Stabenow, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 49

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Cantwell, Carper, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Feinstein, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Kyl, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Menendez, Murkowski, Pryor, Roberts, Salazar, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Voinovich, Warner.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. SPECTER to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. CRAIG,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1194 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. BOND, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. DEMINT) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1170).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. GRASSLEY) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), by striking title VI (being amendment No. 1157).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. INOUE) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1176).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title VII, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1223).

Pending debate,

Mr. CORNYN, by unanimous consent, modified his amendment No. 1184.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1223 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. SANDERS modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 1223, as modified, to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 1231).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That his pending amendment be laid aside; and that the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 1223, as modified.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1223, as modified, to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That Mr. SESSIONS be recognized to propose 2 amendments; that he be recognized to speak for 15 minutes thereon; and that, upon conclusion of remarks by him, the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 1223, as modified.

Ordered further, That there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said amendment; and that no second-degree amendment be in order to amendment No. 1223, prior to the vote.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1223, as modified, to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. SESSIONS to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting other words (being amendment No. 1234).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. SESSIONS to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting other words (being amendment No. 1235).

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1223, as modified, to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 59, nays... 35

[Rollcall Vote No. 179 Leg.]

YEAS --- 59

Akaka, Alexander, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Cochran, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, Menendez,

Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Sessions, Shelby, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 35

Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Gregg, Hagel, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Lott, McConnell, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Smith, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1235 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1191).

Pending debate,

The amendment numbered 1157 was deemed the pending question.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 29, nays... 66

[Rollcall Vote No. 180 Leg.]

YEAS --- 29

Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bond, Bunning, Byrd, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Dorgan, Enzi, Grassley, Inhofe, Landrieu, McCaskill, McConnell, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Roberts, Rockefeller, Sessions, Shelby, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter.

NAYS --- 66

Akaka, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Cornyn, Craig, Dodd, Domenici, Durbin, Ensign, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Reed, Reid, Salazar, Sanders, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow,

Stevens, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1191 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE
AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 2206

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANDERS in the chair) laid before the Senate the amendment received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2206) making emergency supplemental appropriations and additional supplemental appropriations for agricultural and other emergency assistance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That, at 8:25 p.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with no intervening action or debate; that no amendment or motion be in order thereto; that the time from 7:55 p.m. until 8:25 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders; and that the majority leader control the final 15 minutes therein.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. WARNER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 80, nays... 14

[Rollcall Vote No. 181 Leg.]

YEAS --- 80

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Brown, Bunning, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Cochran, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg,

Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb.

NAYS --- 14

Boxer, Burr, Clinton, Coburn, Dodd, Enzi, Feingold, Kennedy, Kerry, Leahy, Obama, Sanders, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

DESIGNATING NATIONAL
HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 217) designating the week beginning May 20, 2007, as "National Hurricane Preparedness Week", submitted today by Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. BILL NELSON, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. DEMINT), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING PRINTING OF A
COLLECTION OF THE RULES OF
THE COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 218) to authorize the printing of a collection of the rules of the committees of the Senate, submitted today by Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF
LAKE SIDNEY LANIER, GEORGIA

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 219) recognizing the year 2007 as the official 50th anniversary celebration of the beginnings of

marinas, power production, recreation, and boating on Lake Sidney Lanier, Georgia, submitted today by Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. PRYOR), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PRESERVATION APPROVAL
PROCESS IMPROVEMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 1675) to suspend the requirements of the Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding electronic filing of previous participation certificates and regarding filing of such certificates with respect to certain low-income housing investors.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

NATIVE AMERICAN HOME
OWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 1676) to reauthorize the program of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for loan guarantees for Indian housing.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING THE EDWARD
BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE
ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 231) to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,
The bill was read the third time, by
unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made
and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO FREEDOM OF
THOUGHT AND EXPRESSION IN
VENEZUELA

By unanimous consent, on the request
of Mr. DURBIN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the
resolution (S. Res. 211) expressing the
profound concerns of the Senate regarding
the transgression against freedom of thought
and expression that is being carried out in
Venezuela, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the
resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto,
and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made
and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING THE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY OF STAN HYWET
HALL & GARDENS

By unanimous consent, on the request
of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the Committee on the
Judiciary be discharged from the further
consideration of the concurrent resolution
(S. Con. Res. 32) honoring the 50th
anniversary of Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous
consent, to consider the concurrent
resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the
concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto,
and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made
and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO BILL
S. 1104

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the
Senate the amendments received from the
House of Representatives for concurrence to
the bill (S. 1104) to increase the number of
Iraqi and Afghan translators and interpreters
who may be admitted to the United States as
special immigrants.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the
amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of
the House of Representatives to the bill.

Resolved further, That the Senate concur in
the amendment of the House of
Representatives to the title of bill.

JOINT RESOLUTION READ THE
FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the
Senate the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 14)
expressing the sense of the Senate that
Attorney General Alberto Gonzales no longer
holds the confidence of the Senate and of the
American people, introduced today by Mr.
SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr.
KENNEDY, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr.
WHITEHOUSE, Mr. DODD, Mr. AKAKA, Mr.
BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr.
BYRD, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr.
CONRAD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr.
INOUE, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr.
LEVIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr.
BILL NELSON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. REID, Mr.
SANDERS, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. WEBB),
and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. DURBIN asked unanimous consent that
the joint resolution be read the second time.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that,
pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the
Standing Rules of the Senate, the joint
resolution would lie over awaiting its second
reading on the next legislative day.

PROVIDING FOR AN
ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE
TWO HOUSES

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the
Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con.
Res. 158) providing for an adjournment or
recess of the two Houses, received from the
House of Representatives for concurrence on
today, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous
consent, to consider the concurrent
resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the
concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made
and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request
of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes
its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30
a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow,
immediately following the prayer and
reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the
Flag of the United States of America, the
Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be
approved to date, the morning hour be
deemed expired, and the times for the two
leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then
resume consideration of bill S. 1348.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request
of Mr. DURBIN,

At 9:43 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of
today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2007

Mr. HARRY REID, from the State of Nevada,
called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the
Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. REID led
the Senate in reciting the Pledge of
Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of
America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following
communication from the PRESIDENT pro
tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 25, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3,
of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby
appoint the Honorable SHELDON
WHITEHOUSE, a Senator from the State of
Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, to
perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. WHITEHOUSE took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Journal of the proceedings of the
Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The morning hour being deemed expired,
and the times for the recognition of the two
leaders being reserved.

JOINT RESOLUTION READ THE
SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON
THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an
adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid
before the Senate the joint resolution
(S.J. Res. 14) expressing the sense of the
Senate that Attorney General Alberto
Gonzales no longer holds the confidence of
the Senate and of the American people,

introduced on yesterday by Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. DODD, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. REID, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. WEBB), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings of the joint resolution.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the joint resolution would be placed on the calendar.

COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1348) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1191, proposed by Mr. LIEBERMAN, to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, proposed by Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. SPECTER), to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN (for Mr. ALLARD) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by striking certain words and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1189).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in section 601(i)(2)(C), on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 1250).

Pending debate,

Mr. CORNYN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose amendment No. 1238.

Mr. SALAZAR objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1250 to amendment No.

1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SALAZAR for Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. REID, and Mr. DODD) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on various pages and lines, by striking certain sums, and inserting other words (being amendment No. 1183).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SALAZAR for Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title V, at the end thereof, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1202).

Pending debate,

Mr. SALAZAR, by unanimous consent, modified amendment No. 1183.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1202 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1530. A bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act, to protect consumers from inadequate disclosures and certain abusive practices in rent-to-own transactions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 1531. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives and extend existing incentives for the production and use of renewable energy

resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 1532. A bill to extend tax relief to the residents and businesses of an area with respect to which a major disaster has been declared by the President under section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (FEMA-1699-DR) by reason of severe storms and tornados beginning on May 4, 2007, and determined by the President to warrant individual or individual and public assistance from the Federal Government under such Act; ordered held at the desk.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1533. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain coins to be acquired by individual retirement accounts and other individually directed pension plan accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself and Mr. BAYH):

S. 1534. A bill to hold the current regime in Iran accountable for its human rights record and to support a transition to democracy in Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1535. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Foreign Trade Zones Act to simplify the tax and eliminate the drawback fee on certain distilled spirits used in nonbeverage products manufactured in a United States foreign trade zone for domestic use and export; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1536. A bill for the relief of Jose Alberto Martinez Moreno, Micaela Lopez Martinez, and Adilene Martinez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 1537. A bill to authorize the transfer of certain funds from the Senate Gift Shop Revolving Fund to the Senate Employee Child Care Center; considered and passed.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S.J. Res. 15. A joint resolution to revise United States policy on Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following concurrent resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. KERRY:

S. Con. Res. 34. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Congress and the President should increase basic pay for members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 394

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 394, a bill to amend the Humane Methods of Livestock Slaughter Act of 1958 to ensure the humane slaughter of nonambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 450

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 573

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 573, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 625

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 625, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S. 638

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 638, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 805, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa in the effort to achieve internationally recognized goals in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other major diseases and the reduction of maternal and child mortality by improving human health care capacity and improving retention of medical health professionals in sub-Saharan Africa, and for other purposes.

S. 932

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 932,

a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize physical therapists to evaluate and treat Medicare beneficiaries without a requirement for a physician referral, and for other purposes.

S. 1042

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1042, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly.

S. 1224

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1224, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1337

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1337, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to provide for equal coverage of mental health services under the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

S. 1338

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1338, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a two-year moratorium on certain Medicare physician payment reductions for imaging services.

S. 1375

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1375, a bill to ensure that new mothers and their families are educated about postpartum depression, screened for symptoms, and provided with essential services, and to increase research at the National Institutes of Health on postpartum depression.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1428

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1428, a bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to assure access to durable medical equipment under the Medicare program.

S. 1492

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and

the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] were added as cosponsors of S. 1492, a bill to improve the quality of federal and state data regarding the availability and quality of broadband services and to promote the deployment of affordable broadband services to all parts of the Nation.

S. 1494

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1494, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the special diabetes programs for Type I diabetes and Indians under that Act.

S. 1495

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1495, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the application of the tonnage tax on vessels operating in the dual United States domestic and foreign trades, and for other purposes.

S. 1502

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1502, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to encourage owners and operators of privately-held farm, ranch, and forest land to voluntarily make their land available for access by the public under programs administered by States and tribal governments.

S. 1518

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1518, a bill to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 203

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 203, a resolution calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to use its unique influence and economic leverage to stop genocide and violence in Darfur, Sudan.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:45 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Chiappardi, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2316. An act to provide more rigorous requirements with respect to disclosure and enforcement of lobbying laws and regulations, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2317. An act to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to require registered lobbyists to file quarterly reports on contributions bundled for certain recipients, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS DURING RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding an adjournment or recess of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, the majority leader, and the minority leader be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or Interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO REPORT DURING ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding an adjournment of the Senate, committees be authorized to report legislative and executive items on Thursday, May 31, 2007, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

INDIAN CHILD PROTECTION AND FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 398) to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to identify and remove barriers to reducing child abuse, to provide for examinations of certain children, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. DORGAN) to amend the bill on page 20, by striking all beginning on line 10 through line 13, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1256).

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

KANSAS DISASTER TAX RELIEF ASSISTANCE ACT

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. KLOBUCHAR in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1532) to extend tax relief to the residents and businesses of an area with respect to which a major disaster has been declared by the President under section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (FEMA-1699-DR) by reason of severe storms and tornados beginning on May 4, 2007, and determined by the President to warrant individual or individual and public assistance from the Federal Government under such Act, introduced on today by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the bill be held at the desk, pending action on a companion measure by the House of Representatives.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2316) to provide more rigorous requirements with respect to disclosure and enforcement of lobbying laws and regulations, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2317) to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to require registered lobbyists to file quarterly reports on contributions bundled for certain recipients, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THE SENATE EMPLOYEE CHILD CARE CENTER

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1537) to authorize the transfer of certain funds from the Senate Gift Shop Revolving Fund to the Senate Employee Child Care Center, introduced on today by Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mrs. HUTCHISON), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2:30 P.M. ON MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2007, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2:30 p.m. on Monday, June 4, 2007; that, on Monday, June 4, 2007, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, upon conclusion of morning

business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1348.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 1:28 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, and pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 158, until 2:30 p.m. on Monday, June 4, 2007.

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2007

Mr. JIM WEBB, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, called the Senate to order at 2:30 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WEBB led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, June 4, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JIM WEBB, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. WEBB took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, May 25, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, May 25, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the Secretary of the Senate, on May 25, 2007, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2206. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations and additional supplemental appropriations for agricultural and other emergency assistance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of January 4, 2007, the enrolled bill was signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore during the adjournment of the Senate, on May 25, 2007.

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the Secretary of the Senate, on May 25, 2007, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 214. An act to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys.

S. 1104. An act to increase the number of Iraqi and Afghani translators and interpreters who may be admitted to the United States as special immigrants, and for other purposes.

H.R. 414. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 60 Calle McKinley, West in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, as the "Miguel Angel Garcia Mendez Post Office Building".

H.R. 437. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 West Eisenhower Street in Rio Grande City, Texas, as the "Lino Perez, Jr. Post Office".

H.R. 625. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4230 Maine Avenue in Baldwin Park, California; as the "Atanacio Haro-Marin Post Office".

H.R. 1402. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 320 South Lecanto Highway in Lecanto, Florida, as the "Sergeant Dennis J. Flanagan Lecanto Post Office Building".

H.R. 2080. An act to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to conform the District charter to revisions made by the Council of the District of Columbia relating to public education.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of January 4, 2007, the enrolled bills were signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore during the adjournment of the Senate, on May 30, 2007.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES SUBMITTED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of May 25, 2007, the following reports of committees were submitted on May 31, 2007:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Select Committee on Intelligence, without amendment:

S. 1538. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-75).

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Select Committee on Intelligence:

Special Report entitled "Prewar Intelligence Assessments About Postwar Iraq" (Rept. No. 110-76). Additional and Minority views filed.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 239. A bill to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of data containing sensitive personally identifiable information, to disclose any breach of such information.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Friday, May 25, 2007,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Monday, June 4, 2007, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 214. A bill to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys.

S. 1104. An act to increase the number of Iraqi and Afghani translators and interpreters who may be admitted to the United States as special immigrants, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2061. A communication from the Under Secretary, Office of Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program" (RIN0570-AA19) received on May 25, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2062. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral James M. Zortman, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2063. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Broken Bow and Millerton, Oklahoma" (MB Docket No. 05-328) received on May 25, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2064. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Romney and Wardensville, West Virginia" (MB Docket No. 05-143) received on May 25, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2065. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Second Periodic Review of the Commission's Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion to Digital Television" (MB Docket No. 03-15) received on May 25, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2066. A communication from the Associate Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996: Telecommunications Carriers' Use of Customer Proprietary Network Information and Other Customer Information" ((CC Doc. 96-115)(FCC 07-22)) received on May 25, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2067. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Service Rules for the 698-806 MHz Band and Revision of the Commission's Rules Regarding Enhanced 911 Emergency Calling Systems, Hearing Aid-Compatible Telephones and Public Safety Spectrum Requirements" ((WT Docket No. 06-150)-(FCC No. 07-72)) received on May 25, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2068. A communication from the Assistant Bureau Chief for Management, International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the Matter of the Establishment of Policies and Service Rules for the Broadcasting-Satellite Service at the 17.3-17.7 GHz Frequency Band and at the 17.7-17.8 GHz Frequency Band Internationally, and at the 24.75-25.25 GHz Frequency Band for Fixed Satellite Services Providing Feeder Links to the Broadcasting Satellite Service" ((IB Docket No. 06-123)(FCC 07-76)) received on May 25, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2069. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Elephant Trunk Scallop Access Area Closure for General Category Scallop Vessels" (ID No. 031307A) received on May 21, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2070. A communication from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to fraud by businesses or individuals that market advice or assistance to students and parents who may be seeking financial aid for higher education; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2071. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acquisition Regulation: Implementation of the Department of Energy's Cooperative Audit Strategy for its Management and Operating Contracts" (RIN1991-AB67) received on May 25, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2072. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program; Cost Limit for Providers Operated by Units of Government and Provisions to Ensure the Integrity of Federal State Financial Partnership" ((RIN0938-AO57)(CMS-2258-FC)) received on May 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2073. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cancellation of Distributorship Agreement" (Rev. Rul. 2007-37) received on May 24, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2074. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "Deductibility of Lodging Expenses" (Notice 2007-47) received on May 24, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2075. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Distributions from a Pension Plan Upon Attainment of Normal Retirement Age" ((RIN1545-BD23)(TD 9325)) received on May 24, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2076. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2007 through 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2077. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Department's Inspector General for the period ending March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2078. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Department's Inspector General for the period October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted on today:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 236. A bill to require reports to Congress on Federal agency use of data mining.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 388

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 388, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a national standard in accordance with which nonresidents of a State may carry concealed firearms in the State.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of

military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

S. 442

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] were added as cosponsors of S. 442, a bill to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders.

S. 453

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 453, a bill to prohibit deceptive practices in Federal elections.

S. 522

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 522, a bill to safeguard the economic health of the United States and the health and safety of the United States citizens by improving the management, coordination, and effectiveness of domestic and international intellectual property rights enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 556

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 556, a bill to reauthorize the Head Start Act, and for other purposes.

S. 644

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 644, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recodify as part of that title certain educational assistance programs for members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces, to improve such programs, and for other purposes.

S. 673

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 673, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide credits for the installation of wind energy property, including by rural homeowners, farmers, ranchers, and small businesses, and for other purposes.

S. 674

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 674, a bill to require accountability and enhanced congressional oversight for personnel performing private security functions under Federal contracts, and for other purposes.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to establish a competitive grant program to build capacity in veterinary medical education and expand the workforce of veterinarians engaged in public health practice and biomedical research.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 819

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 819, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes.

S. 823

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 823, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to facilitating the development of microbicides for preventing transmission of HIV/AIDS and other diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 825

At the request of Mr. VITTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 825, a bill to provide additional funds for the Road Home Program.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 911, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national

childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 912

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 912, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the incentives for the construction and renovation of public schools.

S. 935

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 935, a bill to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. THUNE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 935, *supra*.

S. 968

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 968, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide increased assistance for the prevention, treatment, and control of tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 969, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the definition of supervisor.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON], the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 975

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 975, a bill granting the consent and approval of Congress to an interstate forest fire protection compact.

S. 986

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 986, a bill to expand eligibility for Combat-Related Special Compensation paid by the uniformed services in order to permit certain additional retired members who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for that disability and Combat-Related Special Compensation by reason of that disability.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 999, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

S. 1113

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1113, a bill to facilitate the provision of care and services for members of the Armed Forces for traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes.

S. 1181

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1181, a bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide shareholders with an advisory vote on executive compensation.

S. 1224

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1224, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1237

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1237, a bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists.

S. 1244

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1244, a bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to expand coverage under the Act, to increase protections for whistleblowers, to increase penalties for certain violators, and for other purposes.

S. 1263

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1263, a bill to protect the welfare of consumers by prohibiting price gouging with respect to gasoline and petroleum distillates during natural disasters and abnormal market disruptions, and for other purposes.

S. 1323

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1323, a bill to prevent legislative and regulatory functions from being usurped by civil liability actions brought or continued

against food manufacturers, marketers, distributors, advertisers, sellers, and trade associations for claims of injury relating to a person's weight gain, obesity, or any health condition associated with weight gain or obesity.

S. 1337

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1337, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to provide for equal coverage of mental health services under the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

S. 1345

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1345, a bill to affirm that Federal employees are protected from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and to repudiate any assertion to the contrary.

S. 1363

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1363, a bill to improve health care for severely injured members and former members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 1364

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1364, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to extend the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and streamline enrollment under CHIP and Medicaid, and for other purposes.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1391

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1391, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to authorize the Secretary of Education to award grants for the support of full-service community schools, and for other purposes.

S. 1395

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1395, a bill to prevent unfair practices in credit card accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 1415

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1415, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Social Security Act to

improve screening and treatment of cancers, provide for survivorship services, and for other purposes.

S. 1418

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1418, a bill to provide assistance to improve the health of newborns, children, and mothers in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 1442

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1442, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish new units of Customs Patrol Officers.

S. 1450

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1450, a bill to authorize appropriations for the Housing Assistance Council.

S. 1457

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1457, a bill to provide for the protection of mail delivery on certain postal routes, and for other purposes.

S. 1496

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1496, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to include pollinators in certain conservation programs.

S. 1498

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1498, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit the import, export, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species, and for other purposes.

S. 1502

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1502, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to encourage owners and operators of privately-held farm, ranch, and forest land to voluntarily make their land available for access by the public under programs administered by States and tribal governments.

SENATE RESOLUTION 85

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr.

WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 85, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the creation of refugee populations in the Middle East, North Africa, and the Persian Gulf region as a result of human rights violations.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:32 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1585. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2316) to provide more rigorous requirements with respect to disclosure and enforcement of lobbying laws and regulations, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Friday, May 25, 2007, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2317) to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to require registered lobbyists to file quarterly reports on contributions bundled for certain recipients, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Friday, May 25, 2007, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM ACT

Pursuant to the order of Friday, May 25, 2007,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DURBIN in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1348) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1202, proposed by Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. SALAZAR), to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. SALAZAR, by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was agreed to: Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BAUCUS, and Ms. SNOWE), amendment No. 1167; Mr. ALEXANDER, amendment No. 1163; Mr. CORNYN, amendment No. 1238.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1202 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

Ordered, That the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 1166.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1166, proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. DEMINT, and Mrs. DOLE), to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. SALAZAR, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1166, as modified, to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1202 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

Ordered, That, on tomorrow, when the Senate resumes consideration of the pending bill S. 1348, the time until 11:50 a.m. be for concurrent debate on amendments numbered 1189 and 1231; that the following be recognized to speak for 10 minutes each therein: the majority and minority managers, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. DURBIN; that no amendments be in order to either amendment prior to the votes; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendments in the aforementioned order; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to the second vote; that the second vote be 10 minutes in duration; and that, upon disposition of amendment No. 1231, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1202 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the first half of the time therein be controlled by the minority, and the second half be controlled by the majority; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1348, as pursuant to the foregoing order.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

At 6:15 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2007

Ms. MARY L. LANDRIEU, from the State of Louisiana, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Ms. LANDRIEU led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 5, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARY L. LANDRIEU, a Senator from the State of Louisiana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Ms. LANDRIEU took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1348

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the order of yesterday, relative to further consideration of bill S. 1348, be modified such that the Senate resume said consideration at 2:15 p.m. on today; that the time from 2:15 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate between the managers and proponents of amendments numbered 1189 and 1231; and that all other provisions of the order of yesterday remain in status quo.

ORDER FOR MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate immediately proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 12:30 p.m. on today; that Mr. ENZI be recognized to speak; that Senators be permitted to speak for 15 minutes

each therein; and that, at 12:30 p.m., the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m., as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate observe a moment of silence in remembrance of the late Senator Craig L. Thomas.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business until 12:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 15 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2079. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting, the report of legislative proposals relative to the National Defense Authorization Bill for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2080. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary (Personnel and Readiness), Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, relative to a study of initiatives to expand the relationship between the Department and Job Corps; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2081. A communication from the Acting Deputy, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the results of a public-private competition; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2082. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary (Personnel and Readiness), Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status and results of the Department's List of Institutions of Higher Education Ineligible for Federal Funds; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2083. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Barry M. Costello, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2084. A communication from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to exceptions granted by the Secretary for government securities brokers and dealers; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2085. A communication from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a modification of the auction process for issuing United States Treasury obligations; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2086. A communication from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to material violations or suspected material violations of regulations dealing with Treasury auctions and other Treasury securities offerings; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2087. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Manufactured Home Dispute Resolution Program" ((RIN2502-AH98)(FR-4813-F-03)) received on May 30, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2088. A communication from the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2006 management report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2089. A communication from the Acting Legal Advisor to the Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "MariTel, Inc. and Mobex Network Services, LLC - Petitions for Rule Making to Amend the Commission's Rules to Provide Additional Flexibility for AMTS and VHF Public Coast Station Licensees" ((FCC 07-87)(WT Docket No. 94-257)) received on June 4, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2090. A communication from the Chief of the Policy and Rules Division, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the Matter of Facilitating Opportunities for Flexible, Efficient, and Reliable Spectrum for Use Employing Cognitive Radio Technologies" ((FCC 07-66)(ET Docket No. 03-108)) received on June 4, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2091. A communication from the Chief of the Policy and Rules Division, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal

Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the Matter of Modifications of Parts 2 and 15 of the Commission's Rules for Unlicensed Devices and Equipment Approval" (FCC 07-56)(ET Docket No. 03-201)) received on June 4, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2092. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; 2007 Management Measures" (RIN0648-AV56) received on May 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2093. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; U.S. Atlantic Billfish Tournament Management Measures" (RIN0648-AV25) received on May 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2094. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of 2007 Georges Bank Cod Fixed Gear Sector Operations Plan and Agreement and Allocation of Georges Bank Cod Total Allowable Catch" (RIN0648-AV22) received on May 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2095. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Specification of Fiscal Year 2007 TACs for GB Cod, Haddock, and Yellowtail Flounder" (RIN0648-AU63) received on May 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2096. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2007 Georges Bank Cod Hook Sector Operations Plan and Agreement and Allocation of Georges Bank Cod Total Allowable Catch" (RIN0648-AV20) received on May 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2097. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a status report on the Section 154 Northern Wisconsin Environmental Infrastructure

Program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2098. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Requirements for Unclassified Information Technology Resources" (RIN2700-AD26) received on May 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2099. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the country of origin and the sellers of uranium and uranium enrichment services purchased by owners and operators of U.S. civilian nuclear power reactors during calendar year 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2100. A communication from the Associate Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's inventory of commercial activities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2101. A communication from the Acting White House Liaison, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination and confirmation for the position of Principal Deputy Administrator, received on May 30, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2102. A communication from the Director, Office of Enforcement, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Accounting and Reporting Requirements for Nonoperating Public Utilities and Licensees" (RIN1902-AD23) received on May 30, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2103. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the actions federal agencies are taking to incorporate and implement the Energy Policy Act of 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2104. A communication from the Associate Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting, a draft bill entitled, "The Fiscally Responsible Energy Amendments Act of 2007"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2105. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Environmental Protection and Border Security on the U.S.-Mexico Border, Tenth Report of the Good Neighbor Environmental Board to the President and Congress of the

United States"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2106. A communication from the Acting Regulations Officer of Social Security, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy and Disclosure of Official Records and Information" (RIN0960-AE88) received on May 30, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2107. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification for fiscal year 2007 that no United Nations organization or affiliated agency grants recognition to any organization which supports pedophilia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2108. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2007-108 - 2007-117); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2109. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the re-certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of the AN/ASA-70 Tactical Display Group for the Japanese P-3C Anti-Submarine Program; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2110. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed amendment to a license for the export of defense services associated with the Helicopter Long Range Active Sonar Mod. 2 System for the Canadian Maritime Helicopter Program; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2111. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Director, received on May 30, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2112. A communication from the Interim Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the acquisitions made by the Corporation from entities that manufacture the articles, materials, or supplies outside of the United States during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2113. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the

position of Deputy Secretary, received on May 30, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2114. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Director, received on May 30, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2115. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary of Labor, received on May 30, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2116. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the acquisitions made by the Department from entities that manufacture the articles, materials, or supplies outside of the United States for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2117. A communication from the Director, Office of Standards and Variances, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sealing of Abandoned Areas" (RIN1219-AB52) received on May 25, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2118. A communication from the Director, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the need to take measures to protect miners; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2119. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors, United States Postal Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Postal Service's management response to the report for the period ending March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2120. A communication from the Director, Human Resources, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Category Rating System for calendar years 2005 and 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2121. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Department's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2122. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Office's Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2006, through March 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2123. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2124. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Attorney General's Report relative to the Administration of the Foreign Agents Registration Act for the six months ending June 30, 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2125. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General for Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's fiscal year 2006 inventory of inherently governmental and commercial activities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2126. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Lender Oversight, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Business Loan Program; Lender Examination and Review Fees" (RIN3245-AF49) received on May 30, 2007; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-2127. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Department of Veterans Affairs Implementation of OMB Guidance on Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension" (RIN2900-AM44) received on May 29, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2128. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emerald Ash Borer; Quarantined Areas; Maryland" (Docket No. APHIS-2007-0028) received on June 1, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2129. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wood Packaging Material; Treatment Modification" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0129) received on June 1, 2007; to the

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2130. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Emerald Ash Borer Host Material from Canada" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0125) received on June 1, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2131. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Classical Swine Fever Status of the Mexican State of Nayarit" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0104) received on June 1, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN, from the Committee on Armed Services, without amendment:

S. 1547. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-77).

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 1142. A bill to authorize the acquisition of interests in undeveloped coastal areas in order better to ensure their protection from development (Rept. No. 110-78).

By Mr. LEVIN, from the Committee on Armed Services, without amendment:

S. 1548. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

S. 1549. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military construction, and for other purposes.

S. 1550. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1539. A bill to designate the post office located at 309 East Linn Street, Marshalltown, Iowa, as the "Major Scott Nisely Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. DOLE (for herself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BURR, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. ALLARD):

S. 1540. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for the transportation of food for charitable purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1541. A bill to allow for expanded uses of funding allocated to Louisiana under the hazard mitigation program while preserving the goals of the program to reduce future damage from disasters through mitigation; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 1542. A bill to establish State infrastructure banks for education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 1543. A bill to establish a national geothermal initiative to encourage increased production of energy from geothermal resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1544. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the quality and efficiency of health care, to provide the public with information on provider and supplier performance, and to enhance the education and awareness of consumers for evaluating health care services through the development and release of reports based on Medicare enrollment, claims, survey, and assessment data; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CASEY, Mr. GREGG, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. SUNUNU, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1545. A bill to implement the recommendations of the Iraq Study Group; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 1546. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat gold, silver, platinum, and palladium, in either coin or bar form, in the same manner as equities and mutual funds for purposes of the maximum capital gains rate for individuals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 1547. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Armed Services; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 1548. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Armed Services; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 1549. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military construction, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Armed Services; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 1550. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Armed Services; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1551. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1552. A bill to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property to the Alaska Railroad Corporation; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. ENZI, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr.

DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 220. A resolution honoring the life of Senator Craig Thomas; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 57

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 57, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 130

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 130, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend reasonable cost contracts under Medicare.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr.

KOHL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 329

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to prohibit the import, export, and sale of goods made with sweatshop labor, and for other purposes.

S. 376

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 376, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

S. 399

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 399, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include podiatrists as physicians for purposes of covering physicians services under the Medicaid program.

S. 431

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 431, a bill to require convicted sex offenders to register online identifiers, and for other purposes.

S. 492

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 492, a bill to promote stabilization and reconstruction efforts in Somalia, to establish a Special Envoy for Somalia to strengthen United States support to the people of Somalia in their efforts to establish a lasting peace and form a democratically elected and stable central government, and for other purposes.

S. 609

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] and the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 609, a bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions

of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

S. 625

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 625, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S. 717

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 717, a bill to repeal title II of the REAL ID Act of 2005, to restore section 7212 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, which provides States additional regulatory flexibility and funding authorization to more rapidly produce tamper- and counterfeit-resistant driver's licenses, and to protect privacy and civil liberties by providing interested stakeholders on a negotiated rulemaking with guidance to achieve improved 21st century licenses to improve national security.

S. 860

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of S. 860, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States the option to provide Medicaid coverage for low-income individuals infected with HIV.

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] were added as cosponsors of S. 860, *supra*.

S. 881

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] were added as cosponsors of S. 881, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] were added as cosponsors of S. 901, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

S. 906

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 906, a bill to prohibit the sale, distribution, transfer, and export of elemental mercury, and for other purposes.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 911, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 932

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 932, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize physical therapists to evaluate and treat Medicare beneficiaries without a requirement for a physician referral, and for other purposes.

S. 940

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 940, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the subpart F exemption for active financing income.

S. 941

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 941, a bill to increase Federal support for Community Health Centers and the National Health Service Corps in order to ensure access to health care for millions of Americans living in medically underserved areas.

S. 1038

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1038, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand workplace health incentives by equalizing the tax consequences of employee athletic facility use.

S. 1146

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1146, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans who live in rural areas, and for other purposes.

S. 1172

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1172, a bill to reduce hunger in the United States.

S. 1223

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 1223, a bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to support efforts by local or regional television or radio broadcasters to provide essential public information programming in the event of a major disaster, and for other purposes.

S. 1233

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1233, a bill to provide and enhance intervention, rehabilitative treatment, and services to veterans with traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes.

S. 1254

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1254, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that the reductions in social security benefits which are required in the case of spouses and surviving spouses who are also receiving certain government pensions shall be equal to the amount by which two-thirds of the total amount of the combined monthly benefit (before reduction) and monthly pension exceeds \$1, 200, adjusted for inflation.

S. 1295

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1295, a bill to amend the African Development Foundation Act to change the name of the Foundation, modify the administrative authorities of the Foundation, and for other purposes.

S. 1301

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1301, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

S. 1310

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1310, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of increased payments for ground ambulance services under the Medicare program.

S. 1317

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1317, a bill to posthumously award a congressional gold medal to Constance Baker Motley.

S. 1337

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1337, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to provide for equal

coverage of mental health services under the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

S. 1353

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1353, a bill to nullify the determinations of the Copyright Royalty Judges with respect to webcasting, to modify the basis for making such a determination, and for other purposes.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] and the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] were added as cosponsors of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1406

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to strengthen polar bear conservation efforts, and for other purposes.

S. 1416

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1416, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the deduction for mortgage insurance premiums.

S. 1430

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1430, a bill to authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000,000 or more in Iran's energy sector, and for other purposes.

S. 1444

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1444, a bill to provide for free mailing privileges for personal correspondence and parcels sent to members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty in Iraq or Afghanistan.

S. 1448

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1448, a bill to extend the same Federal benefits to law enforcement officers serving private institutions of higher education and rail carriers that apply to law enforcement officers serving units of State and local government.

S. 1457

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1457, a bill to

provide for the protection of mail delivery on certain postal routes, and for other purposes.

S. 1460

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] were added as cosponsors of S. 1460, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Development Act of 2002 to support beginning farmers and ranchers, and for other purposes.

S. 1464

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1464, a bill to establish a Global Service Fellowship Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1502

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1502, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to encourage owners and operators of privately-held farm, ranch, and forest land to voluntarily make their land available for access by the public under programs administered by States and tribal governments.

S. 1529

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1529, a bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to end benefit erosion, support working families with child care expenses, encourage retirement and education savings, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 14

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 14, a joint resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Attorney General Alberto Gonzales no longer holds the confidence of the Senate and of the American people.

SENATE RESOLUTION 82

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] and the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 82, a resolution designating August 16, 2007 as "National Airborne Day".

SENATE RESOLUTION 203

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 203, a resolution calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to use its unique influence and

economic leverage to stop genocide and violence in Darfur, Sudan.

SENATE RESOLUTION 206

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 206, a resolution to provide for a budget point of order against legislation that increases income taxes on taxpayers, including hardworking middle-income families, entrepreneurs, and college students.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DORGAN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at 2 p.m.

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

The Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at 9 a.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 5, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill, received on yesterday, was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1585. To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:52 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. MCCASKILL in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1348) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1202, proposed by Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. FEINGOLD), to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to a period of concurrent debate on amendment No. 1189 and amendment No. 1231.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1231, proposed by Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY), to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1189, proposed by Mr. ALLARD, to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ALLARD,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 31, nays... 62

[Rollcall Vote No. 182 Leg.]

YEAS --- 31

Alexander, Allard, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Coburn, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, DeMint, Dole, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Grassley, Gregg, Hutchison, Inhofe, Landrieu, McCaskill, McConnell, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Roberts, Rockefeller, Sessions, Shelby, Sununu, Thune, Vitter.

NAYS --- 62

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Craig, Crapo, Domenici, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Hagel, Harkin,

Hatch, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Reed, Reid, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. ALLARD to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. CRAIG,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1231 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 71, nays... 22

[Rollcall Vote No. 183 Leg.]

YEAS --- 71

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, DeMint, Dole, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 22

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Cochran, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, Domenici, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, Roberts, Specter, Sununu, Warner.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1202 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that, at 5:45 p.m. today, the Senate vote in relation to an amendment to be proposed by Mr. KENNEDY as an alternative to amendment No. 1184; and that, upon conclusion of the vote, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 1184.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that, on tomorrow, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 1235, proposed by Mr. SESSIONS; that, upon conclusion of the vote, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 1176, proposed by Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. INOUE); that, upon conclusion of the vote, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 1151, proposed by Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BURR, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CORKER, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. GREGG, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. VITTER); that, upon conclusion of the vote, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 1250, proposed by Mr. CORNYN; that, upon conclusion of the vote, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 1194, proposed by Mr. MENENDEZ; that, upon conclusion of the vote, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 1183, proposed by Mrs. CLINTON; that, upon conclusion of the vote, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 1234, proposed by Mr. SESSIONS; that, upon conclusion of the vote, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 1199, proposed by Mr. DODD; that, upon conclusion of the vote, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 1170, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL; and that, upon conclusion of the vote, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 1191, proposed by Mr. LIEBERMAN.

Mr. REID further asked unanimous consent that it be in order for majority and minority alternative amendments to be proposed relative to each of the aforementioned amendments; and that the Senate vote in relation to the above amendments at a time to be determined with the concurrence of the majority and minority leaders, and the majority and minority managers of the bill.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that, if a motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute) is presented on today, the Senate not vote on agreeing to said motion until 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 7, 2007.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that, if amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute) is agreed to, the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote, without intervening action or debate, on the passage of the bill, as amended.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1202 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. SPECTER asked unanimous consent that it be in order to propose amendment No. 1197 on behalf of Mr. DEMINT.

Mr. CORNYN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1202 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. SPECTER asked unanimous consent that it be in order to propose amendment No. 1197 on behalf of Mr. DEMINT.

Mr. CORNYN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1202 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. THUNE asked unanimous consent that it be in order to propose amendment No. 1174; and that it be laid aside.

Mr. KENNEDY objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1202 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in section 601, subsection (e), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1197).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. OBAMA) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in section 402, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1267).

Mr. BINGAMAN modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 1267, as modified, to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. COCHRAN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose an amendment numbered 1311.

Mr. KENNEDY objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1267, as modified, to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the time until 7:20 p.m. be for concurrent debate on amendments numbered 1170 and 1176; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate between Mr. MCCONNELL and Mr. FEINGOLD, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 1170; that, upon conclusion of said vote, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 1176; that no amendment to the amendments be in order prior to the votes; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate between the votes; and that, if the Senate fails to agree to either amendment with a minimum of 60 yeas votes, the amendments be withdrawn.

Ordered further, That the second vote in "stacked" sequence be 10 minutes in duration.

Ordered further, That, when the Senate resumes consideration of bill S. 1348 on tomorrow, there be 2 hours for concurrent debate on amendment No. 1184, as modified, and a relative amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. KENNEDY; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate between Mr. KENNEDY and Mr. CORNYN, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. KENNEDY; that, upon conclusion of said vote, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 1184, as modified; that no amendment to the amendments be in order prior to the vote; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate between the votes; and that all occur without intervening action or debate.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1267, as modified, to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1170, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. BOND, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. DEMINT), to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. FEINGOLD,

Ordered, That it be in order to request the yeas and nays on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 1176, notwithstanding the amendment not presently being before the Senate.

On motion by Mr. FEINGOLD,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on

the question of agreeing to amendment No. 1176.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1170 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 41, nays... 52

[Rollcall Vote No. 184 Leg.]

YEAS --- 41

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Specter, Stevens, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

NAYS --- 52

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Collins, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Stabenow, Sununu, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. CLINTON,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment, not having received 60 "yea" votes, was withdrawn.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1176 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 67, nays... 26

[Rollcall Vote No. 185 Leg.]

YEAS --- 67

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coburn, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby,

Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 26

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Chambliss, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Hatch, Inhofe, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McConnell, Sessions, Stevens, Vitter, Warner.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1267, as modified, to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. SESSIONS asked unanimous consent that it be in order to propose an amendment.

Mr. REID objected.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1267, as modified, to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to bill S. 1348, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended:

HARRY REID, JEFF BINGAMAN, DICK DURBIN, CHARLES E. SCHUMER, DANIEL K. AKAKA, JACK REED, MARK PRYOR, JOE BIDEN, AMY KLOBUCHAR, DANIEL K. INOUE, HERB KOHL, HILLARY R. CLINTON, EVAN BAYH, KEN SALAZAR, DEBBIE STABENOW, FRANK R. LAUTENBERG, JOSEPH LIEBERMAN.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1348, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1348:

HARRY REID, JEFF BINGAMAN, DICK DURBIN, CHARLES E. SCHUMER, DANIEL K. AKAKA, JACK REED, MARK PRYOR, JOE BIDEN, AMY KLOBUCHAR, DANIEL K. INOUE, HERB KOHL, HILLARY R. CLINTON, EVAN BAYH, KEN SALAZAR, DEBBIE STABENOW, FRANK R. LAUTENBERG, JOSEPH LIEBERMAN.

Subsequently,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the quorums under the rule be waived on the foregoing motions.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1267, as modified, to

amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SENATOR CRAIG THOMAS

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 220) honoring the life of Senator Craig Thomas, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of bill S. 1348, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

At 8:53 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 220, as a further mark of respect to the late Senator Craig Thomas, and under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 6, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION
REFORM ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1348) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1184, as modified, proposed by Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, and Mr. DEMINT), to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period of concurrent debate on the pending amendment, as modified, and an amendment to be proposed by Mr. KENNEDY.

Pending debate,

Mr. ALLARD asked unanimous consent that it be in order to propose three amendments.

Mr. KENNEDY objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1184, as modified, to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 48, striking all beginning on line 11 through line 37, page 51, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1333).

Mr. KENNEDY modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 1333, as modified, to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose amendments numbered 1338 and 1339.

Mr. KENNEDY objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1333, as modified, to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That it be in order to request the yeas and nays on the question of agreeing to amendments numbered 1184, as modified, and 1333, as modified, with one show of seconds, notwithstanding amendment No. 1184 not presently being before the Senate.

Under the authority of the foregoing order,

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to amendments numbered 1184 and 1333.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1333, as modified, to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 66, nays... 32

[Rollcall Vote No. 186 Leg.]

YEAS --- 66

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Craig, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 32

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Lott, McConnell, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Sununu, Thune, Vitter.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1184, as modified, to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. SCHUMER asked unanimous consent to be recognized to speak for 30 seconds.

Mr. INHOFE objected.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 46, nays... 51

[Rollcall Vote No. 187 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Landrieu, Lott, McConnell, Murkowski,

Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Roberts, Rockefeller, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

NAYS --- 51

Akaka, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Craig, Dodd, Domenici, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Specter, Stabenow, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the time until 2 p.m. today be equally divided and controlled for concurrent debate between the two leaders, or their designees, on amendments numbered 1197 and 1267, as modified; that no amendments be in order to the amendments; that, at 2 p.m. on today, the Senate vote in relation to the amendments in the aforementioned order; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote; and that the second vote be 10 minutes in duration.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, Senators be authorized to "file" first-degree amendments until 2 p.m. on today.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1267, as modified, proposed by Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, and Ms. LANDRIEU), to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 1183 be further modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1267, as modified, to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That 5 minutes of the time remaining for debate until 2 p.m. be controlled by Mr. DEMINT.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1267, as modified, to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The hour of 2 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1197, proposed by Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CORKER, and Mr. COBURN), to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DEMINT,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the order of today that the Senate vote at 2 p.m., he be recognized to speak for 2 minutes.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1197 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. DEMINT,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 43, nays... 55

[Rollcall Vote No. 188 Leg.]

YEAS --- 43

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Lott, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 55

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCain, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1267, as modified, to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 41, nays... 57

[Rollcall Vote No. 189 Leg.]

YEAS --- 41

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coburn, Conrad, Dodd, Durbin, Feingold, Hagel, Harkin, Hutchison, Inouye, Kerry, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Lieberman, Lincoln, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Tester, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 57

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Inhofe, Isakson, Kennedy, Klobuchar, Kohl, Levin, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sessions, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1202, proposed by Mr. SALAZAR for Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. FEINGOLD), to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the time until 6:45 p.m. be for debate only on the following amendments: amendment No. 1250; an amendment to be proposed by Mr. REID; amendment No. 1234; amendment No. 1194; an amendment to be proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. KYL); amendment No. 1191.

Ordered further, That the time therein be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that no amendments be in order to said amendments prior to votes thereon; that, at 6:45 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to said amendments in the aforementioned order; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; and that the amendments not presently pending be immediately proposed.

Ordered further, That 30 minutes therein be controlled by Mr. SESSIONS; and that 30 minutes therein be controlled by Mr. CORNYN.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1202, to amendment No.

1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. REID to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in subtitle F of title VII, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1331).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. MARTINEZ) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 270, striking lines 31 and 32, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1460).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

Ordered, That Mr. REID be added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1194.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1460 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mrs. DOLE asked unanimous consent that, upon conclusion of controlled debate time and following the votes in "stacked" sequence, she be recognized to propose amendment No. 1345; that there then be 2 minutes for debate thereon; and that, upon conclusion of said debate, the amendment be laid aside.

Mr. KENNEDY objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1460 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. SESSIONS asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose amendment No. 1253.

Mr. LIEBERMAN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1460 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 1191 be the pending question; that it be modified; and that the amendment, as thus modified, be agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1460 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The hour of 6:45 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1250, proposed by Mr. CORNYN, to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. CORNYN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 57, nays... 39

[Rollcall Vote No. 190 Leg.]

YEAS --- 57

Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Klobuchar, Kyl, Lincoln, Lott, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Roberts, Rockefeller, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 39

Akaka, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lugar, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Reed, Reid, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1331 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 57, nays... 40

[Rollcall Vote No. 191 Leg.]

YEAS --- 57

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Collins, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 40

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Snowe, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1234, proposed by Mr. SESSIONS, to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 56, nays... 41

[Rollcall Vote No. 192 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Klobuchar, Kyl, Landrieu, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Roberts, Rockefeller, Sessions, Shelby, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 41

Akaka, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Collins, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Reed, Reid, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. BOND to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. SESSIONS,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1194, proposed by Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DODD, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. INOUE), to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

Mr. KYL raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 201 of S. Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress), and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ, under section 201 of S. Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress), to waive provisions of the concurrent resolution for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 53, nays... 44

[Rollcall Vote No. 193 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 44

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Burr, Byrd, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. KYL.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SALAZAR in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1460 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. KYL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 51, nays... 45

[Rollcall Vote No. 194 Leg.]

YEAS --- 51

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 45

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Subsequently, on June 7, 2007:

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS,

Ordered, That, on Rollcall Vote No. 194, it be reflected that he voted "nay", thus changing the result to yeas 51, nays 46.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1202 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. THOMAS (for himself and Mr. CORNYN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in section 101, at the end thereof, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1182).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1202 to amendment No.

1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. SCHUMER) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1272).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1202 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the time until 10 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, on the following amendments: amendment No. 1183, as modified; amendment No. 1374, to be proposed by Mr. ENSIGN; amendment No. 1384, to be proposed by Mr. SALAZAR; amendment No. 1151, to be proposed by Mr. INHOFE; amendment No. 1415, to be proposed by Mrs. HUTCHISON; amendment No. 1339, to be proposed by Mr. VITTER; amendment No. 1202, as modified; amendment No. 1316, to be proposed by Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. DURBIN); that no amendments be in order to the amendments prior to the votes; that, at 10 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to said amendments in the aforementioned order; that there be 2 minutes for debate prior to the votes; that each vote following the first vote in "stacked" be 10 minutes in duration; and that the amendments be modified as indicated.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1202 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER S.J. RES. 14

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 14) expressing the sense of the Senate that Attorney General Alberto Gonzales no longer holds the confidence of the Senate and of the American people.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to

proceed to consider joint resolution S.J. Res. 14, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider S.J. Res. 14:

HARRY REID, RICHARD DURBIN, KENT CONRAD, BERNARD SANDERS, JEFF BINGAMAN, DAN INOUE, JON TESTER, SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, DEBBIE STABENOW, BYRON L. DORGAN, AMY KLOBUCHAR, SHERROD BROWN, CARL LEVIN, CHUCK SCHUMER, BARBARA BOXER, JACK REED, H. R. CLINTON.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the motion to proceed be withdrawn.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 6

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 6) to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 6, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 6:

JEFF BINGAMAN, DICK DURBIN, SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, BLANCHE L. LINCOLN, JON TESTER, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., PATTY MURRAY, DANIEL K. AKAKA, JACK REED, MARY LANDRIEU, MAX BAUCUS, MARK PRYOR, RON WYDEN, JOE BIDEN, PAT LEAHY, CLAIRE MCCASKILL, AMY KLOBUCHAR, KEN SALAZAR.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the motion to proceed be withdrawn.

COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1348.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1202 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ENSIGN to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 262, by striking all beginning on line 36 through line 1, page 264, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1374).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ALLARD, and Ms. LANDRIEU) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), by striking section 607, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1415).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BURR, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CORKER, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. GREGG, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. VITTER) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), by striking section 607, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1151).

On motion by Mr. SALAZAR to amend the pending amendment, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1384).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

Ordered, That Mr. DOMENICI be added as a cosponsor to the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1384 to amendment No. 1151 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. VITTER to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 3, line 25, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1339).

Pending debate,

The hour of 10 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1183, as modified, to

amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. KYL raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 201 of S. Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress), and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY to waive applicable provisions of the Congressional Budget Act and the Budget Resolution for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 44, nays... 53

[Rollcall Vote No. 195 Leg.]

YEAS --- 44

Akaka, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 53

Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Carper, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Pryor, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. KYL.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1374 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. ENSIGN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 42, nays... 55

[Rollcall Vote No. 196 Leg.]

YEAS --- 42

Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran,

Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Lincoln, Lott, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

NAYS --- 55

Akaka, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Craig, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1384 to amendment No. 1151 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. SALAZAR asked unanimous consent that Mr. DOMENICI be recognized to speak for 2 minutes.

Mr. INHOFE objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1384 to amendment No. 1151 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. SALAZAR,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 58, nays... 39

[Rollcall Vote No. 197 Leg.]

YEAS --- 58

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 39

Alexander, Allard, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Pryor, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 1151, as amended, to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding amendment No. 1384 having been agreed to, it be modified to reflect first-degree status.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1151 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 64, nays... 33

[Rollcall Vote No. 198 Leg.]

YEAS --- 64

Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cardin, Carper, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Klobuchar, Kyl, Landrieu, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Mikulski, Murkowski, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Wyden.

NAYS --- 33

Akaka, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Casey, Clinton, Domenici, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Menendez, Murray, Obama, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Whitehouse.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1415 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON,

Ordered, That Mr. ALLARD be added as cosponsor of the pending amendment.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1339 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. VITTER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 48, nays... 49

[Rollcall Vote No. 199 Leg.]

YEAS --- 48

Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Chambliss, Coburn, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Grassley, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Landrieu, Lincoln, Lott, McCaskill, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Roberts, Rockefeller, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Webb.

NAYS --- 49

Akaka, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Cochran, Collins, Conrad, Domenici, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Gregg, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Reed, Reid, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Specter, Voinovich, Warner, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. KYL to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. CRAIG,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1202 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment was modified.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 1202, as modified, to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. OBAMA,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 42, nays... 55

[Rollcall Vote No. 200 Leg.]

YEAS --- 42

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, McCaskill, Menendez, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 55

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Cardin, Carper, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kennedy, Kyl, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Mikulski, Murkowski, Pryor, Roberts, Salazar, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1235 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. DURBIN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in section 401, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1316).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 49, nays... 48

[Rollcall Vote No. 201 Leg.]

YEAS --- 49

Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Byrd, Cardin, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Corker, DeMint, Dole, Dorgan, Durbin, Enzi, Feingold, Harkin, Inhofe, Inouye, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Stabenow, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Webb, Wyden.

NAYS --- 48

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Burr, Cantwell, Carper, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, Domenici, Ensign, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Kyl, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Pryor, Roberts, Salazar, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Voinovich, Warner, Whitehouse.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. DORGAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1235 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

(The following occurred after 12 midnight, being Thursday, June 7, 2007.)

Mr. CORNYN asked unanimous consent that it be in order for him to propose an amendment numbered 1400.

Mr. KENNEDY objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1235 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate.

Mr. DURBIN asked unanimous consent that the vote on the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), set to occur one hour following the reconvening of the Senate on today pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, instead occur at 4 p.m.

Mr. CORNYN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1235 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. CORNYN asked unanimous consent that it be in order for him to propose an amendment numbered 1323.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1235 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. WHITEHOUSE for Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. DEMINT) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in section 1, by striking certain words, and at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1311).

Mr. WHITEHOUSE, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 1311, as modified, to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2132. A communication from the Assistant to the Board, Legal Division, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loans to Executive Officers, Directors, and Principal Shareholders of Member Banks" (ID No. R-1271) received on June 4, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2133. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Governing Securities Held in Treasury Direct" (31 CFR Part 363) received on May 30, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2134. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, the report of a draft bill intended to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2135. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acquisition Regulation: Technical Revisions or Amendments to Update Clauses" (RIN1991-AB62) received on May 30, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2136. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; South Carolina: Revisions to State Implementation Plan; Clarification" (FRL No. 8321-4) received on May 31, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2137. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Texas; Revision to the Texas State Implementation Plan Regarding a Negative Declaration for the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry Batch Processing Source Category in El Paso County" (FRL No. 8321-7) received on May 31, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2138. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator,

Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Redesignation of the Hampton Roads 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Area's Maintenance Plan and 2002 Base-Year Inventory" (FRL No. 8320-9) received on May 31, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2139. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Redesignation of the Richmond-Petersburg 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Area's Maintenance Plan and 2002 Base-Year Inventory" (FRL No. 8320-8) received on May 31, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2140. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Iowa" (FRL No. 8320-3) received on May 31, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2141. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a flood damage reduction project that was authorized for Chesterfield, Missouri; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2142. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aggregation of MECs Under Section 72(e)(11)" (Rev. Rul. 2007-38) received on June 1, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2143. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Certain Mid-Year Changes to a Section 401(k) Safe Harbor Plan" (Announcement 2007-59) received on June 1, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2144. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Substitute Mortality Tables" (Rev. Proc. 2007-37) received on June 1, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2145. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualified Conservation Contributions" (Notice 2007-50) received on June 1, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2146. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Treatment Under Section 367(b) of Property Used to Purchase Parent Stock from Parent Shareholders in Certain Triangular Reorganizations" (Notice 2007-48) received on June 1, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2147. A communication from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Supplemental Security Income Program; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2148. A communication from the White House Liaison, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Administrator, received on June 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2149. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of the AN/APS-137B(V)5 Radar for the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2150. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program of fiscal year 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2151. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Management, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Department's use of category rating; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2152. A communication from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Commission's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2153. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Department's Inspector General for the period October 1, 2006, through March 31,

2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2154. A communication from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Organization's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2155. A communication from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Board's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2156. A communication from the Deputy Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NARA Reproduction Fees" (RIN3095-AB49) received on May 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2157. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of the authorization of Colonel James C. McConville to wear the authorized insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2158. A communication from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Defense Intelligence Agency's 2007 Annual Report relative to the threat posed to the United States by weapons of mass destruction, ballistic missiles and cruise missiles; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2159. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Belarus that was declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2160. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, transmitting, pursuant to law, the management report relative to the Bank's system of internal controls employed during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2161. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Rule to Temporarily Close the Bottomfish Fishery in the Main Hawaiian

Islands to End Overfishing" (RIN0648-AV49) received on June 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2162. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Processor Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XA23) received on June 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2163. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Adjustments" (RIN0648-XA16) received on June 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2164. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Decrease in the Commercial Trip Limit for Golden Tilefish in the South Atlantic" (RIN0648-XA21) received on June 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2165. A communication from the Deputy Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Advanced Technology Program Notice of Availability of Funds and Announcement of Public Meetings" (RIN0693-ZA74) received on June 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2166. A communication from the Deputy Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NIST Consortium/Consortia for Post-Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor Nanoelectronics Research Program; Availability of Funds" (RIN0693-ZA75) received on June 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2167. A communication from the Deputy Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Precision Measurement Grants Program; Availability of Funds" (RIN0693-ZA70) received on June 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2168. A communication from the Deputy Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of

Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NIST Center for Neutron Research and Neutron Scattering, and Sample Environment Equipment Financial Assistance Programs; Availability of Funds" (RIN0693-ZA73) received on June 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2169. A communication from the Deputy Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships Gaithersburg and Boulder Programs; Availability of Funds" (RIN0693-ZA71) received on June 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2170. A communication from the Deputy Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Measurement, Science and Engineering Grants Programs; Availability of Funds" (RIN0693-ZA72) received on June 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2171. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2172. A communication from the Regulatory Analyst, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Eagles; Definition of 'Disturb'" (RIN1018-AT94) received on June 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2173. A communication from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, a draft bill intended to make amendments to the Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance program and the Supplemental Security Income program; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2174. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, a legislative proposal entitled "Federal Employees Health Benefits Improvements Act of 2007"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2175. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, a legislative proposal entitled "Locality Pay Extension Act of 2007"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2176. A communication from the Chief, Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Import

Restrictions Imposed on Archaeological and Ethnological Materials from Peru" (RIN1505-AB79) received on June 4, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2177. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Office's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2178. A communication from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Administration's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2179. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, a legislative proposal intended to enhance the Department's ability to protect Americans from violent crime and terrorism; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2180. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Secretary, White House Liaison, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Under Secretary for Health, received on June 5, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2181. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Secretary, White House Liaison, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Operations, Preparedness, Security and Law Enforcement Functions, received on June 5, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2182. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, the report of a draft bill intended to authorize additional resources in the United States bankruptcy courts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BROWN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DODD, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1553. A bill to provide additional assistance to combat HIV/AIDS among young people, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1554. A bill to comprehensively address challenges relating to energy independence, air pollution, and climate change facing the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1555. A bill to establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of Food and Drug Administration-approved contraception, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. DODD):

S. 1556. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage to designated plan beneficiaries of employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. AKAKA, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1557. A bill to amend part B of title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve 21st Century Community Learning Centers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. 1558. A bill to amend title 14, United States Code, to strengthen requirements related to security breaches of data involving the disclosure of sensitive personal information; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 1559. A bill to amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to reauthorize the provision of telemedicine and distance learning services in rural areas; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1560. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the quality and availability of mental health services for children and adolescents; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. DORGAN):

S. Res. 221. A resolution supporting National Peripheral Arterial Disease

Awareness Month and efforts to educate people about peripheral arterial disease; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. SMITH):

S. Res. 222. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 223. A resolution recognizing the efforts and contributions of the members of the Monuments, Fine Arts, and Archives program under the Civil Affairs and Military Government Sections of the United States Armed Forces during and following World War II who were responsible for the preservation, protection, and restitution of artistic and cultural treasures in countries occupied by the Allied armies; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. Con. Res. 35. A concurrent resolution declaring June 6 a national day of prayer and rededication for the men and women of the United States Armed Forces and their mission; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. Con. Res. 36. A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Teen Driver Safety Week; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 38

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 38, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a program for the provision of readjustment and mental health services to veterans who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States.

S. 469

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for

contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

S. 548

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 548, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor.

S. 597

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 597, a bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 626, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 691

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the benefits under the Medicare program for beneficiaries with kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 771

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 771, a bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to improve the nutrition and health of schoolchildren by updating the definition of "food of minimal nutritional value" to conform to current nutrition science and to protect the Federal investment in the national school lunch and breakfast programs.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 805, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa in the effort to achieve internationally recognized goals in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other major diseases and the reduction of maternal and child mortality by improving human health care capacity and improving retention of medical health professionals in sub-Saharan Africa, and for other purposes.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 994

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 994, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the deductible and change the method of determining the mileage reimbursement rate under the beneficiary travel program administered by the Secretary of Veteran Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 999, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

S. 1173

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1173, a bill to protect, consistent with *Roe v. Wade*, a woman's freedom to choose to bear a child or terminate a pregnancy, and for other purposes.

S. 1175

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1175, a bill to end the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, and for other purposes.

S. 1224

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1224, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit through 2013, and for other purposes.

S. 1254

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr.

SCHUMER] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1254, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that the reductions in social security benefits which are required in the case of spouses and surviving spouses who are also receiving certain government pensions shall be equal to the amount by which two-thirds of the total amount of the combined monthly benefit (before reduction) and monthly pension exceeds \$1,200, adjusted for inflation.

S. 1340

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1340, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiaries with access to geriatric assessments and chronic care coordination services, and for other purposes.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1398

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1398, a bill to expand the research and prevention activities of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to inflammatory bowel disease.

S. 1405

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1405, a bill to enhance the ability of community banks to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1430

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1430, a bill to authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000,000 or more in Iran's energy sector, and for other purposes.

S. 1439

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1439, a bill to reauthorize the broadband loan and loan guarantee program under title VI of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936.

S. 1444

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1444, a bill to

provide for free mailing privileges for personal correspondence and parcels sent to members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty in Iraq or Afghanistan.

S. 1450

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1450, a bill to authorize appropriations for the Housing Assistance Council.

S. 1464

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1457, a bill to provide for the protection of mail delivery on certain postal routes, and for other purposes.

S. 1464

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1464, a bill to establish a Global Service Fellowship Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1494

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1494, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the special diabetes programs for Type I diabetes and Indians under that Act.

S. 1529

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of S. 1529, a bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to end benefit erosion, support working families with child care expenses, encourage retirement and education savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1542

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1542, a bill to establish State infrastructure banks for education, and for other purposes.

S. 1543

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID], the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR], the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER], the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1543, a bill to establish a national geothermal initiative to encourage increased production of energy from geothermal resources, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 31

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 31, a concurrent resolution expressing support for

advancing vital United States interests through increased engagement in health programs that alleviate disease and reduce premature death in developing nations, especially through programs that combat high levels of infectious disease improve children's and women's health, decrease malnutrition, reduce unintended pregnancies, fight the spread of HIV/AIDS, encourage healthy behaviors, and strengthen health care capacity.

SENATE RESOLUTION 85

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 85, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the creation of refugee populations in the Middle East, North Africa, and the Persian Gulf region as a result of human rights violations.

SENATE RESOLUTION 203

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 203, a resolution calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to use its unique influence and economic leverage to stop genocide and violence in Darfur, Sudan.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 6, 2007, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Paying for College: The Role of Private Student Lending."

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet in order to conduct a business meeting during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at 10 a.m. in Room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 6, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Trade and Globalization: Adjustment for a 21st Century Workforce."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing entitled "Patent Reform: The Future of American Innovation" on Wednesday, June

6, 2007 at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

The Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:38 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1675. An act to suspend the requirement of the Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding electronic filing of previous participation certificates and regarding filing of such certificates with respect to certain low-income housing investors.

H.R. 1676. An act to reauthorize the program of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for loan guarantees for Indian housing.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

SENATE DELEGATION TO THE MEXICO-U.S. INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) announced that, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h-276k, as amended, the Vice President had appointed Mrs. HUTCHISON and Mr. CRAPO as members of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group conference during the First Session of the 110th Congress.

RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PRESERVATION, PROTECTION, AND RESTITUTION OF ARTISTIC AND CULTURAL TREASURES IN COUNTRIES OCCUPIED BY THE ALLIED ARMIES

On the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 223) recognizing the efforts and contributions of the members of the Monuments, Fine Arts, and Archives program under the Civil Affairs and Military Government Sections of the United States Armed Forces during and following World War II who were

responsible for the preservation, protection, and restitution of artistic and cultural treasures in countries occupied by the Allied armies, submitted today by Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TODAY, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on today; that, at 10 a.m. on today, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then resume consideration of bill S. 1348; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled between the two leaders, or their designees, for concurrent debate on amendment No. 1311 and the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute); that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 1311; that, following said vote, the Senate vote on the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute); that no amendment to amendment No. 1311 be in order prior to the vote; and that all occur without intervening action or debate.

Ordered further, That, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, Senators be authorized to "file" germane second-degree amendments until 10:30 a.m. on today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

At 12:41 a.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on today.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2007

Mr. BARACK OBAMA, from the State of Illinois, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. OBAMA led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 7, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BARACK OBAMA, a Senator from the State of Illinois, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. OBAMA took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of today, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of today, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION
REFORM ACT

Pursuant to the order of today, The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1348) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1235, proposed by Mr. SESSIONS, to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period of concurrent debate on amendment No. 1311 and the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the vote on the question of agreeing to the

motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, presently ordered to occur upon conclusion of the vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 1311, instead occur at 5 p.m.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1235 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the vote on question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1348 be delayed only if amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, is agreed to.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to the second vote in the "stacked" sequence.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1235 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1311, proposed by Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. ENZI), to amendment 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 42, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 202 Leg.]

YEAS --- 42

Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Inhofe, Isakson, Landrieu, Lott, McCaskill, McConnell, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Roberts, Rockefeller, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Stabenow, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter.

NAYS --- 54

Akaka, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Collins, Craig, Dodd, Domenici, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Hagel, Harkin, Hutchison, Inouye, Kennedy, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Martinez, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Reed, Reid, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer,

Specter, Stevens, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1235 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), to bill S. 1348.

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, June 5, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 33, nays... 63

[Rollcall Vote No. 203 Leg.]

YEAS --- 33

Akaka, Bayh, Biden, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Dodd, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Lieberman, Lincoln, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Reed, Salazar, Schumer, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 63

Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Landrieu, Levin, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Murkowski, Pryor, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Sanders, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. REID, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute).

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1348.

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, June 5, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 34, nays... 61

[Rollcall Vote No. 204 Leg.]

YEAS --- 34

Akaka, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Dodd, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Lieberman, Lincoln, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Reed, Salazar, Schumer, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 61

Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bennett, Bond, Boxer, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Landrieu, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Murkowski, Pryor, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Sanders, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. REID, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1348 was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1235 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the time until 4:15 p.m. be for concurrent debate on the following amendments: amendment No. 1199; amendment No. 1160, to be proposed by Mr. BROWNBACK; amendment No. 1313, to be proposed by Mr. WEBB; amendment No. 1441, to be proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS); amendment No. 1482, to be proposed by Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mr. DURBIN); and amendment No. 1473, to be proposed by Mr. COLEMAN; that any amendment not presently pending be immediately proposed; that there be 15 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on each amendment; that no amendment be in order to the amendments prior to the votes; that, at 4:15 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to each amendment in the aforementioned order; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior

to each vote; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

Mr. DEMINT objected.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that he be recognized to propose the following amendments on behalf of the Senators indicated: amendment No. 1323, by Mr. SESSIONS; amendment No. 1174, by Mr. THUNE; amendment No. 1236, by Mr. BAUCUS; amendment No. 1317, by Mr. MENENDEZ; and amendment No. 1332, by Mr. SANDERS.

Mr. DEMINT objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1235 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1492).

Mr. REID called for the regular order.

Whereupon,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1199, proposed by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ), to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1493).

Pending debate,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1493 to amendment No. 1199 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. CHAMBLISS raised the question of a quorum.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANDERS in the chair) directed the roll to be called to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

Pending the ascertainment of a quorum,

When

Nineteen Senators answered to their names, as follows:

[Quorum No. 3 Leg.]

Bennett, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin Feingold, Isakson, Leahy, Lott, McConnell, Murray, Nelson (FL), Reid, Sanders, Sununu.

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that a quorum was not present.

On motion by Mr. REID to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the presence of absent Senators.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to instruct.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 72, nays... 13

[Rollcall Vote No. 205 Leg.]

YEAS --- 72

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Conrad, Corker, Craig, Crapo, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Hatch, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 13

Allard, Bennett, Collins, DeMint, Grassley, Gregg, Hutchison, Inhofe, Lott, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to; and as indicated by the foregoing rollcall, a quorum being present.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1493 to amendment No. 1199 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the failed vote on the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, be agreed to; that the motion to reconsider said vote be agreed to; that the Senate immediately vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on June 5, 2007, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 45, nays... 50

[Rollcall Vote No. 206 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Akaka, Bayh, Biden, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Reed, Reid, Salazar, Schumer, Specter, Stabenow, Voinovich, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 50

Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Ensign, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Landrieu, Lott, McCaskill, McConnell, Murkowski, Pryor, Roberts, Rockefeller, Sanders, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Warner, Webb.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1493 to amendment No. 1199 to amendment No. 1150 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL H.R. 6

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 6) to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2183. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Diuron; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8133-2) received on June 6, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2184. A communication from the Chief, Congressional Action Division, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the initiation of a multi-function standard competition of the Core Enterprise Communications Function at

Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2185. A communication from the Chief, Congressional Action Division, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the initiation of a multi-function standard competition of the Noncore Enterprise Communications Function at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2186. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a review of the C-130 Avionics Modernization Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2187. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a review of the Joint Primary Aircraft Trainer System program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2188. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a review of the Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2189. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a review of the Warfighter Information Network-Tactical program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2190. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a review of the Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2191. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Rodney P. Rempt, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2192. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Donald C. Arthur, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2193. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the risk of nuclear proliferation created by the

Russian Federation as declared in Executive Order 13159 of June 21, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2194. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Market Regulation, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oversight of Credit Rating Agencies Registered as Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations" (RIN3235-AJ78) received on June 5, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2195. A communication from the National ESA Listing Coordinator, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Listing Determination for Puget Sound Steelhead" (RIN0648-AU43) received on June 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2196. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: HI-STORM 100 Revision 3" (RIN3150-AH98) received on June 6, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2197. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: NAC-MPC Revision 5" (RIN3150-AI13) received on June 6, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2198. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Fee Schedules; Fee Recovery for Fiscal Year 2007" (RIN3150-AI00) received on June 6, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2199. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Access Authorization Fees" (RIN3150-AH99) received on June 6, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2200. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emergency Preparedness Policies Developed for Nuclear Materials Facilities" (RIN3150-AI17) received on June 6, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2201. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment, Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Ohio; Redesignation of Youngstown, Ohio to Attainment of the 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 8324-9) received on June 6, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2202. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Findings of Failure to Attain; State of Arizona, Phoenix Nonattainment Area; State of California, Owens Valley Nonattainment Area; Particulate Matter of 10 Microns or Less" (FRL No. 8322-5) received on June 6, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2203. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Waste Management System; Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste; Final Exclusion" (FRL No. 8322-6) received on June 6, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2204. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Phase 2 of the Final Rule to Implement the 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard - Notice of Reconsideration" ((RIN2060-AO00)(FRL No. 8324-9)) received on June 6, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2205. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Nonattainment New Source Review: Removal of Vacated Elements" ((RIN2060-AN92)(FRL No. 8324-6)) received on June 6, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2206. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Conduct on Bureau of Reclamation Facilities, Lands, and Waterbodies; Inclusion of Hoover Dam"

(RIN1006-AA52) received on June 5, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2207. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rollovers to Roth IRAs" (Announcement 2007-55) received on June 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2208. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Covered Employees Under Section 162(m)(3)" (Announcement 2007-49) received on June 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2209. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Immunology and Microbiology Devices; Classification of Gene Expression Profiling Test System for Breast Cancer Prognosis" (Docket No. 2007N-0136) received on June 6, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2210. A communication from the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Commission's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2211. A communication from the Chief, Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fees for Customs Processing at Express Consignment Carrier Facilities" (RIN1505-AB39) received on June 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2212. A communication from the Chief, Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States - Singapore Free Trade Agreement" (RIN1505-AB48) received on June 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2213. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances; Placement of Lisdexamphetamine into Schedule II" (Docket No. DEA-301F) received on June 6, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2214. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Record Disclosure and Privacy" (RIN3245-AF20) received on June 6, 2007; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-101. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to take such actions as are necessary to continue the current United States sugar program in the 2007 Farm Bill; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

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Whereas, Louisiana farmers have produced sugarcane for more than two hundred years; and

Whereas, Louisiana's sugarcane industry employs approximately twenty-seven thousand people and contributes more than 1.7 billion dollars to the state's economy; and

Whereas, the state's sugar producers were severely harmed by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and

Whereas, a strong domestic sugar market is a critical component to the sugar industry's recovery in Louisiana; and

Whereas, the state's sugar producers depend on the sugar policy in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 for survival; and

Whereas, United States sugar policy has kept sugar affordable for grocery shoppers, has operated at no cost to taxpayers, and has strengthened the country's food security: Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to continue the current United States sugar program in the 2007 Farm Bill; be it further

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

POM-102. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to take such actions as are necessary to expedite the repair and rebuilding of the St. Bernard Parish levee system by all appropriate federal agencies and to close the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

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Whereas, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPA-E) is

charged with flood protection of a large portion of south Louisiana; and

Whereas, this geographical area includes the Lake Borgne Levee District, which encompasses St. Bernard Parish; and

Whereas, the Lake Borgne Levee District has suffered catastrophic damage to its flood protection systems, including pumps, pump stations, drainage canals, and levees from the effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and

Whereas, it has been twenty months since the hurricanes passed through the area; and

Whereas, much-needed repairs to the flood protection systems include the need for temporary pumping capacity, sediment removal from all canals, storm-proofing pump stations, raising the Caernarvon to Verret levee to its authorized height, raising the Bayou Bienvenue to the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal levee and floodwall, and completion of the design and construction of permanent pump stations to replace those ruined by the hurricanes; and

Whereas, the Lake Borgne Levee District cannot provide adequate flood protection to the citizens of St. Bernard Parish until repairs to the levee system are complete; and

Whereas, delays have been caused by a lack of cooperation between several key federal agencies, including the United States Army Corps of Engineers, National Resources Conservation Service, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the Department of Homeland Security; and

Whereas, congress must intervene on behalf of the citizens of Louisiana to finish these key hurricane flood protection projects; and

Whereas, the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet (MRGO) is a seventy-six-mile-long, man-made navigational channel which connects the Gulf of Mexico to the Port of New Orleans; and

Whereas, since MRGO was completed, the United States Army Corps of Engineers estimates that the area has lost nearly three thousand two hundred acres of fresh and intermediate marsh, more than ten thousand three hundred acres of brackish marsh, four thousand two hundred acres of saline marsh, and one thousand five hundred acres of cypress swamp and levee forest in addition to major habitat alterations due to saltwater intrusion; and

Whereas, the dramatic loss of coastal wetlands and marshes caused by MRGO exposed St. Bernard Parish to much more severe impacts from the hurricanes and tropical storms that regularly occur in the Gulf of Mexico; and

Whereas, those concerns proved true in an extremely dramatic fashion on August 29, 2005, when Hurricane Katrina struck Louisiana's coast with a tidal surge well in excess of twenty feet; and

Whereas, there is a growing consensus that the flooding that occurred in St. Bernard

Parish, New Orleans East, and the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans was a result of storm surge that flowed up MRGO to the point where it converges with the Intracoastal Waterway and that the confluence created a funnel that directed the storm surge into the New Orleans Industrial Canal, where it overtopped the levees along MRGO and the Industrial Canal and eventually breached the levees and flooded into the neighborhoods that lie close to those three waterways, resulting in more than eleven hundred deaths in the Greater New Orleans area, including one hundred twenty-eight deaths in St. Bernard Parish, destroying over twenty-four thousand homes, and rendering more than sixty-seven thousand residents of St. Bernard Parish and uncounted numbers in New Orleans East and the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans homeless, without possessions, and unemployed; and

Whereas, in addition to destroying homes, the floodwaters washed away churches and other places of worship, schools, businesses, community centers, recreational facilities, and utility and transportation infrastructure; and

Whereas, as the only entity which can authorize the waterway to be closed and which can enable the reestablishment of our essential coastal wetlands, the United States Congress must come to the aid of the citizens of Louisiana, particularly those of St. Bernard Parish by authorizing the immediate closure of MRGO: Therefore, be it,

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to expedite the repair and rebuilding of the St. Bernard Parish levee system by all appropriate federal agencies and to immediately close the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet; and Be it further

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

POM-103. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Montana opposing, among other things, any effort to implement a trinational political, governmental entity among the United States, Canada, and Mexico; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25

Whereas, the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America was launched in March of 2005 as a trilateral effort among the United States, Canada, and Mexico to share information and streamline traffic across shared borders; and

Whereas, in meeting Security and Prosperity Partnership initiatives, the security and prosperity ministers are examining

opportunities to open the borders between the United States, Canada, and Mexico; and

Whereas, the gradual creation of such a North American Union from a merger of the United States, Mexico, and Canada would be a direct threat to the Constitution and national independence of the United States and imply an eventual end to national borders within North America; and

Whereas, according to the Department of Commerce, United States trade deficits with Mexico and, Canada have significantly widened since the implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA); and

Whereas, the economic and physical security of the United States is impaired by the potential loss of control of its borders attendant to the full operation of NAFTA; and

Whereas, a NAFTA Superhighway System from the west coast of Mexico through the United States and into Canada has been suggested as part of a North American Union and the broader plan to advance the Security and Prosperity Partnership; and

Whereas, it would be particularly difficult for Americans to collect insurance from Mexican companies that employ Mexican drivers involved in accidents in the United States, which would increase the insurance rates for American drivers; and

Whereas, future unrestricted foreign trucking into the United States can pose a safety hazard due to inadequate maintenance and inspection and can act collaterally as a conduit for the entry into the United States of illegal drugs, illegal human smuggling, and terrorist activities; and

Whereas, a NAFTA Superhighway System would be funded by foreign consortiums and controlled by foreign management, which threatens the sovereignty of the United States; and

Whereas, the Security and Prosperity Partnership aims to integrate United States laws with Mexico and Canada on a broad range of issues such as e-commerce, transportation, environment, health, agriculture, financial services, and national security, which may lead to negative changes in United States administrative laws; and

Whereas, state and local governments throughout the United States would be negatively impacted by the Security and Prosperity Partnership or a North American Union process, such as an open borders vision, eminent domain takings of private property along potential superhighways, and increased law enforcement problems along such superhighways; and

Whereas, this trilateral partnership to develop a North American Union has never been presented to Congress as an agreement or treaty and has had virtually no congressional oversight; and

Whereas, initiatives advancing the Security and Prosperity Partnership will lead to the erosion of United States sovereignty and could lead to integrated continental court systems and currency; and

Whereas, United States policy, not foreign consortiums, should be used to control our national borders and to ensure that national security is not compromised; Now, Therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana:

That the Montana Legislature urge the President and the Congress of the United States to withdraw the United States from any further participation in the Security and Prosperity Partnership, any efforts to implement a trinational political, governmental entity among the United States, Canada, and Mexico, or any other efforts used to accomplish any form of a North American Union System; and be it further

Resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent by the Secretary of State to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the United States Secretary of Commerce, and each member of the United States Congress.

POM-104. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii urging Congress to support legislation authorizing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate lower drug prices on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Whereas, data provided by AARP Hawaii shows that half of all people in Hawaii, particularly those ages 50 and older and those with lower incomes, are concerned about being able to afford prescription drugs; and

Whereas, slightly over half of Hawaii's residents who are taking prescription medication on a regular basis say that paying for their drugs presents a financial burden; and

Whereas, nearly one-third of our residents who regularly take prescription drugs report taking at least one significant cost-reducing measure to pay for their medication; and

Whereas, the United States Congress has the opportunity to help reduce the cost of prescription drugs for Hawaii's 155,000 enrolled Medicare Part D beneficiaries by strengthening the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) through supporting legislation to give the Secretary of Health and Human Services the authority to use the bargaining power of 43 million Medicare beneficiaries to help make prescription drugs more affordable; and

Whereas, Hawaii families are counting on Congress to do everything possible to help make prescription drugs more affordable and accessible to beneficiaries under the MMA; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature urges the United States Congress to support legislation authorizing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate lower drug prices on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries; and be it further

Resolved, that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of Hawaii's Congressional Delegation.

POM-105. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii urging Congress to propose amendments to the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
NO. 57

Whereas, the United States Congress must decide in 2007 whether to reauthorize the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 or let it die and replace it with a new law; and

Whereas, the No Child Left Behind Act, unprecedented in the history of federal and state roles in public education by the mandated imposition of a federally prescribed, single accountability model for all public schools, undermines the established constitutional role of state and local public education governance; and

Whereas, the No Child Left Behind Act, while purporting to create an accountability system for public schools, has in reality, been an enormous financial and programmatic burden on schools and taxpayers; and

Whereas, even if states and schools are satisfied with their educational programs and outcomes, they are forced to participate in this top-down system in order to continue to receive federal funds for education, such as Title I funds; and

Whereas, the No Child Left Behind Act mandates consequences to schools if just one of thirty-seven possible adequate yearly progress calculation outcomes are not met, and makes no distinction in the consequences imposed on schools that did not meet one or did not meet all thirty-seven, resulting in dilution of energy, time, and money by mandating the treatment of all such schools to include identical sanctions; and

Whereas, the No Child Left Behind Act employs a view of motivation that is misguided and objectionable, using threats, punishments, and pernicious comparisons to "motivate" teachers, students, and schools; and

Whereas, private K-12 schools have chosen not to spend their time or money adopting key elements of the, No Child Left Behind

Act's intensive testing and accountability regimen; and

Whereas, the No Child Left Behind Act's narrow focus on the "basics" has discouraged the implementation of best practices cutting edge educational research in order to achieve higher test scores; and

Whereas, the No Child Left Behind Act has driven many schools and school systems into a narrowing of curriculum, often focused on only tested subjects, to the detriment of subjects and rich educational experiences, such as the arts; and

Whereas, the goal of achieving percent proficiency, including special education students, is unrealistic, and the pursuit of which channels millions of dollars into tactically targeted programs that divert limited resources from other critical school programs, professional, training, as well as the educational and physical environment of schools; and

Whereas, the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act penalize schools who enroll students who have inherent educational deficiencies and, who as a group, will continue to remain below ever increasing No Child Left Behind "annual measurable objectives"; and

Whereas, while there has recently been some interest in the development of so-called "growth models" to recognize the contributions of a school to individual students over time, the lack of adequate funding and the prohibition against states developing their own growth models has rendered this initiative almost meaningless; and

Whereas, the No Child Left Behind Act does not provide additional funds for teacher education or training, if school is in "status" or under, restructuring, which creates a punitive environment with little commitment on the part of the federal government for improving teaching and learning, or for supporting increased school success; and

Whereas, Adequate Yearly Progress does not take into account a school's adoption of meaningful educational innovation or judicious use of research; and

Whereas, the No Child Left Behind Act has channeled countless dollars into high-stake testing, which has largely benefited national private testing companies, but at the expense of ignoring genuine student accomplishments; and

Whereas, the No Child Left Behind Act appears biased towards a one-size fits all multiple choice testing system, and tends to ignore other means of engaging and assessing students such as project-based, hands-on, or problem-solving demonstrations of competency; and

Whereas, the United States Department of Education has shown little or no interest in creating incentives among colleges and universities to incorporate innovative

portfolios or project-based competencies into their admissions decisions, thus reinforcing the use of high-stake, multiple-choice private contractors; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the House of Representatives concurring, that the United States Congress is strongly urged to proposed specific amendments to, or recommend the repeal of, the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001; and be it further

Resolved, that among the issues and amendments the United States Congress should address are the following:

(1) Improving teacher quality, preparation, and training by:

(A) Building support for a comprehensive incentive program to recruit, place, and retain experienced, well-qualified teachers in high-need schools (e.g., high poverty, or geographically-isolated communities);

(B) Providing significant support for teacher education, professional development, in-service training, and career opportunities;

(C) Improving the occupational status and compensation of teaching as a career;

(D) Improving qualifications of teacher candidates at colleges of education;

(E) Providing financial incentives for institutions of higher learning to incorporate portfolios and demonstrations of competency into their admissions decisions;

(F) Strengthening teacher education preparation programs in areas such as science, mathematics, technology, measurement, data analysis, and evaluation;

(G) Recognizing teachers having achieved certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards as “highly qualified” in their respective fields; and

(H) Providing flexibility in recognizing certified secondary level special education teachers as qualified teachers in their own right, and removing the unrealistic expectation that such teachers be additionally certified in every single core subject area;

(2) Improving assessment measures and systems by:

(A) Refining student assessment instruments designed specifically for use in improving instruction as well as school accountability;

(B) Encouraging states and school districts to utilize a wider range of useful assessments, including project-based competency and portfolios;

(C) Developing more appropriate means of assessing the academic progress of English Language Learners, special education students; and those with behavioral health issues; and

(D) Supporting the development and implementation of comprehensive statewide data collection and exchange systems that allow for more efficient support for student record keeping and informed educational

policy decision making (e.g., electronic student transcript systems, and longitudinal analyses of growth in academic achievement);

(3) Improving accountability models, indicators of performance, and consequences by:

(A) Supporting states and the educational research community in research and development efforts to further the pioneering work required in refining the technology underlying growth (toward standards) analysis models;

(B) Permitting each state to adopt and pilot its own growth model to calculate adequate yearly progress under the No Child Left Behind Act to take advantage of inherent benefits that motivate students at all levels of proficiency;

(C) Supporting wholesale changes to the “adequate yearly progress” model for educational accountability that would provide for a fairer and more balanced appraisal of school performance and quality;

(D) Replacing punitive, conjunctive “miss one miss all” criteria;

(E) Expanding accountability indicators to reflect performance on standards in other important disciplines and countering unintended consequences such as a narrowing of curriculum;

(F) Allowing for current limitations in reliable and valid assessments of students within a wide range of disability classifications; and

(G) Allowing for deferrals to test new immigrant students with limited English proficiency for up to three years of entering the country;

(4) Augmenting resources to assist states in efforts to accomplish challenging educational initiatives by:

(A) Requiring schools to maintain a broad and comprehensive curriculum to support adopted content and performance standards, including the arts and physical education;

(B) Fully funding special education programs, as once promised;

(C) Providing adequate funding to research and develop multiple and more valid means of assessing student competence, skills and knowledge for use in both improvement and educational accountability; and

(D) Providing funding and training support for data and technology infrastructure requirements;

(5) Supporting innovation, capacity building, and flexibility to address state and local education needs by:

(A) Recognizing schools that demonstrate successful strategies using innovative curriculum and methodologies;

(B) Developing new initiatives for school facilities that do not push educational funding toward ever larger schools and economy-of-scale construction mentality;

(C) Avoiding simplistic “one size fits all” solutions for assessment, accountability, and intervention;

(D) Addressing unique needs of “high-need” schools (e.g., high poverty, high immigration, extreme geographic isolation); and

(E) Allowing states to determine which and how many grade levels are best to test; and

(6) Returning to the original intent and purpose of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) by:

(A) Restoring the foundational precepts of ESEA and its focus on equity in educational attainment despite disadvantages stemming from socio-economic background;

(B) Allowing states to “opt out” of requirements that impact schools that do not receive ESEA entitlements, without loss of Federal funds;

(C) Promoting strategies that directly reduce achievement gaps through better instruction, such as incentives for experienced, well-qualified teachers to accept positions in high-need schools and for reducing class size;

(D) Resolving to build the best public education system and teacher work force in the world, rather than promoting lofty rhetoric and ploys that undermine and divert public funds to private schools; and

(E) Returning policy setting and curriculum and teaching decision making control back to states, school districts and local communities; and be it further

Resolved that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and the members of Hawaii’s Congressional delegation.

POM-106. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Pennsylvania urging Congress to enact legislation to provide additional funding for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis research; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 115

Whereas, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) is better known as Lou Gehrig’s disease; and

Whereas, ALS is a fatal neurodegenerative disease characterized by degeneration of cell bodies of the lower motor neurons in the gray matter of the anterior horns of the spinal cord; and

Whereas, The initial symptom of ALS is weakness of the skeletal muscles, especially those of the extremities; and

Whereas, As ALS progresses, the patient experiences difficulty in swallowing, talking and breathing; and

Whereas, ALS eventually causes muscles to atrophy, and the patient becomes a functional quadriplegic; and

Whereas, Because ALS does not affect mental capacity, persons with ALS remain alert and aware of the loss of motor function and the inevitable outcome of continued deterioration and death; and

Whereas, ALS occurs in adulthood, most commonly between the ages of 40 and 70, with the peak age about 55; and

Whereas, ALS affects men two to three times more often than women; and

Whereas, More than 5,000 new ALS patients are diagnosed annually; and

Whereas, On average, patients diagnosed with ALS survive only two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

Whereas, Research indicates that military veterans are at a 50% or greater risk of developing ALS than other persons; and

Whereas, ALS has no known cause, means of prevention or cure; and

Whereas, "Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month" increases public awareness of ALS patients' circumstances, acknowledges the terrible impact of ALS on patients and their families and recognizes ongoing research to eradicate ALS; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognize the month of May 2007 as "Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Awareness Month" in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate urge the President and Congress of the United States to enact legislation to provide additional funding for ALS research; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, to the Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the members of Congress from Pennsylvania and to the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services.

POM-107. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Pennsylvania urging Congress to fulfill the commitment of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide resources equal to 40 percent of the national average per pupil expenditure for special education students for each Pennsylvania student with special needs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 91

Whereas, In the interest of ensuring that children with disabilities in the United States receive a free appropriate public education, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (Public Law 91-230, 20 U.S.C. §1400 et seq.) encroached upon the states' traditional domain over education and established certain mandates that all state and local

governments must observe in the education of children with special needs; and

Whereas, In recognition of the high cost of these Federal mandates, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act allows the Congress to provide each state with a maximum Federal grant equal to the number of children with disabilities in the state multiplied by 40% of the average per pupil expenditure for all special education students in the United States; and

Whereas, Although the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has endeavored to serve its students with special needs by implementing the costly mandates imposed by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Federal Government has not provided sufficient funding to pay for these mandates; and

Whereas, The Federal funding the Commonwealth receives for each student with special needs is only the equivalent of 14.8% of the national average per pupil expenditure; and

Whereas, By this measure, the Federal Government contributes only 37% of the total cost of special education in this Commonwealth even though the Commonwealth and its school districts must comply with 100% of the costly mandates imposed by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; and

Whereas, These costs have been increasing rapidly in recent years; and

Whereas, In this Commonwealth, the population of students with special needs has increased by less than 1% since 2000; and

Whereas, In the same period, the Commonwealth's appropriations for special education have increased by 25% in order to keep pace; and

Whereas, Because the Federal Government has failed to provide the level of funding that the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act allows, it has placed a disproportionate financial burden on the Commonwealth and its school districts; and

Whereas, If the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act is to fully accomplish its mission to provide a free appropriate public education to children with disabilities, the Federal Government must provide State and local governments with the funding they need to successfully implement the act's mandates; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate of Pennsylvania urge Congress and the President of the United States to fulfill the commitment of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide resources equal to 40% of the national average per pupil expenditure for special education students for each Pennsylvania student with special needs; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the presiding officers of

each house of Congress from Pennsylvania, to the National Conference of State Legislatures, to the State Board of Education and to the Secretary of Education.

POM-108. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging Congress to continue the funding and completion of the Secure Border Initiative Network program by the target date of December 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SENATE MEMORIAL 1004

To the Congress of the United States of America:

Your memorialist respectfully represents:

Whereas, the safety and security of Arizona's southern border are critical to the economy and the health and welfare of all Arizona citizens; and

Whereas, the Federal government, through the United States Customs and Border Protection's Secure Border Initiative Network program (SBI net), is allocating millions of dollars and significant resources to developing and deploying personnel, infrastructure, technologies and rapid response platforms to prohibit the illegal entry of people and contraband across the entire southern border of Arizona; and

Whereas, SBI net is a program of intense national interest with a challenge to accomplish something that has never before been done and is committed to delivering a system to the United States government that will support the United States Customs and Border Protection in detecting, apprehending and processing people who cross Arizona's border illegally; facilitate legitimate cross-border travel and commerce; and most importantly, provide taxpayers with the best value solution over the life of the program; and

Whereas, SBI net will deliver the ability to detect entries into the United States when they occur, to identify what the entry is and to classify its level of threat, thereby allowing the border patrol to effectively and efficiently respond to the entry, and to resolve the situation with appropriate law enforcement; and

Whereas, Arizona, takes pride in being the first state to receive the benefits of SBI net; and

Whereas, by the end of calendar year 2008, the SBI net program will deploy fencing, vehicle barriers and proven current and next-generation technology, including radars, sensors, communications enhancements and the requisite number of United States Customs and Border Protection Border Patrol agents to secure Arizona's southern border.

Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, prays:

1. That the United States Congress continue the funding and completion of SBI net by the target date of December 31, 2008.

2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-109. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging Congress to use its powers as delegated by the Indian Commerce Clause to acknowledge and protect the public interest of Indian country from competing public interests and regulatory jurisdictions; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 2007

To the Congress of the United States of America:

Your memorialist respectfully represents:

Whereas, it is crucial for Native Americans to establish equitable, affordable and universal access to telecommunications services, allowing placement of infrastructure and information technology equipment to deliver broadband services and other evolving and emerging technologies on tribal lands to American Indian communities by the year 2010; and

Whereas, it is vital to ensure that the universal service concepts of the 1996 Telecommunications Act allow for telecommunications infrastructure and information technology to be developed and used in a manner that meets the social, civic, economic, educational and cultural needs of American Indian tribes and communities; and

Whereas, it is essential to protect, strengthen and assert tribal government sovereignty and regulatory jurisdiction, in the areas of telecommunications and information technology; and

Whereas, it is vital to create a framework and guidelines for tribal governments and communities, intertribal organizations and American Indian organizations to prepare, plan and make recommendations for telecommunications and information technology policy, legislation, appropriations, program development and self-determination.

Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

1. That the United States Congress recognize the rights of tribal governments and communities to exercise and assert regulatory jurisdiction over telecommunications activities in the boundaries of reservations and communities.

2. That the United States Congress encourage states, counties and municipalities to provide partnership opportunities that promote telecommunication services and that are mutually beneficial for the economic, social and general welfare for all state citizens.

3. That the United States Congress provide a sufficient set-aside of Homeland Security monies to ensure equitable and sufficient

distribution of monies among tribal governments and American Indian communities for the development of telecommunications build-out necessary to mitigate emergencies and crisis brought about by acts of terrorism, drug trafficking, human smuggling and other deplorable acts that threaten national and local security.

4. That the United States Congress promote and support tribal government and community efforts to establish telecommunications regulatory authorities and codes.

5. That the United States Congress support and advance public safety implementation among tribes and communities through the provision of grants for the development of telecommunications and information technology capacities among law enforcement agencies, emergency medical service providers, fire departments, courts and justice departments and other emergency responder agencies.

6. That the United States Congress support and advance tribal government and ownership of spectrum above tribal lands and communities by granting, rather than auctioning, partitioned spectrum licenses to tribal entities.

7. That the United States Congress encourage and support tribal government and community efforts to establish and operate telephone companies and other telecommunication businesses, such as internet service providers, especially in unserved and underserved areas.

8. That the United States Congress support and advance the efforts of tribal governments and American Indian communities to bridge their respective digital divides through the provision of grants, loans and contracts, tax incentives and infrastructure build-out services.

9. That the United States Congress use its powers as delegated by the Indian Commerce Clause to acknowledge, and protect the public interest of Indian country from competing public interests and regulatory jurisdictions and perform the following:

(a) Amend section 214(e) of the Telecommunications Act to include the following definition of unserved areas:

An unserved area is defined as service penetration 15% below the nationwide penetration rate for any communications service; or 5% below national rural penetration rate for any communications service, whichever rate is higher.

(b) Amend section 214(e) 6 of the Telecommunications Act to include tribes and acknowledge tribal regulatory authority.

(c) Provide mechanisms, with enforcement powers, for ensuring equitable, affordable and sustainable access to communications services, including broadband, broadcast and emerging technologies, in Indian country.

(d) Support tribal access and options for ownership and management of spectrum on tribal lands for both wireless and broadcast applications.

(e) Provide mechanisms to promote cooperation among tribes, state public utility commissions and the federal communications commission and remedies for resolving unforeseen conflicts.

(f) Provide public financing to tribal communities that fall under the definition of an unserved area to close any service gap.

(g) Permit the bureau of Indian affairs to allow for telecommunication entities to collocate on existing linear rights of way, such as power and water routes, so that rapid expansion of telecom services, including categorical exclusion of clearance requirements, can proceed.

10. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-110. A resolution adopted by the California State Lands Commission expressing its support for H.R. 1187; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-111. A resolution adopted by the Council of the District of Columbia expressing the Council's support of amending the Home Rule Charter to increase the pay of the Chief Financial Officer, Dr. Natwar M. Gandhi; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

H.R. 692. A bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to authorize the Governor of a State, territory, or possession of the United States to order that the National flag be flown at half-staff in that State, territory, or possession in the event of the death of a member of the Armed Forces from that State, territory, or possession who dies while serving on active duty.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 82. A resolution designating August 16, 2007 as "National Airborne Day".

S. Res. 171. A resolution memorializing fallen firefighters by lowering the United States flag to half-staff on the day of the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

S. Res. 173. A resolution designating August 11, 2007, as "National Marina Day".

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 720. A bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to authorize the Governor of a State, territory, or possession of the United States to order that the National flag be flown at half-staff in that State, territory, or possession in the event of the death of a member of the Armed Forces from that State, territory, or possession who dies while serving on active duty.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1561. A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to exceptions to discharge in bankruptcy for certain qualified educational loans; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. 1562. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to provide grants to States for the distribution of compact fluorescent lights; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. DODD, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. WYDEN, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1563. A bill to require the disclosure of certain activities relating to the petroleum industry of Sudan, to increase the penalties for violations of sanctions provisions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 1564. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to provide health insurance converge for children and pregnant and post-partum women throughout the United States by combining the children and pregnant women health coverage under Medicaid and SCHIP into a new All Healthy Children Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 1565. A bill to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 1566. A bill to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to improve that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR:

S. 1567. A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to provide a renewable portfolio standard, and other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 1568. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage private philanthropy; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 1569. A bill to establish a pilot program on the provision of legal services to assist veterans and members of the Armed Forces receive health care, benefits and services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1570. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to protect employer rights; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. 1571. A bill to reform the essential air service program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REED, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DODD, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 1572. A bill to increase the number of well-trained mental health service professionals (including those based in schools) providing clinical mental health care to children and adolescents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 1573. A bill to promote public-private partnerships to strengthen investment in early childhood development for children from birth to entry into kindergarten in order to ensure healthy development and school readiness for all children; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. OBAMA:

S. 1574. A bill to establish Teaching Residency Programs for preparation and induction of teachers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mrs. DOLE, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 1575. A bill to encourage the effective use of community resources to combat hunger and the root causes of hunger by creating opportunity through food recovery and job training; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1576. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health and healthcare of racial and ethnic minority

groups; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LEVIN, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1577. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to require screening, including national criminal history background checks, of direct patient access employees of skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, and other long-term care facilities and providers, and to provide for nationwide expansion of the pilot program for national and State background checks on direct patient access employees of long-term care facilities or providers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 1578. A bill to amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to establish vessel ballast water management requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 1579. A bill to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1580. A bill to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1581. A bill to establish an interagency committee to develop an ocean acidification research and monitoring plan and to establish an ocean acidification program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Ms. CANTWELL, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1582. A bill to reauthorize and amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself and Mr. STEVENS) (by request):

S. 1583. A bill to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, and for other coral conservation purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself and Mr. STEVENS) (by request):

S. 1584. A bill to reauthorize and amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT
AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. DODD, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BYRD, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. Res. 224. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the Israeli-Palestinian peace process; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. Res. 225. A resolution designating the month of August 2007 as "National Medicine Abuse Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. BAYH, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. CASEY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. Res. 226. A resolution recognizing the month of November as "National Homeless Youth Awareness Month"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. Res. 227. A resolution congratulating the Johns Hopkins University Blue Jays for winning the 2007 NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. Res. 228. A resolution congratulating the Brown University women's crew team for winning the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Rowing Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. Res. 229. A resolution honoring William Clifton France; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SMITH, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. Con. Res. 37. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress on federalism in Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 35

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 35, a bill to amend section 7209 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism

Prevention Act of 2004 and for other purposes.

S. 329

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 508

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 508, a bill to amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to apply whistleblower protections available to certain executive branch employees to legislative branch employees, and for other purposes.

S. 535

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] were added as cosponsors of S. 535, a bill to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and an Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Investigative Office in the Civil Rights Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and for other purposes.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 590

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the investment tax credit with respect to solar energy property and qualified fuel cell property, and for other purposes.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 626, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 667

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 667, a bill to expand programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse and neglect prevention, and early

identification of developmental and health delays, including potential mental health concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 674

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 674, a bill to require accountability and enhanced congressional oversight for personnel performing private security functions under Federal contracts, and for other purposes.

S. 691

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the benefits under the Medicare program for beneficiaries with kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] were added as cosponsors of S. 746, a bill to establish a competitive grant program to build capacity in veterinary medical education and expand the workforce of veterinarians engaged in public health practice and biomedical research.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 805, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa in the effort to achieve internationally recognized goals in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other major diseases and the reduction of maternal and child mortality by improving human health care capacity and improving retention of medical health professionals in sub-Saharan Africa, and for other purposes.

S. 807

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 807, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 to provide that manure shall not be considered to be a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

S. 838

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 838, a bill to authorize funding for eligible joint ventures between United States and

Israeli businesses and academic persons, to establish the International Energy Advisory Board, and for other purposes.

S. 968

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 968, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide increased assistance for the prevention, treatment, and control of tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

S. 1070

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1070, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to enhance the social security of the Nation by ensuring adequate public-private infrastructure and to resolve to prevent, detect, treat, intervene in, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes.

S. 1113

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1113, a bill to facilitate the provision of care and services for members of the Armed Forces for traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes.

S. 1154

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1154, a bill to promote biogas production, and for other purposes.

S. 1172

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1172, a bill to reduce hunger in the United States.

S. 1226

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1226, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish programs to improve the quality, performance, and delivery of pediatric care.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit through 2013, and for other purposes.

S. 1252

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1252, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for uniformity in the awarding of disability ratings for wounds or injuries incurred by members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 1295

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI]

was added as a cosponsor of S. 1295, a bill to amend the African Development Foundation Act to change the name of the Foundation, modify the administrative authorities of the Foundation, and for other purposes.

S. 1356

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1356, a bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to establish industrial bank holding company regulation, and for other purposes.

S. 1428

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1428, a bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to assure access to durable medical equipment under the Medicare program.

S. 1457

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1457, a bill to provide for the protection of mail delivery on certain postal routes, and for other purposes.

S. 1459

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1459, a bill to strengthen the Nation's research efforts to identify the causes and cure of psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis, expand psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis data collection, study access to and quality of care for people with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis, and for other purposes.

S. 1500

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1500, a bill to support democracy and human rights in Zimbabwe, and for other purposes.

S. 1514

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1514, a bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

S. 1518

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1518, a bill to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1543

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1543, a bill to establish a national geothermal initiative to encourage increased production of energy

from geothermal resources, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 30

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 30, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the need for the United States to address global climate change through the negotiation of fair and effective international commitments.

SENATE RESOLUTION 105

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 105, a resolution designating September 2007 as "Campus Fire Safety Month".

SENATE RESOLUTION 171

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 171, a resolution memorializing fallen firefighters by lowering the United States flag to half-staff on the day of the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

SENATE RESOLUTION 215

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 215, a resolution designating September 25, 2007, as "National First Responder Appreciation Day".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DODD,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 7, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 7, 2007, at 2 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 7, 2007 at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, June 7, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing entitled "Prevention of Deceptive Practices

and Voter Intimidation in Federal Elections: S. 453” on Thursday, June 7, 2007 at 2 p.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON
INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 7, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

The Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 7, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF
GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE
FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs’ Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet on Thursday, June 7, 2007 at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:58 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 361. An act to amend the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 to authorize additional projects and activities under that Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 632. An act to authorize the Secretary of Energy to establish monetary prizes for achievements in overcoming scientific and technical barriers associated with hydrogen energy.

H.R. 964. An act to protect users of the Internet from unknowing transmission of their personally identifiable information through spyware programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1051. An act to direct the Secretary of Education to establish and maintain a public website through which individuals may find a complete database of available scholarships, fellowships, and other programs of financial assistance in the study of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

H.R. 1139. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to plan, design and construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, and other uses from the Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin, Santa Ana River, California, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1175. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to increase the

ceiling on the Federal share of the costs of phase I of the Orange County, California, Regional Water Reclamation Project.

H.R. 1467. An act to authorize the National Science Foundation to award grants to institutions of higher education to develop and offer education and training programs.

H.R. 1469. An act to establish the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation under the authorities of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961.

H.R. 1716. An act to authorize higher education curriculum development and graduate training in advanced energy and green building technologies.

H.R. 1736. An act to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to provide for conjunctive use of surface and groundwater in Juab County, Utah.

H.R. 2446. An act to reauthorize the Afghanistan Freedom Support Act of 2002, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2559. An act to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 54. Concurrent resolution expressing the support of Congress for the creation of a National hurricane Museum and Science Center in Southwest Louisiana.

H. Con. Res. 94. Concurrent resolution encouraging the elimination of harmful fishing subsidies that contribute to overcapacity in commercial fishing fleets worldwide and that lead to the overfishing of global fish stocks.

H. Con. Res. 116. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located in Jackson, Wyoming, shall be designated as the “National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States”.

H. Con. Res. 152. Concurrent resolution relating to the 40th anniversary of the reunification of the City of Jerusalem.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution:

H. Res. 454. Resolution relative to the death of the Honorable Craig Thomas, a Senator from the State of Wyoming.

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

S. 5. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to Provide for human embryonic stem cell research.

S. 1537. An act to authorize the transfer of certain funds from the Senate Gift Shop Revolving Fund to the Senate Employee Child Care Center.

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

S. 5. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT
RESOLUTIONS REFERRED

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

H.R. 361. An act to amend the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 to authorize additional projects and activities under that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 632. An act to authorize the Secretary of Energy to establish monetary prizes for achievements in overcoming scientific and technical barriers associated with hydrogen energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 964. An act to protect users of the Internet from unknowing transmission of their personally identifiable information through spyware programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1051. An act to direct the Secretary of Education to establish and maintain a public website through which individuals may find a complete database of available scholarships, fellowships, and other programs of financial assistance in the study of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 1139. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to plan, design and construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, and other uses from the Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin, Santa Ana River, California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1175. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to increase the ceiling on the Federal share of the costs of phase I of the Orange County, California, Regional Water Reclamation Project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1467. An act to authorize the National Science Foundation to award grants to institutions of higher education to develop and offer education and training programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 1469. An act to establish the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation under the authorities of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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H.R. 2559. An act to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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H. Con. Res. 116. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located in Jackson, Wyoming, shall be designated as the "National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H. Con. Res. 152. Concurrent resolution relating to the 40th anniversary of the reunification of the City of Jerusalem; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

CONGRATULATING THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY BLUE JAYS

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. KLOBUCHAR in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 227) congratulating the Johns Hopkins University Blue Jays for winning the 2007 NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Championship, submitted today by Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE BROWN UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CREW TEAM

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 228) congratulating the Brown University women's crew team for winning the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Rowing Championship, submitted today by Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING WILLIAM CLIFTON FRANCE

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 229) honoring William Clifton France, submitted today by Mr. BILL NELSON (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2007, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m., on Monday, June 11, 2007; that on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 3:30 p.m.; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders, or their designees; that, at 3:30 p.m., the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 6; that the time until 4:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled between the chairmen and ranking member of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; that, at 4:30 p.m., the Senate resume consideration of the motion to

proceed to consider the joint resolution S.J. Res. 14; that the time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, at 5:30 p.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider the joint resolution S.J. Res. 14, with no intervening action or debate.

Ordered further, That, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the quorums relative to the motions to bring to a close debate on the motions to proceed to consider bill H.R. 6 and joint resolution S.J. Res. 14 be waived.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

At 10:33 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 11, 2007.

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2007

Mr. KENT CONRAD, from the State of North Dakota, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CONRAD led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, June 11, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable KENT CONRAD, a Senator from the State of North Dakota, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CONRAD took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 7, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 7, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

Pending debate,

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL H.R. 6

The hour of 3:30 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 7, 2007, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WEBB in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the motion, made and withdrawn by Mr. REID on Wednesday, June 6, 2007, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 6) to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

Mr. DOMENICI raised a question as to the presence of a quorum.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARDIN in the chair) directed the roll to be called to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

Pending the ascertainment of the presence of a quorum,

Mr. SCHUMER asked unanimous consent that the quorum call be withdrawn.

Mr. DOMENICI objected.

Pending the further ascertainment of the presence of a quorum,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DOMENICI,

Ordered, That the quorum call be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 6.

Pending debate,

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER JOINT RESOLUTION S.J.
RES. 14

The hour of 4:30 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 7, 2007, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, made and withdrawn by Mr. REID on Wednesday, June 6, 2007, that the Senate proceed to consider the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 14) expressing the sense

of the Senate that Attorney General Alberto Gonzales no longer holds the confidence of the Senate and of the American people; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. SCHUMER asked unanimous consent that there be 30 minutes for debate controlled by the proponents of the pending motion.

Mr. DOMENICI objected.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 7, 2007,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. STABENOW in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Wednesday, June 6, 2007, to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed to consider joint resolution S.J. Res. 14.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 7, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---

yeas... 53, nays... 38

[Rollcall Vote No. 207 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Sununu, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 38

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lieberman, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

Mr. STEVENS, when his name was called, answered "present".

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL H.R. 6

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 7, 2007,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANDERS in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Wednesday, June 6, 2007, to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 6.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 7, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 91, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 208 Leg.]

YEAS --- 91

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 6.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2215. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, the report of

proposed legislation entitled "The Community Development Block Grant Reform Act of 2007"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2216. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities" (RIN1902-AD31), received on June 7, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2217. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualifying Gasification Project Program" (Notice 2007-53), received on June 7, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2218. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Under Guaranteed Payments" (Notice 2007-40), received on June 7, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2219. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualifying Advanced Coal Project Program" (Notice 2007-52), received on June 7, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2220. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles to support the sale of the Sensor Fused Weapon to the United Arab Emirates; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2221. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles necessary to support the Royal Australian Air Force's Hornet Upgrade Program; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2222. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the transfer of technical data, assistance and manufacturing know-how to Japan for the manufacture of the AN/APX-72 Identification Friend or Foe Transponder; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2223. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of technical data, defense articles and defense services, including manufacturing know-how, to Germany for the manufacture of 120mm tank training ammunition; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2224. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles to support the manufacture of F-15 aircraft major structural components for Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2225. A communication from the Interim Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044), received on June 7, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2226. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Commission's Inspector General for the period ending March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-112. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to take a proactive role in assisting the communities of New Orleans East in protecting their health and safety and in promoting economic development; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Whereas, the health, safety, welfare, and economic recovery of the residents and businesses of New Orleans East are dependent upon the continued assistance and encouragement from our federal partners; and

Whereas, the Legislature of Louisiana created the New Orleans Regional Business Park as a special municipal district for the primary purpose of engaging industrial, manufacturing, processing, assembling, distribution, and wholesale businesses; and

Whereas, as of early May 2006, approximately forty companies out of one hundred four pre-Katrina were back in business and the future of the others is largely uncertain; and

Whereas, New Orleans East has become the illegal burial grounds for homes and businesses washed out by hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and

Whereas, illegal dumping makes it extremely hard to attract businesses to New Orleans East and to the business park; and

Whereas, in the business park alone there are twenty-three known illegal dumping sites and thirteen illegal automobile dumping sites; and

Whereas, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency awarded the business park \$400,000 in grants to catalogue contamination, but none of the federal funds will be used for clean-up; and

Whereas, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Enforcement Division, Surveillance Division and Criminal Investigations Section of the Legal Affairs Division have inspected over one hundred seventy-five sites and found potential environmental violations on one hundred fifty of these sites in the Almonaster/Gentilly area alone; and

Whereas, on one of these sites, sixty-five thousand cubic yards of debris or approximately an eleven foot tall mound of debris was found to have been illegally dumped on this one site in New Orleans East; and

Whereas, the illegal piles of debris do not have protective barriers to keep whatever poisons are in the piles contained and from leaking out into the wetlands surrounding this area; and

Whereas, numerous federal agencies have roles and responsibilities in the health, safety, and economic development after hurricanes Katrina and Rita which range from debris removal, oversight of regulations, and recovery funding; and

Whereas, the removal of all dump sites within the New Orleans Regional Business Parks will improve the health, safety, and economic development: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to urge and request the respective executive branch departments to take a proactive role in assisting the communities of New Orleans East in protecting their health and safety and in promoting economic development; Therefore, be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request the Congress of the United States and the appropriate federal agencies, in coordination with appropriate Louisiana state agencies, to immediately take the following actions: (a) cease funding any waste disposal activities within the New Orleans Regional Business Park; (b) develop and implement procedures for expeditious environmental sampling, analysis, and reporting; (c) resolve the blurring of debris management responsibilities between the Federal Emergency Management Agency and

Environmental Protection Agency, and state environmental and public health agencies; (d) review and enhance the Environmental Protection Agency's oversight role of illegal and improper debris disposal; and (e) provide guidance and mechanisms for the development of public/private partnerships in restoring and redeveloping the New Orleans Regional Business Park and the New Orleans East community; be it further

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

POM-113. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Hawaii urging Congress to create a replacement for the outdated Fast Track Trade Authority system so United States trade agreements are developed and implemented using a more democratic, inclusive mechanism that enshrines the principles of federalism and state sovereignty; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 63

Whereas, in general, democratic accountable governance in the states, and specifically, the authority granted to the legislative branch by the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, is being undermined by international commercial and trade rules enforced by the World Trade Organization and established by the North American Free Trade Agreement, and is further threatened by similar provisions in an array of pending trade agreements; and

Whereas, today's trade agreements have effects that extend significantly beyond the bounds of traditional trade matters such as tariffs and quotas; and

Whereas, the North American Free Trade Agreement and other United States free trade agreements grant foreign firms new rights and privileges regarding acquisition of land and facilities and operating within a state that exceed those granted to American businesses under state and federal laws; and

Whereas, the North American Free Trade Agreement already has generated "regulatory takings" cases against state and local land use decisions, state environmental and public health policies, adverse state court rulings, and state and local contracts that would not have been possible in United States courts; and

Whereas, when states are bound to comply with government procurement provisions contained in trade agreements, common economic development and environmental policies such as buy-local laws, prevailing wage laws, policies to prevent offshoring of state jobs, as well as recycled content laws

could be subject to challenge as violating the obligations in the trade agreements; and

Whereas, recent trade agreements curtail state regulatory authority by placing constraints on future policy options; and

Whereas, the World Trade Organization General Agreement on Trade in Services could undermine state efforts to expand health care coverage and rein in health care costs and places constraints on state and local land use planning and gambling policy; and

Whereas, new General Agreement on Trade in Services negotiations could impose additional constraints on state regulation of energy, higher education, professional licensing, and other issues; and

Whereas, despite the indisputable fact that international trade agreements have a far-reaching impact on state and local laws, federal government trade negotiators have failed to respect states' rights to prior informed consent before binding states to conform state law and authority to trade agreement requirements and have refused even to send copies of key correspondence to state legislatures; and

Whereas, the current encroachment on state regulatory authority by international commercial and trade agreements has occurred due in no small part to the fact that United States trade policy is being formulated and implemented under the Fast Track Trade Authority procedure; and

Whereas, Fast Track Trade Authority eliminates vital checks and balances established in the United States Constitution by broadly delegating Congress' exclusive Constitutional authority to set the terms of trade to the Executive Branch such that the Executive Branch is empowered to negotiate broad-ranging trade agreements and to sign them before Congress votes on the agreements; and

Whereas, the ability of the Executive Branch to sign trade agreements prior to Congress' vote of approval means Executive Branch negotiators are able to ignore congressional negotiating objectives or states' demands, and neither Congress nor the states have any means to enforce any decision regarding what provisions must be contained in every United States trade agreement and what provisions may not be included in any United States trade agreement; and

Whereas, federal trade negotiators have ignored and disrespected states' demands regarding whether states agree to be bound to certain nontariff trade agreement provisions; and

Whereas, Fast Track Trade Authority also circumvents normal Congressional review and amendment committee procedures, limits debate to twenty hours total, and forbids any floor amendments to the implementing legislation that is presented to Congress to conform hundreds of United States laws to

trade agreement obligations and to incorporate the actual trade agreement itself into United States federal law, which preempts state law; and

Whereas, Fast Track Trade Authority is not necessary for negotiating trade agreements, as demonstrated by the existence of scores of trade agreements, including major pacts such as the agreements administered by the World Trade Organization implemented in the past thirty years without use of Fast Track Trade Authority; and

Whereas, Fast Track Trade Authority, which was established in 1974 by President Richard Nixon when trade agreements were limited to traditional matters such as tariffs and quotas, is now woefully outdated and inappropriate given the diverse range of nontrade issues now included in "trade" agreements that broadly affect federal and state nontrade regulatory authority; and

Whereas, the current grant of Fast Track Trade Authority expires in July 2007: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, That the United States Congress is respectfully requested to create a replacement for the outdated Fast Track Trade Authority system so that United States trade agreements are developed and implemented using a more democratic, inclusive mechanism that enshrines the principles of federalism and state sovereignty; and be it further

Resolved, That the Congress is requested to include in this new process for developing and implementing trade agreements an explicit mechanism for ensuring the prior informed consent of state legislatures before states are bound to the nontariff terms of any trade agreement that affect state regulatory authority so as to ensure that the United States Trade Representative respects the decisions made by states; and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, Ambassador Susan Schwab, United States Trade Representative, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of Hawaii's congressional delegation.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of a Committee was submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 457. A bill to extend the date on which the National Security Personnel System will first apply to certain defense laboratories (Rept. No. 110-79).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. COBURN):

S. 1585. A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the "Ernest Childers Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 1586. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance in implementing cultural heritage, conservation, and recreational activities in the Connecticut River watershed of the States of New Hampshire and Vermont; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. CARPER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KERRY, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. BAYH):

S. 1587. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to allow a special depreciation allowance for reuse and recycling property and to provide for tax-exempt financing of recycling equipment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BAYH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 1588. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage for treatment of a minor child's congenital or developmental deformity or disorder due to trauma, infection, tumor, or disease; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 1589. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to reduce the costs of prescription drugs for enrollees of Medicaid managed care organizations by extending the discounts offered under fee-for-service Medicaid to such organizations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BYRD (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1590. A bill to provide for the reinstatement of a license for a certain Federal Energy Regulatory Commission project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. ISAKSON:

S. Res. 230. A resolution designating the month of July 2007, as "National Teen Safe Driver Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 185

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States.

S. 242

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 242, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the importation of prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 311

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 311, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

S. 339

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 339, a bill to promote the national security and stability of the United States economy by reducing the dependence of the United States on oil through the use of alternative fuels and new technology, and for other purposes.

S. 376

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 376, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

S. 384

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 384, a bill to provide pay protection for members of the Reserve and the National Guard, and for other purposes.

S. 397

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 397, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a refundable credit against income tax for the purchase of private health insurance, and for other purposes.

S. 399

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] were added as cosponsors of S. 399, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include podiatrists as physicians for purposes of covering physicians services under the Medicaid program.

S. 402

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 402, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for qualified timber gains.

S. 406

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 406, a bill to ensure local governments have the flexibility needed to enhance decision-making regarding certain mass transit projects.

S. 450

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 469

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 584

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 584, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rehabilitation credit and the low-income housing credit.

S. 642

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 642, a bill to codify Executive Order 12898, relating to environmental justice, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to fully implement the recommendations of the Inspector General of the Agency and the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 667

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 667, a bill to expand programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse and neglect prevention, and early identification of developmental and health delays, including potential mental health concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 774

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 774, a bill to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to permit States to determine State residency for higher education purposes and to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children, and for other purposes.

S. 871

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 871, a bill to establish and provide for the treatment of Individual Development Accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 881

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] were added as cosponsors of S. 881, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 881, *supra*.

S. 897

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 897, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide more help to Alzheimer's disease caregivers.

S. 898

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 898, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to fund breakthroughs in Alzheimer's disease research while providing more help to caregivers and increasing public education about prevention.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 969, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the definition of supervisor.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr.

JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 991

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 991, a bill to establish the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation under the authorities of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961.

S. 1003

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1003, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to emergency medical services and the quality and efficiency of care furnished in emergency departments of hospitals and critical access hospitals by establishing a bipartisan commission to examine factors that affect the effective delivery of such services, by providing for additional payments for certain physician services furnished in such emergency departments, and by establishing a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Working Group, and for other purposes.

S. 1033

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1033, a bill to assist in the conservation of rare felids and rare canids by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of rare felid and rare canid populations and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of rare felid and rare canid populations.

S. 1064

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1064, a bill to provide for the improvement of the physical evaluation processes applicable to members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 1117

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1117, a bill to establish a grant program to provide vision care to children, and for other purposes.

S. 1224

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1224, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1226

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING]

was added as a cosponsor of S. 1226, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish programs to improve the quality, performance, and delivery of pediatric care.

S. 1242

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1242, a bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act and Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to establish a biofuel pilot program to offer crop insurance to producers of experimental biofuel crops and a program to make loans and loan guarantees to producers of experimental biofuel crops.

S. 1243

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1243, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the age for receipt of military retired pay for nonregular service from 60 years of age to 55 years of age.

S. 1249

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to require the President to close the Department of Defense detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes.

S. 1257

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1257, a bill to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives.

S. 1267

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1267, a bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

S. 1301

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1301, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

S. 1307

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1307, a bill to include Medicare provider payments in the Federal Payment Levy Program, to require the Department of Health and Human Services to offset Medicare provider payments by the amount of the provider's delinquent Federal debt, and for other purposes.

S. 1310

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1310, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of increased payments for ground ambulance services under the Medicare program.

S. 1334

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1334, a bill to amend section 2306 of title 38, United States Code, to make permanent authority to furnish government headstones and markers for graves of veterans at private cemeteries, and for other purposes.

S. 1338

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1338, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a two-year moratorium on certain Medicare physician payment reductions for imaging services.

S. 1356

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1356, a bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to establish industrial bank holding company regulation, and for other purposes.

S. 1363

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1363, a bill to improve health care for severely injured members and former members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 1373

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1373, a bill to provide grants and loan guarantees for the development and construction of science parks to promote the clustering of innovation through high technology activities.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1398

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1398, a bill to expand the research and prevention activities of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, and the

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to inflammatory bowel disease.

S. 1409

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1409, a bill to provide and enhance education, housing, and entrepreneur assistance for veterans who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1410, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for the purchase of hearing aids.

S. 1416

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1416, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the deduction for mortgage insurance premiums.

S. 1418

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1418, a bill to provide assistance to improve the health of newborns, children, and mothers in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 1487

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1487, a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require an individual, durable, voter-verified paper record under title III of such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1502

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1502, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to encourage owners and operators of privately-held farm, ranch, and forest land to voluntarily make their land available for access by the public under programs administered by States and tribal governments.

S. 1514

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1514, a bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

S. 1523

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1523, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to

reduce emissions of carbon dioxide from the Capitol power plant.

S. 1557

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1557, a bill to amend part B of title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve 21st Century Community Learning Centers.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 3

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 3, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that it is the goal of the United States that, not later than January 1, 2025, the agricultural, forestry, and working land of the United States should provide from renewable resources not less than 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States and continue to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, feed, and fiber.

SENATE RESOLUTION 201

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 201, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "National Life Insurance Awareness Month".

SENATE RESOLUTION 203

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 203, a resolution calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to use its unique influence and economic leverage to stop genocide and violence in Darfur, Sudan.

SENATE RESOLUTION 215

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 215, a resolution designating September 25, 2007, as "National First Responder Appreciation Day".

SENATE RESOLUTION 224

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 224, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

RELATIVE TO THE 30TH
ANNIVERSARY OF ASEAN-UNITED
STATES DIALOGUE AND
RELATIONSHIP

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 110) expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 30th Anniversary

of ASEAN-United States dialogue and relationship.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MEMORIALIZING FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 171) memorializing fallen firefighters by lowering the United States flag to half-staff on the day of the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the first half of time therein be controlled by the minority, and the second half be controlled by the majority; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to bill H.R. 6.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

Ordered further, That time consumed during the adjournment of the Senate until tomorrow, morning business on tomorrow, and the recess on tomorrow, be counted against time for debate pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate; that, at 2:15 p.m. on tomorrow, the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 6 be agreed to; that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid upon the table; and that the Senate then proceed to consider the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

At 7:02 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2007

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. TESTER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 12, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. TESTER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Tuesday, June 12, 2007, she had

presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 5. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2227. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Israel; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2228. A communication from the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's plan for the future of its workforce; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2229. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure Requirements and Prohibitions Concerning Franchising, 16 CFR Part 436; Disclosure Requirements and Prohibitions Concerning Business Opportunities, 16 CFR Part 437" (RIN3084-AA63) received on June 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2230. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Corporation's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2231. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Department's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2232. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Administration's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2233. A communication from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Administration's Inspector General for the

period ending March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2234. A communication from the Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Department's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2235. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Department's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-114. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging Congress to provide resources to address the colony collapse disorder affecting honeybees; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 76

Whereas, Michigan and the nation's agricultural industry rely on honeybees to pollinate plants and enable the production of our nation's fruits, vegetables, seeds, and nuts. Honeybees pollinate at least 90 commercial crops and account for 80 percent of the nation's pollination services, providing \$5 billion to \$10 billion of direct benefits to United States agriculture; and

Whereas, honeybees in Michigan and 25 other states have succumbed to a mysterious ailment referred to as Colony Collapse Disorder, where honeybees abandon their hives. In affected states, beekeepers lost up to 50 percent of their colonies last winter, threatening Michigan's \$383 million fruit industry and billions of dollars of agricultural production nationwide; and

Whereas, immediate research is needed to determine the cause of Colony Collapse Disorder and assistance to Support our nation's 135,000 beekeepers and the agriculture industry from this potentially crippling threat: now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to provide resources to address the Colony Collapse Disorder affecting honeybees; and be it further

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

Adopted by the House of Representatives, May 22, 2007.

POM-115. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan expressing opposition to Norfolk Southern Corporation's proposed sale of its rail line between Lansing and Jackson; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 96

Whereas, The Norfolk Southern Corporation is considering the sale of several Michigan lines, including the line that runs between Lansing and Jackson. Traffic on Michigan's rail lines has increased over the past two years. Expanding both freight and passenger rail service is being promoted as a solution to rising oil prices, pollution, and increased highway congestion. The sale or closure of rail lines could be counterproductive to efforts to improve Michigan's economy; and

Whereas, The Norfolk Southern lines are vital links between Michigan cities and between Michigan and neighboring states. Expanding rail capacity on the Lansing/Jackson line is essential to the future development of this area. New industry, including production plants for coal energy, biodiesel, and ethanol fuel, is proposed for Michigan and the railroad will play an integral role in moving products and supplies. Continued operation of this line by Norfolk Southern is essential to expansion of new industry in Michigan; and

Whereas, Norfolk Southern is a Class One railroad operator, earning revenue in excess of \$250 million annually. As a Class One operator, Norfolk Southern has the capacity to maintain and promote the use of these lines. The proposed sale of the Lansing to Jackson line will almost certainly place the line under the management of a Class Three operator, a rail company earning revenue of \$20 million or less annually. A Class Three operator may be far less likely to have the means to maintain the line, thus increasing the chance of accidents. Class Three operators also rely on federal grants for line and equipment maintenance—grants that are not always guaranteed; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we express opposition to Norfolk Southern's proposed sale of its rail line between Lansing and Jackson; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; members of the Michigan congressional delegation; the United States Department of Transportation, Surface Transportation Board; the Norfolk Southern Corporation; AMTRAK; and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1591. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow full expensing for the cost of qualified refinery property in the year in which the property is placed in service, and to classify petroleum refining property as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 1592. A bill to reauthorize the Underground Railroad Educational and Cultural Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 1593. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief and protections to military personnel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 1594. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to improve port safety and security for especially hazardous cargos, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1595. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide flexibility in the manner in which beds are counted for purposes of determining whether a hospital may be designated as a critical access hospital under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1596. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 South Getty Street in Uvalde, Texas, as the "Dolph S. Briscoe, Jr. Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1597. A bill to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 1598. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act, with respect to civil penalties for child labor violations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HAGEL:

S. 1599. A bill to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to provide for energy-related regulatory reform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HAGEL:

S. 1600. A bill to establish an energy technologies innovation network, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HAGEL:

S. 1601. A bill to lower the effective tax rate on investment in necessary energy infrastructure and credits for renewable energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HAGEL:

S. 1602. A bill to improve the energy security of the United States by promoting diverse energy supplies and energy efficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. REID, Mr. OBAMA, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. Res. 231. A resolution recognizing the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day and expressing the sense of the Senate that history should be regarded as a means for understanding the past and solving the challenges of the future; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. Res. 232. A resolution congratulating the University of Colorado at Boulder Men's Cross Country team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Cross Country Championship; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] were added as cosponsors of S. 22, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 57

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 57, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States.

S. 225

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 225, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the number of individuals qualifying for retroactive benefits from traumatic injury protection coverage under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance.

S. 242

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 242, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the importation of prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 251

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 251, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the importation of prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 329

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 455

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 455, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief to active duty military personnel and employers who assist them, and for other purposes.

S. 469

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to

make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

S. 479

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 479, a bill to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.

S. 513

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 513, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to revive previous authority on the use of the Armed Forces and the militia to address interference with State or Federal law, and for other purposes.

S. 535

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 535, a bill to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and an Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Investigative Office in the Civil Rights Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and for other purposes.

S. 648

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 648, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the eligibility age for receipt of non-regular military service retired pay for members of the Ready Reserve in active federal status or on active duty for significant periods.

S. 696

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 696, a bill to establish an Advanced Research Projects Administration-Energy to initiate high risk, innovative energy research to improve the energy security of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 713

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to ensure dignity in care for members of the Armed Forces recovering from injuries.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 805, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa in the effort to achieve internationally recognized goals in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other major diseases and the reduction of maternal and child mortality by improving human health care capacity and improving retention of medical health professionals in sub-Saharan Africa, and for other purposes.

S. 819

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 819, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes.

S. 836

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 836, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for sewer overflow control grants.

S. 858

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 858, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the transportation fringe benefit to bicycle commuters.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 911, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 991

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 991, a bill to establish the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation under the authorities of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961.

S. 1078

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1078, a bill to

amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for employer-provided employee housing assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 1140

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1140, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the limitation on the foreign earned income exclusion, and for other purposes.

S. 1212

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1212, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit direct payment under the Medicare program for clinical social worker services provided to residents of skilled nursing facilities.

S. 1224

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1224, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1244

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1244, a bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to expand coverage under the Act, to increase protections for whistleblowers, to increase penalties for certain violators, and for other purposes.

S. 1271

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1271, a bill to provide for a comprehensive national research effort on the physical and mental health and other readjustment needs of the members of the Armed Forces and veterans who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom and their families.

S. 1312

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1312, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to ensure the right of employees to a secret-ballot election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board.

S. 1357

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1357, a bill to amend the Law Enforcement Pay Equity Act of 2000 to permit certain annuitants of the retirement programs of the United States Park Police and United States Secret Service Uniformed Division to receive the adjustments in pension benefits to which such

annuitants would otherwise be entitled as a result of the conversion of members of the United States Park Police and United States Secret Service Uniformed Division to a new salary schedule under the amendments made by such Act.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to provide for a statewide early childhood education professional development and career system, and for other purposes.

S. 1448

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1448, a bill to extend the same Federal benefits to law enforcement officers serving private institutions of higher education and rail carriers that apply to law enforcement officers serving units of State and local government.

S. 1457

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1457, a bill to provide for the protection of mail delivery on certain postal routes, and for other purposes.

S. 1459

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1459, a bill to strengthen the Nation's research efforts to identify the causes and cure of psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis, expand psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis data collection, study access to and quality of care for people with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis, and for other purposes.

S. 1460

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1460, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Development Act of 2002 to support beginning farmers and ranchers, and for other purposes.

S. 1492

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1492, a bill to improve the quality of federal and state data regarding the availability and quality of broadband services and to promote the deployment of affordable broadband services to all parts of the Nation.

S. 1500

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1500, a bill to support democracy and human rights in Zimbabwe, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1500, *supra*.

S. 1518

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1518, a bill to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1529

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 1529, a bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to end benefit erosion, support working families with child care expenses, encourage retirement and education savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1557

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1557, a bill to amend part B of title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve 21st Century Community Learning Centers.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. DEMINT], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER], the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 1, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress

that an artistic tribute to commemorate the speech given by President Ronald Reagan at the Brandenburg Gate on June 12, 1987, should be placed within the United States Capitol.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 26

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 26, a concurrent resolution recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and commending recipients of the Purple Heart for their courageous demonstrations of gallantry and heroism on behalf of the United States.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 27

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 27, a concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "National Purple Heart Recognition Day".

SENATE RESOLUTION 213

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 213, a resolution supporting National Men's Health Week.

SENATE RESOLUTION 224

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 224, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 12, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to consider nominations.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 12, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 12, 2007 at 10 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in order to conduct a hearing entitled "Examination of the Health Effects of Asbestos and Methods of Mitigating Such Impacts."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Tuesday, June 12, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Trade Enforcement for a 21st Century Economy."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 12, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on foreign assistance and a nomination hearing.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 12, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold an open hearing concerning Terrorist Ideology.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on Tuesday, June 12, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Assessing Telework Policies and Initiatives in the Federal Government."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:46 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that it has passed the act (S. 676) to provide that the Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank or the Alternative Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank may serve on the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation, without amendment.

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

H.R. 65. An act to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1441. An act to strengthen controls on the export of surplus parts for F-14 fighter aircraft.

H.R. 2356. An act to amend title 4, United States Code, to encourage the display of the flag of the United States on Father's Day.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 65. An act to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 1441. An act to strengthen controls on the export of surplus parts for F-14 fighter aircraft; to the Committee on Armed Services.

H.R. 2356. An act to amend title 4, United States Code, to encourage the display of the flag of the United States on Father's Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL H.R. 6

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the motion, made by Mr. REID on Wednesday, June 6, 2007, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 6) to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

At 12:30 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate observed a moment of silence in recognition of our fallen troops.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL H.R. 6

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 6.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The motion was agreed to.

Whereupon,

CLEAN ENERGY ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 6) to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID to strike all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1502, in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. THUNE) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1505).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN for Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. SALAZAR, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DODD, Mr. KOHL, Mr. REED, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. BILL NELSON) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), striking section 251, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1508).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. SALAZAR) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), striking section 277, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1515).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. DOMENICI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1508 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the time until 5:45 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate on amendment No. 1508; that no second-degree amendments be in order thereto prior to a vote; and that, at 5:45 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to said amendment, without intervening action or debate.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1508 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. DOMENICI,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 63, nays... 30

[Rollcall Vote No. 209 Leg.]

YEAS --- 63

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 30

Allard, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Enzi, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Shelby, Stevens, Vitter, Warner.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. DOMENICI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1505 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate resumes consideration of bill H.R. 6 on tomorrow, the time until 11:45 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between Mr. INHOFE and Mrs. BOXER, or their designees, on amendment No. 1505; that no amendment be in order thereto prior to the vote; and that, at 11:45 a.m., the Senate vote in relation to the amendment, without further intervening action or debate.

CONGRATULATING THE
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT
BOULDER MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY
TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2006
NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC
ASSOCIATION DIVISION I MEN'S
CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

On the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,
The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 232) congratulating the University of Colorado at Boulder Men's Cross Country team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Cross Country Championship, submitted today by Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

REPEALING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF
THE ACT OF MAY 26, 1936
RELATIVE TO THE VIRGIN
ISLANDS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 57) to repeal certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled between the two

leaders, or their designees; that the first half of the time therein controlled by the majority and the second half therein controlled by the minority; that Mr. BROWN, or his designee, control 20 minutes of the time of the majority; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 6, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

At 7:06 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, June 13, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2236. A communication from the Director of Defense Research and Engineering, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to cooperative activities in areas of research, development, and test and evaluation; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2237. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Carl A. Strock, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2238. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the projects from solicitation that were not funded solely due to lack of resources; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2239. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the amount of acquisitions made by the Department from entities that manufacture the articles, materials, or supplies outside of the United States in fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2240. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's initiation of preliminary planning to determine if the facilities maintenance and logistics function performed at Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia is a suitable candidate for a public-private competition; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2241. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's efforts to determine if it should initiate a public-private competition of facilities sustainment and other services at installations in Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach and Yorktown, VA; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2242. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations

and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's decision not to conduct a public-private competition of nationwide personnel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2243. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Lending Limits for Residential Real Estate Loans, Small Business Loans, and Small Farm Loans" (OCC-2007-0011) received on June 11, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2244. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 28613) received on June 11, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2245. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 27752) received on June 11, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2246. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 27741) received on June 11, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2247. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 28617) received on June 11, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2248. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Deep-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XA40) received on June 11, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2249. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Less than 60 Feet LOA Using Pot or Hook-and-Line Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XA25) received on June 11,

2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2250. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Amendment to Modify Recordkeeping and Reporting and Observer Requirements; Hagfish Collection of Information" (RIN0648-AU80) received on June 11, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2251. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule to Prohibit New Entry to the Pacific Whiting Fishery in 2007" (RIN0648-AV57) received on June 11, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2252. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Maryland Regulatory Program" (MD-055-FOR) received on June 12, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2253. A communication from the Attorney, Office of General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedural Rules for DOE Nuclear Activities and Occupational Radiation Protection" (RIN1901-AA95) received on June 12, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2254. A communication from the Associate Deputy Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, the report of a draft bill that would amend the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2255. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Exemption from VOC Requirements for Sources Subject to the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Boat Manufacturing or Reinforced Plastics Composites Manufacturing" (FRL No. 8319-8) received on June 12, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2256. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana;

NSR Reform Regulations" (FRL No. 8327-1) received on June 12, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2257. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Revisions to the Nevada State Implementation Plan; Request for Rescission" (FRL No. 8325-8) received on June 12, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2258. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Allocation of Essential Use Allowances for Calendar Year 2007" (FRL No. 8325-5) received on June 12, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2259. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Nevada State Implementation Plan, Washoe County District Health Department" (FRL No. 8327-3) received on June 12, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2260. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's latest quarterly report on the status of its licensing and regulatory duties; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2261. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safe Harbor for Valuation Under Section 475" ((RIN1545-BB90)(TD 9328)) received on June 12, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2262. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of technical data, defense services and defense articles to support the sale of four C-17A aircraft to Canada; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2263. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a Determination executed by the Deputy Secretary relating to actions of Iraq and Libya; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2264. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Chief Financial Officer, received on June 11, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2265. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, received on June 11, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2266. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the designation of an acting officer for the position of Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, received on June 11, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2267. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Surgeon General, received on June 11, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2268. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Office of the Deputy Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Deputy Secretary of Labor, received on June 11, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2269. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, the report of a legislative proposal entitled the "Senior Professional Performance Act of 2007"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2270. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Board's Inspector General for the period ending March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2271. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of the Chief Acquisition Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation" (FAC 2005-17) received on June 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2272. A communication from the Staff Director, United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of the appointment of members to the Virginia Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2273. A communication from the Staff Director, United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the appointment of members to the Michigan Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-116. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Montana expressing its opposition to the Rockies Prosperity Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31

Whereas, bills with the same content have been introduced in the Congress for the past three sessions, named successively the Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act of 2001, the Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act of 2003, and the Rockies Prosperity Act of 2005; and

Whereas, these acts would designate more than 15.4 million acres as new wilderness, more than 1.4 million acres as park preserves, more than 1 million acres as recovery areas, and an additional 8.51 million acres as biological connecting corridors; and

Whereas, the proposed wilderness, preserves, and recovery areas would impose severe restrictions on access and human activities in violation of existing laws such as the Multiple-Use Sustained-Yield Act; and

Whereas, severe restrictions on the management of the private property within the corridors would lead to prohibition of even-aged silvicultural management, prohibition of timber harvesting, prohibition of mineral, oil, and gas exploration, prohibition of road construction or reconstruction with the goal of achieving zero miles of road in the corridors over a short time period, causing loss of value to private property even to the point of forcing landowners to abandon their properties, hopes and dreams and causing extreme hardship and anguish; and

Whereas, additional taking of private property would occur with the reduction of water rights on National Forest land and the reduction of grazing rights on National Forest land, causing hardship and loss of business to ranchers, farmers, and residents in the region; and

Whereas, the requirements for implementation of the management plans set forth in the acts are extremely unbalanced in their approach to conservation, focus entirely on plant, animal, and ecological effects and leave out the social, economic, and cultural

impacts on people who also are part of the natural environment, and are in violation of existing law, such as the National Environmental Policy Act; and

Whereas, the Montana Legislature does not believe these acts, drafted by extreme special interest groups funded by international foundations and other sources that do not represent the majority of Montana residents, should be allowed to subject land in Montana to this sort of unbalanced, unnecessary control; and

Whereas, the placing of environmental or other restrictions upon the use of private lands has been held by a number of recent United States Supreme Court decisions to constitute a taking of the land for public purposes; and

Whereas, these acts do not include proposals to purchase the private lands; and

Whereas, the restrictions contemplated constitute an unlawful taking of that land in violation of Article I, section 8, clause 17, of the Constitution of the United States, which provides that before any state land can be purchased, the consent of the state Legislature and not the state Executive Branch must be obtained; and

Whereas, Article IV, section 3, clause 2, of the Constitution of the United States provides that "nothing in this Constitution shall be so construed as to prejudice any claims of the United States, or of any particular state"; and

Whereas, Article IV, section 4, of the Constitution of the United States provides that "the United States shall guarantee to every state in this union a republican form of government"; and

Whereas, Amendment V of the Constitution of the United States provides that no person shall "be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation". Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana: That the Montana Legislature is opposed to the passage of these acts. Be it further

Resolved, That the Montana Legislature urge the members of Congress, especially the Montana delegation, to vigorously oppose these acts and any revisions of these acts and to vote against these acts at every opportunity. Be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of State of the United States, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, and Montana's Congressional Delegation.

POM-117. A joint resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Nevada urging Congress to support a proposed off-highway vehicle park in Clark County; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18

Whereas, the Nellis Dunes area comprises approximately 10,181 acres located in unincorporated Clark County, Nevada, on federal public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management, 8,921 acres of which are usable recreation space, offering a variety of terrain and trails for off-highway vehicle enthusiasts; and

Whereas, most areas of Clark County have been closed to motorized recreation; and

Whereas, the Nellis Dunes is recognized in the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition's open space plan to protect the natural backdrops and maintain a perimeter trail corridor around the Las Vegas Valley; and

Whereas, the Bureau of Land Management's Las Vegas Resource Management Plan designates the Nellis Dunes as an "open area," allowing unrestricted motorized recreation; and

Whereas, an opportunity exists for Clark County to develop and manage a motorized recreation system, consistent with the mission of Nellis Air Force Base, with the potential to prevent safety concerns, improve air quality, protect rare plants and sensitive soils, prevent refuse dumping and capitalize on potential economic development possibilities; and

Whereas, a feasibility study, funded by the Board of County Commissioners for Clark County, evaluated supply and demand considerations, capital and operations and maintenance costs and options for funding, and likely operation models for a motorized recreation park; and

Whereas, development of a motorized recreation park managed by Clark County will benefit southern Nevadans through the promotion of safe off-road activities and implementation of environmental protections to air, sensitive soils and native plants: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, Jointly, That the members of the Nevada Legislature hereby urge Congress to promulgate legislation for the conveyance of the Nellis Dunes area to Clark County for the purpose of off-road recreation and environmental protection; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Board of County Commissioners of Clark County and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

POM-118. A joint resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Nevada encouraging the use of biomass in the production of energy in Nevada and encouraging certain activities relating to that

production; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

Whereas, "Biomass" is the term used to describe organic matter that is available on a renewable basis, including, but not limited to, agricultural crops and agricultural wastes, wood and wood residues, animal wastes, municipal wastes and various aquatic plants; and

Whereas, unlike petroleum, biomass is a resource that is renewable and is generally readily available at the location where it is used to produce renewable energy, thereby reducing the costs of distributing the biomass; and

Whereas, although the production and use of renewable energy is encouraged in Nevada, and biomass is included in the incentives provided for the production and use of renewable energy, the availability and benefits of using biomass itself should be accentuated and brought to the attention of the members of the general public: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, Jointly, That the Nevada Legislature hereby urges Congress to make biomass eligible for production tax credits at the same level and in the same manner as wind and geothermal energy: and be it further

Resolved, That this Legislature encourages the use of biomass in the production of energy in Nevada and therefore urges all Nevadans to consider investing money in the production of energy from biomass and to participate in the establishment throughout the State of Nevada of projects that demonstrate the effectiveness and desirability of using locally obtained biomass in the production of energy and partnerships between private enterprises and federal, state and local governmental entities to create those projects: and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, the Chief of the United States Forest Service, the Governor of the State of Nevada, the Director of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation: and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

POM-119. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Florida urging Congress to, among other things, fully authorize the conditionally approved projects in section 601 of the Water Resources

Development Act of 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE MEMORIAL 2770

Whereas, the Everglades is one of the most unique and fragile ecosystems in the world, and

Whereas, the Legislature and the Congress of the United States have long recognized that the Everglades is imperiled and must be restored, and

Whereas, the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan was approved by Congress as a framework for restoration of the Everglades in the Water Resources Development Act of 2000, and

Whereas, the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan will restore more than 2.4 million acres of the south Florida ecosystem while meeting the other water-related needs of the region, and

Whereas, the Legislature and the governing board of the South Florida Water Management District have appropriated more than \$2 billion to implement the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan since the passage of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000, and

Whereas, the Legislature and the governing board of the South Florida Water Management District have provided more than 90 percent of the funding to implement the plan, and the South Florida Water Management District has begun construction on the initial conditionally authorized projects, and

Whereas, the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 approved the restoration plan as a full and equal partnership between the State Government and the Federal Government, and

Whereas, the Indian River Lagoon and Picayune Strand projects and 10 conditionally authorized projects require authorization from Congress: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida, That the Congress of the United States is requested to fully authorize the conditionally approved projects in section 601 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 and the Indian River Lagoon and Picayune Strand projects in the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan and to provide funding for the federal share of the full and equal partnership; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this memorial be dispatched to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-120. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Florida urging

Congress to authorize improvements to bring the Herbert Hoover Dike into compliance with current levee protection safety standards and to authorize funding to expedite the improvements; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE MEMORIAL 1680

Whereas, Lake Okeechobee was impacted by four hurricanes during the 2004 and 2005 hurricane seasons, and

Whereas, subsequently, at the request of local community leaders, the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board implemented an independent report on the Herbert Hoover Dike surrounding Lake Okeechobee, and

Whereas, the report found that the dike does not meet current levee protection safety standards, which constitutes a failure of the structure, and

Whereas, the failure of the structure poses a clear and imminent threat of catastrophic proportion to the communities surrounding Lake Okeechobee, and

Whereas, the dike was not built to current levee engineering standards and is therefore not authorized by Congress to be brought into compliance to such standards: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Legislature of the State of Florida, That the Congress of the United States is requested to authorize improvements to bring the Herbert Hoover Dike into compliance with current levee protection safety standards by 2014 and to authorize funding to expedite the improvements; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this memorial be dispatched to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-121. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada urging Congress to reevaluate the "fast track" approval of international trade agreements; to the Committee on Finance.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10

Whereas, as international trade has evolved in recent years under the "fast track" authority by which Congress reviews international trade agreements involving the United States, the authority for which will expire on June 30, 2007, significant questions have developed with respect to the continuing ability of states to retain their character, environmental controls and quality of life; and

Whereas, under "fast track" rules, the review of complex trade agreements by Congress is limited to a vote to approve or reject the agreements, after limited time for

consideration, without the possibility of amendments; and

Whereas, trade agreements today have an impact which extends significantly beyond the bounds of traditional trade matters such as tariffs and quotas, and instead grant foreign investors and service providers certain rights and privileges regarding acquisition of land and facilities and regarding operations within a state's territory, subject state laws to challenge as "non-tariff barriers to trade" in the binding dispute resolution bodies that accompany the pacts and place limits on the future policy options of state legislatures; and

Whereas, despite the demonstrated variety of significant impacts that trade and investment agreements have on state governance, taxation authority, environmental protection, land use regulation and many other areas of state interest, states and local governments have not received assurances that their concerns will be adequately addressed in any "fast track" renewal process; and

Whereas, Federal legislation should clarify the negotiating agenda of the United States in a manner that establishes a stronger role for states and should include an explicit mechanism for the prior informed consent of affected state legislatures: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of Nevada, Jointly, That the Nevada Legislature hereby urges Congress to reevaluate the "fast track" approval of international trade agreements, and to consider replacing that authority with a more democratic, inclusive and deliberative mechanism which takes into consideration the concerns of state legislatures and authorizes their participation in the international trade agreement process; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

POM-122. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada urging Congress to enact the Resident Physician Storage Reduction Act of 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17

Whereas, the Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2007 was recently introduced in Congress as a tool to help states whose physician to population ratios are below that of the national median; and

Whereas, the intent of this legislation is to increase the number of residency positions for which Medicare payments will be made to teaching hospitals in states with a shortage of resident physicians; and

Whereas, increasing the number of resident physicians in states is an important step towards ensuring an adequate supply of physicians in the health care system; and

Whereas, as a result of this legislation, teaching hospitals in approximately 24 states would be eligible for an increase in their resident cap, including Nevada which currently has 199 physicians in training and is estimated to be eligible for an additional 93 positions; and

Whereas, as one of the fastest growing states in the nation, and with a ranking of 43rd in the nation in physicians per 100,000 residents, it is critical to the residents of Nevada that the shortage of physicians be remedied; and

Whereas, it is the belief of the Nevada Legislature that the Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act is an important first step that will help meet Nevada's and the nation's need for future physician services: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, jointly, That the members of the Nevada Legislature hereby express their support for passage of the Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2007: and be it further

Resolved, That the Nevada Legislature will continue to do all things possible to make Nevada a desirable location for the physicians who choose to practice here; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Secretary of Health and Human Services and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

POM-123. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada urging Congress to support a free trade agreement between the Republic of China on Taiwan and the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

Whereas, it is our belief that it is this country's responsibility to promote the values of freedom and democracy, a commitment to open markets and the free exchange of goods and ideas both at home and abroad, and the Republic of China on Taiwan shares these values and has struggled throughout the past 50 years to create what is an open and thriving democracy; and

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

Whereas, despite the fact that Taiwan is a member of the World Trade Organization, it has no formal trade agreement with the United States, yet Taiwan has emerged as the United States' eighth largest trading partner, the United States is Taiwan's largest trading partner and American businesses have benefited greatly from this dynamic trade relationship; and

Whereas, Taiwan has emerged over the past two decades as one of the United States' most important allies in Asia and throughout the world; and

Whereas, Taiwan has forged an open, market-based economy and a thriving democracy based on free elections and the freedom of dissent, and it is in the interest of the United States to encourage the development of both these institutions; and

Whereas, the United States has an obligation to its allies and to its own citizens to encourage economic growth, market opening and the destruction of trade barriers as a means of raising living standards across the board; and

Whereas, a free trade agreement with Taiwan would be a positive step toward accomplishing all of these goals: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, Jointly, That the members of the Nevada Legislature hereby urge President George W. Bush and Congress to support a free trade agreement between the United States and Taiwan: and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States as presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the United States Secretary of State, the Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in San Francisco, the Executive Director of the Las Vegas Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce and the members of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

POM-124. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Florida urging Congress to timely authorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program to assure federal funding for the Florida Kidcare program; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE MEMORIAL 1506

Whereas, the Legislature of the State of Florida regards the health of children to be of paramount importance to families in the state, and

Whereas, the Legislature of the State of Florida regards poor child health as a threat to the educational achievement and social and

psychological well-being of the children of the State of Florida, and

Whereas, the Legislature of the State of Florida considers protecting the health of children to be essential to the well-being of Florida's youngest citizens and the quality of life in the state, and

Whereas, the Legislature of the State of Florida considers the Florida Kidcare program, which was created in 1998 and currently has 1,388,520 children enrolled in the program, to be an integral part of the arrangements for health benefits for the children of the State of Florida, and

Whereas, the Legislature of the State of Florida recognizes the value of the Florida Kidcare program in preserving child wellness, preventing and treating childhood disease, improving health outcomes, and reducing overall health costs, and

Whereas, the Legislature of the State of Florida considers the federal funding available for the Florida Kidcare program to be indispensable to providing health benefits for children of modest means, Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Legislature of the State of Florida: That the Legislature urges the members of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress to ensure that the Congress reauthorizes the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) to continue to provide federal funding for the Florida Kidcare program: Be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature urges the Governor to work with the Florida delegation to ensure that SCHIP is reauthorized in a timely manner. Be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature urges the Governor to provide the assistance necessary to identify and enroll children who qualify for Medicaid or the Florida Kidcare program. Be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature proclaims that all components of state government should work together with educators, health care providers, social workers, and parents to ensure that all available public and private assistance for providing health benefits to uninsured children in this state be used to the maximum extent possible. Be it further

Resolved, That copies of this memorial be dispatched to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-125. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada urging Congress to continue to support the participation of the Republic of China on Taiwan in the World Health Organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Whereas, in the first chapter of its charter, the World Health Organization set forth the objective of attaining the highest possible level of health for all people, and participation in international health programs is crucial as the potential for the spread of infectious diseases increases proportionately with increases in world trade, travel and population; and

Whereas, Taiwan's population of over 23 million is larger than three-fourths of the member countries who currently participate in the World Health Organization; and

Whereas, the achievements of Taiwan in the field of health are substantial and include one of the highest life expectancy levels in Asia, maternal and infant mortality rates comparable to those of western countries, the eradication of such infectious diseases as cholera, smallpox and the plague, and the distinction of being the first country in the world to provide children with free hepatitis B vaccinations; and

Whereas, before its loss of membership in the World Health Organization in 1972, Taiwan sent specialists to serve in other member countries on countless health projects and its health experts held key positions in the organization, all to the benefit of the entire Pacific region; and .

Whereas, presently, this remarkable country is not allowed to participate in any forums or workshops organized by the World Health Organization concerning the latest technologies in the diagnosis, monitoring and control of disease; and

Whereas, in recent years, the government and the expert scientists and doctors of Taiwan have expressed a willingness to assist financially and technically in international aid and health activities supported by the World Health Organization, but these offers have been refused; and

Whereas, admittance of Taiwan to the World Health Organization would bring tremendous benefits to all persons in this world: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, Jointly, That the members of the Nevada Legislature hereby urge President George W. Bush and the Congress of the United States to continue to support all efforts made by the Republic of China on Taiwan to gain meaningful participation in the World Health Organization; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in San Francisco, the Executive Director of the Las Vegas Taiwanese

Chamber of Commerce and the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

POM-126. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Florida urging Congress to engage the international community to take action in the effort to bring a just and lasting peace to the people of Darfur; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SENATE MEMORIAL 1698

Whereas, United Nations officials have described the ongoing crisis in Darfur as “the world’s worst humanitarian crisis,” and

Whereas, hundreds of thousands of people have died and more than 2.5 million have been displaced in Darfur since 2003, and

Whereas, the Government of Sudan has failed in its responsibility to protect the many peoples of Darfur, and

Whereas, the United States Congress declared on July 22, 2004, that the atrocities in Darfur constituted genocide, and

Whereas, on September 9, 2004, Secretary of State Colin Powell and President George W. Bush described the crisis in Darfur as genocide, and

Whereas, on June 30, 2005, President Bush confirmed that “the violence in the Darfur region is clearly genocide and the human cost is beyond calculation,” and

Whereas, on May 8, 2006, President Bush stated, “we will call genocide by its rightful name, and we will stand up for the innocent until the peace of Darfur is secured,” and

Whereas, on May 5, 2006, the Government of Sudan and the largest rebel faction in Darfur, the Sudan Liberation Movement, led by Minni Minnawi, signed the Darfur Peace Agreement (DPA), and

Whereas, violence in Darfur escalated in the months following the signing of the DPA, with increased attacks against civilians and humanitarian workers, and

Whereas, violence has spread to the neighboring states of Chad and the Central African Republic, threatening regional peace and security, and

Whereas, in July 2006, more humanitarian aid workers were killed than in the previous 3 years combined, and

Whereas, violence has forced some humanitarian organizations to suspend operations, leaving 40 percent of the population of Darfur inaccessible to aid workers, and

Whereas, on August 30, 2006, the United Nations Security Council passed Security Council Resolution 1706 (2006), asserting that the existing United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) “shall take over from the African Union Mission in Sudan (AMIS) responsibility for supporting the implementation of the Darfur Peace

Agreement (DPA) upon the expiration of AMIS’s mandate but in any event no later than 31 December 2006,” and that UNMIS “shall be strengthened by up to 17,300 military personnel ... up to 3,300 civilian police personnel and up to 16 Formed Police Units,” which “shall begin to be deployed no later than 1 October 2006,” and

Whereas, on September 19, 2006, President Bush announced the appointment of Andrew Nastios as Presidential Special Envoy to lead United States efforts to bring peace to the Darfur region in Sudan, and

Whereas, on November 16, 2006, high-level consultations led by Kofi Annan, Secretary General of the United Nations, and Alpha Oumar Konare, Chairperson of the African Union Commission, and including representatives of the Arab League, the European Union, the Government of Sudan, and other national governments, produced the “Addis Ababa Agreement,” and

Whereas, the Agreement stated that the DPA must be made more inclusive, and “called upon all parties—Government and DPA nonsignatories—to immediately commit to a cessation of hostilities in Darfur in order to give the peace process the best chances for success,” and

Whereas, the Agreement included a plan to establish a United Nations-African Union peacekeeping operation that would consist of no fewer than 17,000 military troops and 3,000 civilian police, and would have a primarily African character, and

Whereas, the Agreement stated that the peacekeeping operation must be logistically and financially sustainable, with support coming from the United Nations, and

Whereas, it is imperative that a peacekeeping force in Darfur have sufficient strength and the mandate to provide adequate security to the people of Darfur, and

Whereas, on January 10, 2007, New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson met with Sudanese President Omar Hassan Al-Bashir; their meeting resulted in the issuance of a Joint Statement calling for “a 60-day cessation of hostilities by all parties within the framework of the Darfur Peace Agreement,” and

Whereas, the Joint Statement called for the initiation of African Union/United Nations diplomatic efforts within the framework of the DPA, and for two projected meetings—a Government of Sudan-sponsored field commanders’ conference to be attended by representatives of the African Union and the United Nations, and a subsequent African Union/United Nations sponsored peace summit, again within the framework of the DPA, to be held no later than March 15, 2007, and

Whereas, the Joint Statement stated the need to disarm all armed groups, including the Janjaweed, pursuant to the provision of the DPA: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida, That the Florida Legislature:

(1) Supports, given the rapidly deteriorating situation on the ground in Darfur, the principles of the Addis Ababa Agreement of November 17, 2006, in order to increase security and stability for the people of Darfur.

(2) Declares that the deployment of an African Union-United Nations peacekeeping force under the command and control of the United Nations, as laid out in the Addis Ababa Agreement, is the minimum acceptable effort on the part of the international community to protect the people of Darfur.

(3) Supports the strengthening of the African Union peacekeeping mission in Sudan so that it may improve its performance with regard to civilian protection as the African Union peacekeeping mission begins to transfer responsibility for protecting the people of Darfur to the United Nations-African Union peacekeeping force under the command and control of the United Nations, as laid out in the Addis Ababa Agreement.

(4) Calls upon the Government of Sudan to immediately:

(a) Allow the implementation of the United Nations light and heavy support packages as provided for in the Addis Ababa Agreement; and

(b) Work with the United Nations and the international community to deploy United Nations peacekeepers to Darfur in keeping with the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1706 passed on August 31, 2006.

(5) Calls upon all parties to the conflict to immediately:

(a) Adhere to the Joint Statement issued by Governor Bill Richardson and President Omar Hassan Al-Bashir on January 10, 2007;

(b) Observe the cease-fire contained therein; and

(c) Respect the impartiality and neutrality of humanitarian agencies so that relief workers can have unfettered access to their beneficiary populations and deliver desperately needed assistance.

(6) Urges the President to:

(a) Continue work with other members of the international community, including the permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, the African Union, the European Union, the Arab League, Sudan’s trading partners, and the Government of Sudan to facilitate the implementation of the Addis Ababa Agreement and the subsequent Richardson-Bashir Joint Statement;

(b) Ensure the ability of any peacekeeping force deployed to Darfur to carry out its mandate by providing adequate funding and by working with our international partners to provide technical assistance, logistical support and intelligence-gathering capabilities, and military assets;

(c) Vigorously pursue, in cooperation with other members of the international community, strong punitive action against those persons responsible for crimes against humanity as previously authorized in the Darfur Peace and Accountability Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-344), United Nations Security Council Resolution 1591 (2005), and the Comprehensive Peace in Sudan Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-497, 118 Stat. 4012); and

(d) Make all necessary efforts to address the widespread incidents of gender-based violence in Darfur, including working with the Government of Sudan to help institute a zero-tolerance policy for gender-based violence as agreed to in the Richardson-Bashir Joint Statement.

(7) Calls upon the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, and the Florida delegation to the United States Congress to:

(a) Provide all necessary funding and support for United Nations and African Union peacekeeping operations in Darfur;

(b) Provide all necessary funding and support for humanitarian aid in Darfur and affected areas of Chad and the Central African Republic;

(c) Conduct sufficient oversight of actions by the United States administration to ensure that no opportunities for furthering the peace are missed; and

(d) Continue to monitor the conflict and political processes and, if necessary, examine imposing additional punitive sanctions against the Government of Sudan, officials within the Government of Sudan, rebel leaders, and any other individual or group obstructing the ongoing peace process or in violation of agreed-upon cease-fires and the Darfur Peace Agreement; and be it further

Resolved, That the Florida Legislature urges Congress to do all in its power to further the goals expressed in this memorial in order to bring lasting peace to the people of Darfur: and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this memorial be dispatched to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-127. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Montana repealing, rescinding, canceling, voiding, and superseding any and all extant application previously made by the Legislature to Congress to call a convention pursuant to the terms of Article V of the U.S. Constitution for proposing one or more amendments to it; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38

Whereas, the Legislature of the State of Montana, acting with the best of intentions, has, at various times and during various sessions, previously made applications to the Congress of the United States of America to call one or more conventions to propose either a single amendment concerning a specific subject or to call a general convention to propose an unspecified and unlimited number of amendments to the United States Constitution, pursuant to the provisions of Article V of the United States Constitution; and

Whereas, former Chief Justice of the United States of America Warren E. Burger, former Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court Arthur J. Goldberg, and other leading constitutional scholars agree that such a convention may propose sweeping changes to the Constitution, any limitations or restrictions purportedly imposed by the states in applying for a convention or conventions to the contrary notwithstanding, thereby creating an imminent peril to the well-established rights of the citizens and the duties of various levels of government; and

Whereas, the Constitution of the United States of America has been amended many times in the history of this nation and may be amended many more times, without the need to resort to a constitutional convention, and has been interpreted for more than 200 years and has been found to be a sound document that protects the lives and liberties of the citizens; and

Whereas, there is no need for, and rather there is great danger in, a new Constitution or in opening the Constitution to sweeping changes, the adoption of which would only create legal chaos in this nation and only begin the process of another 2 centuries of litigation over its meaning and interpretation. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana, That the Legislature does hereby repeal, rescind, cancel, nullify, and supersede to the same effect as if they had never been passed any and all extant applications by the Legislature of the State of Montana to the Congress of the United States of America to call a convention to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America, pursuant to the terms of Article V of the Constitution, regardless of when or by which session or sessions of the Montana Legislature the applications were made and regardless of whether the applications were for a limited convention to propose one or more amendments regarding one or more specific subjects and purposes or for a general convention to propose an unlimited number of amendments upon an unlimited number of subjects; and be it further

Resolved, That the following resolutions and memorials are specifically repealed,

rescinded, canceled, nullified, and superseded: Joint Concurrent Resolution No. 2, 1901; House Joint Resolution No. 1, 1905; Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, 1907; House Joint Memorial No. 7, 1911; House Joint Resolution No. 13, 1963; and Senate Joint Resolution No. 5, 1965; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of the State of Montana urges the Legislatures of each and every state that has applied to Congress to call a convention for either a general or a limited constitutional convention to repeal and rescind the applications; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State is directed to send copies of this resolution to the Secretary of State of each state in the Union, to the presiding officers of both houses of the Legislatures of each state in the Union, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to the Montana Congressional Delegation.

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. DODD, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1610. An original bill to ensure national security while promoting foreign investment and the creation and maintenance of jobs, to reform the process by which such investments are examined for any effect they may have on national security, to establish the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-80).

S. 1611. An original bill to make technical corrections to SAFETEA-LU and other related laws relating to transit (Rept. No. 110-81).

S. 1612. An original bill to amend the penalty provisions in the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-82).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1603. A bill to authorize Congress to award a gold medal to Jerry Lewis, in recognition of his outstanding service to the Nation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. SMITH):

S. 1604. A bill to increase the number of well-educated nurses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. DORGAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. ENZI, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 1605. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect and preserve access of Medicare beneficiaries in rural areas to health care providers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. OBAMA, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. REED, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. BROWN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. TESTER, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. BAYH, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. WEBB, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1606. A bill to provide for the establishment of a comprehensive policy on the care and management of wounded warriors in order to facilitate and enhance their care, rehabilitation, physical evaluation, transition from care by the Department of Defense to care by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and transition from military service to civilian life, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 1607. A bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. 1608. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain land in Clark County, Nevada, for use by the Nevada National Guard; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself and Mr. STEVENS) (by request):

S. 1609. A bill to provide the necessary authority to the Secretary of Commerce for the establishment and implementation of a regulatory system for offshore aquaculture in the United States Exclusive Economic Zone, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 1610. An original bill to ensure national security while promoting foreign investment and the creation and maintenance of jobs, to reform the process by which such

investments are examined for any effect they may have on national security, to establish the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 1611. An original bill to make technical corrections to SAFETEA-LU and other related laws relating to transit; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 1612. An original bill to amend the penalty provisions in the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 1613. A bill to require the Director of National Intelligence to submit to Congress an unclassified report on energy security and for other purposes; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1614. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to strengthen penalties for unlawful child labor; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. 1615. A bill to provide loans and grants for fire sprinkler retrofitting in nursing facilities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CARPER, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 1616. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to promote and assure the quality of biodiesel fuel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. McCONNELL:

S. Res. 233. A resolution making Minority party appointments for the Select Committee on Ethics for the 110th Congress; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. Res. 234. A resolution designating June 15, 2007, as "National Huntington's Disease Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 22, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 116

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 116, a bill to authorize resources to provide students with opportunities for summer learning through summer learning grants.

S. 117

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 117, a bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and services for members of the Armed Forces, veterans of the Global War on Terrorism, and other veterans, to require reports on the effects of the Global War on Terrorism, and for other purposes.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States.

S. 206

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 206, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 329

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 382

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a State family support grant program to end the practice of parents giving legal custody of their seriously emotionally disturbed children to State agencies for the purpose of obtaining mental health services for those children.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 430, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 442

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 442, a bill to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 755

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 755, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require States to provide diabetes screening tests under the Medicaid program for adult enrollees with diabetes risk factors, to ensure that States offer a comprehensive package of benefits under that program for individuals with diabetes, and for other purposes.

S. 790

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 790, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to permit the simplified summer food programs to be carried out in all States and by all service institutions.

S. 799

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 799, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide individuals with disabilities and older Americans with equal access to community-based attendant services and supports, and for other purposes.

S. 807

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 807, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 to provide that manure shall not be considered to be a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

S. 829

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs.

FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 829, a bill to reauthorize the HOPE VI program for revitalization of severely distressed public housing, and for other purposes.

S. 887

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 887, a bill to restore import and entry agricultural inspection functions to the Department of Agriculture.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

S. 912

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 912, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the incentives for the construction and renovation of public schools.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 999, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

S. 1042

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1042, a bill to amend the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly.

S. 1060

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1060, a bill to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, and for other purposes.

S. 1066

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1066, a bill to

require the Secretary of Education to revise regulations regarding student loan repayment deferment with respect to borrowers who are in postgraduate medical or dental internship, residency, or fellowship programs.

S. 1099

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1099, a bill to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to make individuals employed by the Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission eligible to obtain Federal health insurance.

S. 1125

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1125, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to encourage investment in the expansion of freight rail infrastructure capacity and to enhance modal tax equity.

S. 1146

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1146, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans who live in rural areas, and for other purposes.

S. 1173

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1173, a bill to protect, consistent with *Roe v. Wade*, a woman's freedom to choose to bear a child or terminate a pregnancy, and for other purposes.

S. 1205

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1205, a bill to require a pilot program on assisting veterans service organizations and other veterans groups in developing and promoting peer support programs that facilitate community reintegration of veterans returning from active duty, and for other purposes.

S. 1223

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1223, a bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to support efforts by local or regional television or radio broadcasters to provide essential public information programming in the event of a major disaster, and for other purposes.

S. 1260

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1260, a bill to protect information relating to consumers, to require notice of security breaches, and for other purposes.

S. 1335

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1335, a bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to declare English as the official language of the Government of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1337

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1337, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to provide for equal coverage of mental health services under the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

S. 1375

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1375, a bill to ensure that new mothers and their families are educated about postpartum depression, screened for symptoms, and provided with essential services, and to increase research at the National Institutes of Health on postpartum depression.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1416

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1416, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the deduction for mortgage insurance premiums.

S. 1426

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1426, a bill to amend the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 to reauthorize the market access program, and for other purposes.

S. 1437

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1437, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the semicentennial of the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

S. 1459

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1459, a bill to strengthen the Nation's research efforts to identify the causes and cure of psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis, expand psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis data collection, study access to and quality of care for people with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis, and for other purposes.

S. 1469

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1469, a bill to require the closure of the Department of Defense detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes.

S. 1500

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1500, a bill to support democracy and human rights in Zimbabwe, and for other purposes.

S. 1514

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1514, a bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

S. 1551

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1551, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

S. 1555

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1555, a bill to establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of Food and Drug Administration-approved contraception, and for other purposes.

S. 1577

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1577, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to require screening, including national criminal history background checks, of direct patient access employees of skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, and other long-term care facilities and providers, and to provide for nationwide expansion of the pilot program for national and State background checks on direct patient access employees of long-term care facilities or providers.

S. 1593

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] were added as cosponsors of S. 1593, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief and protections to military personnel, and for other purposes.

S. 1597

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr.

DEMINT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1597, a bill to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects.

SENATE RESOLUTION 215

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] and the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 215, a resolution designating September 25, 2007, as "National First Responder Appreciation Day".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, June 13, 2007, at 10 a.m. in order to conduct a business meeting to consider pending committee business.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 13, 2007, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations to the Federal Election Commission.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 13, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in room 562 of the Dirksen Building to conduct an oversight hearing on Department of Labor, Department of Defense, VA cooperation, and collaboration to meet the employment needs of returning service members.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 3:11 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 251. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit manipulation of caller identification information, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2358. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue coins in commemoration of Native Americans and the important contributions made by Indian tribes

and individual Native Americans to the development of the United States and the history of the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2367. An act to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act, with respect to civil penalties for child labor violations.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 164. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Norman E. Borlaug.

The message further announced that pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2702, the Clerk of the House appoints Mr. Bernard Forrester of Houston, Texas, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 251. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit manipulation of caller identification information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2358. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue coins in commemoration of Native Americans and the important contributions made by Indian tribes and individual Native Americans to the development of the United States and the history of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 2637. An act to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act, with respect to civil penalties for child labor violations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

BILLS SEQUENTIALLY REFERRED

Pursuant to section 3(b) of S. Res. 400 (94th Congress), as amended by S. Res. 445 (108th Congress),

The majority leader, on behalf of the chairman and ranking member of the Select Committee on Intelligence, that bills S. 1547 and S. 1548 be sequentially referred to the Select Committee on Intelligence for a period of not to exceed 10 days of session.

MAKING MINORITY PARTY APPOINTMENTS FOR THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS FOR THE 110TH CONGRESS

On the request of Mr. McCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 233) making

Minority party appointments for the Select Committee on Ethics for the 110th Congress, submitted today by Mr. McCONNELL, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CLEAN ENERGY ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. McCASKILL in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 6) to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1505, proposed by Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. THUNE), to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. INHOFE,

Ordered, That Mr. CORNYN be added as a cosponsor of the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1505 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. INHOFE,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 43, nays... 52

[Rollcall Vote No. 210 Leg.]

YEAS --- 43

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 52

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill,

Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. DURBIN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1537).

On motion by Mr. McCONNELL for Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. GRAHAM, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) to amend the pending amendment on page 1, by striking all beginning with "TITLE" on line 2, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1538).

Pending debate,

Mr. DEMINT asked unanimous consent that it be in order for him to propose an amendment.

Mr. BINGAMAN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1538 to amendment No. 1537 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

APPOINTMENT BY THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE RECORDS OF CONGRESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. CANTWELL in the chair) announced that the Secretary of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 101-509, had appointed Sheryl B. Vogt, of Georgia, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL
HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE
AWARENESS DAY"

On the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 234) designating June 15, 2007, as "National Huntington's Disease Awareness Day", submitted today by Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. DODD), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILLS AND CONCURRENT
RESOLUTIONS ON THE CALENDAR
INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

Ordered, That the following bills and concurrent resolution on the calendar be indefinitely postponed: S. Con. Res. 10, S. 261, S. 624, and H. Con. Res. 118.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of bill H.R. 6.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

At 6:24 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2007

Mr. ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Reverend James E. Sturdivant, Sr., of Faith United Ministries, Washington, DC, offered a

prayer, and Mr. CASEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 14, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., a Senator from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CASEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

CLEAN ENERGY ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 6) to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1538, proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL for Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. GRAHAM, and Ms. MURKOWSKI), to amendment No. 1537, proposed by Mr. REID for Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. DURBIN), to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. BINGAMAN asked unanimous consent that the time until 11 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate on the pending amendments; that the time therein be controlled by Mr. BINGAMAN and Mr. DOMENICI, or their designees; that no amendments be in order prior to the votes; that, at 11 a.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 1538; and that, upon conclusion of said vote, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 1537, as may be amended.

Mr. DOMENICI objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1538 to amendment No. 1537 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 56, nays... 39

[Rollcall Vote No. 211 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Collins, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Gregg, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Sununu, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 39

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Stevens, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the motion was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1537 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Ms. KLOBUCHAR asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside.

Mr. DOMENICI objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1537 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Ms. KLOBUCHAR for Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. SALAZAR) to amend the

pending amendment, striking all after "title" on the first line, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1573).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That Mr. WARNER be recognized to propose an amendment (numbered 1566); that it be laid aside; that Ms. KLOBUCHAR then be recognized to propose an amendment (numbered 1557); that it be laid aside; and that the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 1566.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1573 to amendment No. 1537 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. WARNER to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1566).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The pending amendments were laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN for Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. KERRY) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in title I, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1557).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1566 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mrs. DOLE) to amend the pending amendment on page 4, striking all beginning on line 20 though line 3, page 5, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1578).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KOHL,

Ordered, That the pending amendments be laid aside; that Mr. KOHL be recognized to propose an amendment (numbered 1519); that he be recognized to speak thereon; that, upon conclusion of remarks by him, the amendment be laid aside; that Mr. DEMINT then be recognized to propose an amendment (numbered 1546); and that, immediately thereafter, Mr. BYRD be recognized to speak as in morning business.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1578 to amendment No. 1566 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The pending amendments were laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. COBURN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SANDERS, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1519).

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The pending amendments were laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. KOHL (for Mr. DEMINT) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1546).

Pending debate,

Mr. WARNER called for the regular order with respect to amendment No. 1566.

Whereupon,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1566 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. WARNER modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 1566, as modified, to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DEMINT,

Ordered, That his amendment No. 1546 be the pending question.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1546 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. DURBIN) to further

amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 1572).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That the time until 5:20 p.m. be equally divided and controlled between Mr. WARNER and Mr. MENENDEZ, or their designees, for concurrent debate on amendments numbered 1566, as modified, and 1578; that Mr. LAUTENBERG control 5 minutes of the time therein; that, at 5:20 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 1566, as modified, with no intervening action or debate; that if the Senate fails to agree to either amendment with a minimum of 60 yeas votes, the amendments be withdrawn; and that no amendment to either amendment be in order.

Ordered further, That amendment No. 1578 be modified to reflect first-degree status; and that if the Senate fails to agree to amendment No. 1566, as modified, with a minimum of 60 yeas votes, amendment No. 1578, as modified, be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1572 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The hour of 5:20 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1566, as modified, to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. WARNER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 43, nays... 44

[Rollcall Vote No. 212 Leg.]

YEAS --- 43

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Carper, Chambliss, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Domenici, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Landrieu, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Shelby, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb.

NAYS --- 44

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Collins, Conrad, Dole, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Lieberman, Martinez, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Stabenow, Tester, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment, not having received 60 yeas votes, was withdrawn.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment No. 1578, as modified, was withdrawn.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1572 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. BINGAMAN, by unanimous consent, modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 1572, as modified, to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1546 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BILL NELSON,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Thursday, June 14, 2007, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 676. A bill to provide that the Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank or the Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank may serve on the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation.

S. 1537. A bill to authorize the transfer of certain funds from the Senate Gift Shop Revolving Fund to the Senate Employee Child Care Center.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries:

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO BLOCKING THE PROPERTY OF CERTAIN PERSONS UNDERMINING DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES OR INSTITUTIONS IN BELARUS -- PM 16

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency and related measures blocking the property of certain persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Belarus are to continue in effect beyond June 16, 2007.

The actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Belarus and other persons pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. These actions include undermining democratic processes or institutions; committing human rights abuses related to political repression, including detentions and disappearances; and engaging in public corruption, including by diverting or misusing Belarusian public assets or by misusing public authority. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency and related measures blocking the property of certain persons with respect to Belarus.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, June 14, 2007.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2274. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pine Shoot Beetle; Additions to Quarantined Areas" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0169) received on June 12, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2275. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service,

Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Black Stem Rust; Addition of Rust-Resistant Varieties" (Docket No. APHIS-2007-0072) received on June 12, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2276. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report for the first quarter of fiscal year 2007 relative to the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Fund; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2277. A communication from the Under Secretary and Director, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fastener Quality Act" (RIN0693-AB57) received on June 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2278. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vessels Carrying Oil, Noxious Liquid Substances, Garbage, Municipal or Commercial Waste, and Ballast Water; Technical, Organizational, and Conforming Amendment" ((RIN1625-ZA13)(USCG-2007-38201)) received on June 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2279. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation: ULHRA Hydroplane Races, Howard Amon Park, Richland, Washington" ((RIN1625-AA00)(CGD13-07-013)) received on June 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2280. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Atchafalaya River, Berwick Bay, Berwick Bay, LA" ((RIN1625-AA11)-(CGD08-06-023)) received on June 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2281. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone: Coast Guard Academy Commencement, New London, CT" ((RIN1625-AA87)(CGD01-07-049)) received on June 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2282. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Navigation and

Navigable Waters; Technical, Organizational, and Conforming Amendments" ((RIN1625-ZA08)(USCG-2006-25150)) received on June 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2283. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Large Passenger Vessel Crew Requirements" ((RIN1625-AB16)(USCG-2007-27761)) received on June 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2284. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations (including 3 regulations beginning with CGD05-07-020)" (RIN1625-AA08) received on June 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2285. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones (including 5 regulations beginning with CGD09-07-012)" (RIN1625-AA00) received on June 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2286. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operations (including 4 regulations beginning with CGD11-07-010)" (RIN1625-AA09) received on June 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2287. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of Eligible Positions for Purposes of Safe Harbor Valuation Regulations" (Rev. Proc. 2007-41) received on June 13, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2288. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a correction to a previously submitted rule entitled "United States - Singapore Free Trade Agreement" (RIN1505-AB48) received on June 12, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2289. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to IAEA technical assistance to Iran during calendar

year 2006; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2290. A communication from the Director, Human Resources Management Office, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the implementation of an alternative rating and selection procedure; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2291. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Department's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 105. A resolution designating September 2007 as "Campus Fire Safety Month".

S. Res. 215. A resolution designating September 25, 2007, as "National First Responder Appreciation Day".

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. KERRY, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 1617. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for plug-in electric drive motor vehicles; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. ALLARD, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1618. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for the production of a cellulosic biofuel; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 1619. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for fuel-efficient motor vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1620. A bill to provide the Coast Guard and NOAA with additional authorities under

the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, to strengthen the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BUNNING, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 1621. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain farming business machinery and equipment as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation; to the Committee on Finance

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 1622. A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to reevaluate the band plans for the upper 700 megaHertz band and the un-auctioned portions of the lower 700 megaHertz band and reconfigure them to include spectrum to be licensed for small geographic areas; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. KYL, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. VITTER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BOND, Mr. SMITH, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BURR, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. ALLARD):

S. 1623. A bill to require the withholding of United States contributions to the United Nations until the President certifies that the United Nations is not engaged in global taxation schemes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1624. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the exception from the treatment of publicly traded partnerships as corporations for partnerships with passive-type income shall not apply to partnerships directly or indirectly deriving income from providing investment adviser and related asset management services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1625. A bill to protect against the unauthorized installation of computer software, to require clear disclosure to computer users of certain computer software features that may pose a threat to user privacy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 1626. A bill to amend title XIV of the Social Security Act to ensure funding for grants to promote responsible fatherhood and strengthen low-income families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LOTT, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. VITTER, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1627. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and expand the benefits for businesses operating in empowerment zones, enterprise communities, or renewal communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. KERRY, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1628. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize programs to increase the number of nurse faculty and to increase the domestic nursing and physical therapy workforce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 1629. A bill to request a study by the Federal Communications Commission on the interference caused by broadband Internet transmission over power lines; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 1630. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain tax-exempt financing of electric transmission facilities from the private business use test; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1631. A bill to establish an emergency fuel assistance grant program for small businesses during energy emergencies; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 1632. A bill to ensure that vessels of the United States conveyed to eligible recipients for educational, cultural, historical, charitable, recreational, or other public purposes are maintained and utilized for the purposes for which they were conveyed; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. McCAIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL,

Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. REID, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S.J. Res. 16. A joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. VITTER):

S. Res. 235. A resolution designating July 1, 2007, as "National Boating Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. LOTT, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. Res. 236. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of the National Anthem Project, which has worked to restore America's voice by re-teaching Americans to sing the national anthem; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 156

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 156, a bill to make the moratorium on Internet access taxes and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce permanent.

S. 163

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 163, a bill to improve the disaster loan program of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 326

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special period of limitation when uniformed services retirement pay is reduced as result of award of disability compensation.

S. 329

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 450

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 456

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] were added as cosponsors of S. 456, a bill to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, and for other purposes.

S. 467

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 467, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to expand the clinical trials drug data bank.

S. 468

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 468, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to drug safety, and for other purposes.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 545

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 545, a bill to improve consumer access to passenger vehicle loss data held by insurers.

S. 573

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr.

JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 573, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 576

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 576, a bill to provide for the effective prosecution of terrorists and guarantee due process rights.

S. 644

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 644, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recodify as part of that title certain educational assistance programs for members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces, to improve such programs, and for other purposes.

S. 651

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 651, a bill to help promote the national recommendation of physical activity to kids, families, and communities across the United States.

S. 671

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 671, a bill to exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from the numerical limitations on immigrant visas.

S. 717

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 717, a bill to repeal title II of the REAL ID Act of 2005, to restore section 7212 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, which provides States additional regulatory flexibility and funding authorization to more rapidly produce tamper- and counterfeit-resistant driver's licenses, and to protect privacy and civil liberties by providing interested stakeholders on a negotiated rulemaking with guidance to achieve improved 21st century licenses to improve national security.

S. 739

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 739, a bill to provide disadvantaged children with access to dental services.

S. 777

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 777, a bill to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities.

S. 839

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 839, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude amounts received as a military basic housing allowance from consideration as income for purposes of the low-income housing credit and qualified residential rental projects.

S. 872

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 872, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the excise tax provisions and income tax credit for biodiesel.

S. 909

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of S. 909, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States, at their option, to require certain individuals to present satisfactory documentary evidence of proof of citizenship or nationality for purposes of eligibility for Medicaid, and for other purposes.

S. 912

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 912, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the incentives for the construction and renovation of public schools.

S. 963

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 963, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to educational organizations to carry out educational programs about the Holocaust.

S. 994

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 994, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the deductible and change the method of determining the mileage reimbursement rate under the beneficiary travel program administered by the Secretary of Veteran Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 999, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

S. 1090

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1090, a bill to amend the Agriculture and Consumer

Protection Act of 1973 to assist the neediest of senior citizens by modifying the eligibility criteria for supplemental foods provided under the commodity supplemental food program to take into account the extraordinarily high out-of-pocket medical expenses that senior citizens pay, and for other purposes.

S. 1175

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1175, a bill to end the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, and for other purposes.

S. 1317

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1317, a bill to posthumously award a congressional gold medal to Constance Baker Motley.

S. 1322

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1322, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the operation of employee stock ownership plans, and for other purposes.

S. 1337

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1337, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to provide for equal coverage of mental health services under the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

S. 1376

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] were added as cosponsors of S. 1376, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and expand the drug discount program under section 340B of such Act to improve the provision of discounts on drug purchases for certain safety net providers.

S. 1386

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1386, a bill to amend the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, to provide better assistance to low- and moderate-income families, and for other purposes.

S. 1390

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1390, a bill to provide for the issuance of a "forever stamp" to honor the sacrifices of the brave men and women of the armed forces who have been awarded the Purple Heart.

S. 1415

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr.

JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1415, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Social Security Act to improve screening and treatment of cancers, provide for survivorship services, and for other purposes.

S. 1428

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1428, a bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to assure access to durable medical equipment under the Medicare program.

S. 1457

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1457, a bill to provide for the protection of mail delivery on certain postal routes, and for other purposes.

S. 1494

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1494, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the special diabetes programs for Type I diabetes and Indians under that Act.

S. 1512

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1512, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to expand Federal eligibility for children in foster care who have attained age 18.

S. 1551

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1551, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

S. 1572

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1572, a bill to increase the number of well-trained mental health service professionals (including those based in schools) providing clinical mental health care to children and adolescents, and for other purposes.

S. 1577

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1577, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to require screening, including national criminal history background checks, of direct patient access employees of skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, and other long-term care facilities and providers, and to provide for nationwide expansion of the pilot program for national and State background checks on

direct patient access employees of long-term care facilities or providers.

S. 1592

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1592, a bill to reauthorize the Underground Railroad Educational and Cultural Program.

S. 1593

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1593, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief and protections to military personnel, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 215

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 215, a resolution designating September 25, 2007, as "National First Responder Appreciation Day".

SENATE RESOLUTION 231

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 231, a resolution recognizing the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day and expressing the sense of the Senate that history should be regarded as a means for understanding the past and solving the challenges of the future.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 14, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in open session to mark up the Dignified Treatment of Wounded Warriors Act.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 14, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, June 14, 2007, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Room 226.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate in order to conduct a hearing entitled "The impact of

rising gas prices on America's small businesses," on Thursday, June 14, 2007, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

The Joint Economic Committee be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing entitled "Importing Success: Why work-family policies from abroad make economic sense for the U.S.," in Room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, Thursday, June 14, 2007, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 14, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 9:33 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 676. An act to provide that the Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank or the Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank may serve on the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation.

S. 1537. An act to authorize the transfer of certain funds from the Senate Gift Shop Revolving Fund to the Senate Employee Child Care Center.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 1:06 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2640. An act to improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 2640. An act to improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ORDER FOR PRINTING OF TRIBUTES TO THE LATE SENATOR CRAIG THOMAS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BILL NELSON,

Ordered, That Senators be authorized to submit tributes to the late Senator Craig Thomas until June 29, 2007; and that said tributes be printed as a Senate Document.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL

On the request of Mr. BILL NELSON,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANDERS in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 164) authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Norman E. Borlaug, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING NATIONAL MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BILL NELSON,

Ordered, That the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 213) supporting National Men's Health Week.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ARMY SPECIALIST JOSEPH P. MICKS FEDERAL FLAG CODE AMENDMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BILL NELSON,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 692) to amend title 4, United States Code, to authorize the Governor of a State, territory, or possession of the United States to order that the National flag be flown at half-staff in that State, territory, or possession in the event of the death of a member of the Armed Forces from that State, territory, or possession who dies while serving on active duty.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BILL NELSON,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of pending bill H.R. 6.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BILL NELSON,

At 7:13 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2007

Mr. SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, June 15, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. WHITEHOUSE took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

CLEAN ENERGY ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 6) to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1546, proposed by Mr. KOHL (for Mr. DEMINT), to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CORKER to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 1608).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CARDIN to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in title II, subtitle D, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1520).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DOMENICI (for Mr. THUNE) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1609).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DODD, Mr. KERRY, Mr. REID, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Ms. SNOWE) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1610).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CASEY, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KERRY, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. TESTER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. THUNE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. VOINOVICH) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 27, after line 23, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1524).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1610 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

MORNING BUSINESS

The following morning business occurred on today:

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BYRD:

S. 1633. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the battlefield and related sites of the Battle of Shepherdstown in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, as part of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park or Antietam National Battlefield, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 1634. A bill to implement further the Act approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana

Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 1635. A bill to provide for the reimbursement of wildland firefighters for the cost of professional liability insurance; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. DOLE (for herself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 1636. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently allow penalty-free withdrawals from retirement plans for individuals called to active duty for at least 179 days; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 1637. A bill to establish a geothermal heat pump technology acceleration program relating to General Services Administration facilities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 1638. A bill to adjust the salaries of Federal justices and judges, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 57

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 57, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 311

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 311, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of

military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

S. 442

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 442, a bill to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders.

S. 871

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 871, a bill to establish and provide for the treatment of Individual Development Accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] were added as cosponsors of S. 901, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

S. 1172

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1172, a bill to reduce hunger in the United States.

S. 1175

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1175, a bill to end the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, and for other purposes.

S. 1233

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1233, a bill to provide and enhance intervention, rehabilitative treatment, and services to veterans with traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes.

S. 1285

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] and the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1285, a bill to reform the financing of Senate elections, and for other purposes.

S. 1432

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1432, a bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 and the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve access to healthy foods, and for other purposes.

S. 1618

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1618, a bill to

amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for the production of a cellulosic biofuel.

SENATE RESOLUTION 215

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 215, a resolution designating September 25, 2007, as "National First Responder Appreciation Day".

SENATE RESOLUTION 236

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 236, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of the National Anthem Project, which has worked to restore America's voice by re-teaching Americans to sing the national anthem.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, JUNE
18, 2007, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DORGAN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 18, 2007; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 3:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for 10 minutes each; and that the time be equally divided and controlled by the two leaders, or their designees; and that, upon conclusion of morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 6.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT
ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DORGAN,

Ordered, That the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 6; that it be in order for Ms. COLLINS to propose an amendment thereto; and that, upon conclusion of remarks by her, the Senate adjourn, as pursuant to the foregoing order.

CLEAN ENERGY ACT

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 6.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1610 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. SNOWE, and Mrs. MURRAY) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1615).

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today, At 11:57 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 18, 2007.

MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2007

Mr. DANIEL K. AKAKA, from the State of Hawaii, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. AKAKA led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 18, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable DANIEL K. AKAKA, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. AKAKA took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, June 15, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, June 15, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Friday, June 15, 2007,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business until 3:30 p.m..

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2292. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules Relating to Permissible Uses of Official Seal" (72 FR 29246) received on June 13, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2293. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Activities and Programs for Countering Proliferation and NBC Terrorism"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2294. A communication from the Acting Deputy, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the Navy's decision to conduct a public-private competition for the emergency dispatch management support services at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, California and Naval Support Activity in Culter, Maine; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2295. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's inventory of non-inherently governmental activities during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2296. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to General Order No. 3: Expansion of the General Order and Addition of Certain Persons" (RIN0694-AD99) received on June 14, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2297. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report

on the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2298. A communication from the Interim President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2006 Statement on System of Internal Controls of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2299. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Annual Report for calendar year 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2300. A communication from the Under Secretary (Industry and Security), Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's intent to impose new foreign-policy based export controls; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2301. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Panama including the sale of six Boeing 737-800 passenger aircraft; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2302. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Temporary Rule; Inseason Retention Limit Adjustment" (RIN0648-XA57) received on June 14, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2303. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule to Extend Interim Measures to Reduce Overfishing of Atlantic Sea Scallops in the 2007 Fishing Year by Modifying the Elephant Trunk Access Area Management Measures" (RIN0648-AV05) received on June 14, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2304. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reporting Requirements and Conservation Measures; Coastal Pelagic Species Fishery Management Plan" (RIN0648-AU72) received on June 14, 2007;

to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2305. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure of the 2007 Gulf of Mexico Deep-Water Grouper Fishery" (RIN0648-XA46) received on June 14, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2306. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 506 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 - Limitation on Charges for Services Furnished by Medicare Participating Inpatient Hospitals to Individuals Eligible for Care Purchased by Indian Health Programs" (RIN0917-AA02) received on June 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2307. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice: Guidance to Clarify the Treatment of Certain Distributions Under IRC Section (897)(h)(1)" (Notice 2007-55) received on June 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2308. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarification and Modification of Rev. Proc. 2005-66" (Notice 2007-44) received on June 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2309. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, the report of a draft bill that intends to modernize the Treasury Tax and Loan statute; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DORGAN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment and with a preamble:

S.J. Res. 4. A joint resolution to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the United States Government regarding Indian tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States (Rept. No. 110-83).

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S.1644. An original bill making appropriations for the Department of

Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-84).

By Mr. REED, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S.1645. An original bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-85).

By Mr. LEVIN, from the Committee on Armed Services, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S.1606. A bill to provide for the establishment of a comprehensive policy on the care and management of wounded warriors in order to facilitate and enhance their care, rehabilitation, physical evaluation, transition from care by the Department of Defense to care by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and transition from military service to civilian life, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S.1639. A bill to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S.1640. A bill to amend chapter 13 of title 17, United States Code (relating to the vessel hull design protection), to clarify the definitions of a hull and a deck; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S.1641. A bill to amend Public Law 87-383 to reauthorize appropriations to promote the conservation of migratory waterfowl and to offset or prevent the serious loss of important wetland and other waterfowl habitat essential to the preservation of migratory waterfowl, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DODD, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. REED, and Mr. SANDERS):

S.1642. A bill to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. 1643. A bill to establish the Reclamation Water Settlements Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BYRD:

S. 1644. An original bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. REED:

S. 1645. An original bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 1646. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make cost-share and incentive payments for innovative fuels management conservation practices, including prescribed grazing management on private grazing land and practices that complement commensurate public land, to prevent the occurrence and spread of, and damages caused by, wildfires fueled by invasive species; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. Res. 237. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 238. A resolution amending Senate Resolution 458 (98th Congress) to allow the Secretary of the Senate to adjust the salaries of employees who are placed on the payroll of the Senate, under the direction of the Secretary, as a result of the death or resignation of a Senator; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. Con. Res. 38. A concurrent resolution recognizing that the plight of Kashmiri Pandits has been an ongoing concern since 1989 and that their physical, political, and economic security should be safeguarded by the Government of the Republic of India and the state government of Jammu and Kashmir; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 83

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 83, a bill to provide increased rail transportation security.

S. 161

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 161, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to be made automatically by law each year in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 430, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 442

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 442, a bill to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders.

S. 450

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 557

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the depreciation classification of motorsports entertainment complexes.

S. 558

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 558, a bill to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services.

S. 573

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 573, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 593

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 593, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a grant program to provide supportive services in permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 625

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 625, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S. 721

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 721, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 777

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 777, a bill to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 803, a bill to repeal a provision enacted to end Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 805, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa in the effort to achieve internationally recognized goals in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other major diseases and the reduction of maternal and child mortality by improving human health care capacity and

improving retention of medical health professionals in sub-Saharan Africa, and for other purposes.

S. 860

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 860, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States the option to provide Medicaid coverage for low-income individuals infected with HIV.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

S. 903

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 903, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Muhammad Yunus, in recognition of his contributions to the fight against global poverty.

S. 912

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 912, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the incentives for the construction and renovation of public schools.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. DEMINT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 991

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 991, a bill to establish the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation under the authorities of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961.

S. 1149

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1149, a bill to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act to authorize the interstate distribution of State-inspected meat and poultry if the Secretary of Agriculture determines that the State inspection requirements are at least equal to Federal inspection requirements and to require the Secretary to reimburse State agencies for part of the costs of the inspections.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit through 2013, and for other purposes.

S. 1260

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1260, a bill to protect information relating to consumers, to require notice of security breaches, and for other purposes.

S. 1277

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1277, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify the treatment of payment under the Medicare program for clinical laboratory tests furnished by critical access hospitals.

S. 1295

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOPE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1295, a bill to amend the African Development Foundation Act to change the name of the Foundation, modify the administrative authorities of the Foundation, and for other purposes.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1407

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 1407, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to temporarily provide a shorter recovery period for the depreciation of certain systems installed in nonresidential and residential rental buildings.

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1407, supra.

S. 1418

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1418, a bill to provide assistance to improve the health of newborns, children, and mothers in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 1428

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1428, a bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to assure access to durable medical equipment under the Medicare program.

S. 1451

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1451, a bill to encourage the development of coordinated quality reforms to improve health care delivery and reduce the cost of care in the health care system.

S. 1455

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1455, a bill to provide for the establishment of a health information technology and privacy system.

S. 1500

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1500, a bill to support democracy and human rights in Zimbabwe, and for other purposes.

S. 1509

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1509, a bill to improve United States hurricane forecasting, monitoring, and warning capabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1535

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1535, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Foreign Trade Zones Act to simplify the tax and eliminate the drawback fee on certain distilled spirits used in nonbeverage products manufactured in a United States foreign trade zone for domestic use and export.

S. 1551

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1551, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

S. 1618

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1618, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for the production of a cellulosic biofuel.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 16

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL] was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 16, a joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

SENATE RESOLUTION 178

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY]

was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 178, a resolution expressing the sympathy of the Senate to the families of women and girls murdered in Guatemala, and encouraging the United States to work with Guatemala to bring an end to these crimes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 185

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 185, a resolution supporting the ideals and values of the Olympic Movement.

SENATE RESOLUTION 197

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 197, a resolution honoring the accomplishments of AmeriCorps.

SENATE RESOLUTION 215

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 215, a resolution designating September 25, 2007, as "National First Responder Appreciation Day".

SENATE RESOLUTION 231

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN], the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL], the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 231, a resolution recognizing the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day and expressing the sense of the Senate that history should be regarded as a means for understanding the past and solving the challenges of the future.

SENATE RESOLUTION 236

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 236, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of the National Anthem Project, which has worked to restore America's voice by re-teaching Americans to sing the national anthem.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2638. An act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for

the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2642. An act making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 5(a) of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Act (36 U.S.C. 101 note), the Republican Leader re-appoints Mr. LAHOOD of Illinois to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 5(a) of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Act (36 U.S.C. 101 note), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.

The message also announced that pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 501(b), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards: Mr. CAPUANO of Massachusetts, Chairman; Mr. SHERMAN of California; Mr. DAVIS of Alabama; Mr. EHLERS of Michigan; Mr. PRICE of Georgia; and Mr. MCCARTHY of California.

HOUSE BILLS PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2638. An act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2642. An act making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

CLEAN ENERGY ACT

Pursuant to the order of Friday, June 15, 2007,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. KLOBUCHAR in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 6) to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1615, proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. SNOWE, and Mrs. MURRAY), to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DOMENICI for Mr. BUNNING (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. MARTINEZ) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title I, subtitle B, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1628).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN for Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. BYRD, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. WEBB) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1614).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate resumes consideration of bill H.R. 6 on tomorrow, there be two and one-half hours, equally divided and controlled, for concurrent debate between Mr. BUNNING and Mr. TESTER, or their designees, on amendments numbered 1628 and 1614.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

Ordered further, That, at 2:15 p.m., the Senate resume the aforementioned concurrent debate; that, upon conclusion of said debate, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 1628; that, upon disposition of said amendment, there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate on amendment No. 1614; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to said amendment; that no amendment be in order to either amendment prior to the vote in relation thereto; that, upon disposition of amendment No. 1614, the question recur on agreeing to the following amendments: amendments numbered 1519, 1609, and 1610; that there be a period of 90 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for concurrent debate on the amendments; that there be a limitation therein of 30 minutes for debate on each amendment; that no amendments be in order to the amendments; that, upon conclusion of said debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendments in the aforementioned order;

that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER

SENATE NATIONAL SECURITY WORKING GROUP

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) announced that the minority leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 105, agreed to on April 13, 1989, as amended by S. Res. 149, agreed to on October 5, 1993, as amended by Public Law 105-275, further amended by S. Res. 75, agreed to March 25, 1999, and S. Res. 383, agreed to October 27, 2000, and amended by S. Res. 355, agreed to on November 13, 2002, and further amended by S. Res. 480, agreed to on November 20, 2004, had appointed the following Senators to serve as a members of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 110th Congress: Mr. LUGAR, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. CORKER.

RELATIVE TO ADJUSTING OF SALARIES OF EMPLOYEES PLACED ON THE SENATE PAYROLL AS A RESULT OF THE DEATH OR RESIGNATION OF A SENATOR

On the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 238) amending Senate Resolution 458 (98th Congress) to allow the Secretary of the Senate to adjust the salaries of employees who are placed on the payroll of the Senate, under the direction of the Secretary, as a result of the death or resignation of a Senator, submitted today by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. REID), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1639) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes, introduced on today by Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and SPECTER), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. BINGAMAN asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. BINGAMAN objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the

Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the first half of the time therein be controlled by the minority, and the second half by the majority; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 6, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

At 6:41 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2007

Ms. MARY L. LANDRIEU, from the State of Louisiana, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Ms. LANDRIEU led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, June 19, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARY L. LANDRIEU, a

Senator from the State of Louisiana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Ms. LANDRIEU took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business until 12:30 p.m.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries:

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO WEAPONS-USABLE FISSILE MATERIAL IN THE TERRITORY OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION -- PM 17

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication, stating that the emergency declared with respect to the accumulation of a large volume of weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation is to continue beyond June 21, 2007.

It remains a major national security goal of the United States to ensure that fissile material removed from Russian nuclear weapons pursuant to various arms control and disarmament agreements is dedicated to

peaceful uses, subject to transparency measures, and protected from diversion to activities of proliferation concern. The accumulation of a large volume of weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to the accumulation of a large volume of weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation and maintain in force these emergency authorities to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 19, 2007.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2310. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles for the production of the Airborne Early Warning and Control System for ultimate sale to and end-use by the Republic of Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2311. A communication from the Director, Division for Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Locality-Based Comparability Payments and Evacuation Payments" (RIN3206-AL09) received on June 14, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2312. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2313. A communication from the Director of the Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Organization's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2314. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban

Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Self-Insurance Plans Under the Indian Housing Block Grant Program" (RIN2577-AC58) received on June 14, 2007; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2315. A communication from the Chief, Regulatory Management Division, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustment of the Immigration and Naturalization Benefit Application and Petition Fee Schedule" (RIN1615-AB53) received on June 14, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-128. A resolution adopted by the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners of the State of Florida urging Congress to appropriate the funds necessary to bring the Herbert Hoover Dike into compliance with current levee protection safety standards and to expedite funding for the improvements through the prompt enactment of the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-129. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine urging Congress and the Federal Communications Commission to forego imposing a cap on Federal Universal Service Fund support for Maine's rural wireless carriers; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

JOINT RESOLUTION

We, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-Third Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the United States Congress and the Federal Communications Commission as follows:

Whereas, the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 through the establishment of the Federal Universal Service Fund was intended to promote the availability of quality services at just, reasonable and affordable prices, increased access to advanced telecommunications services throughout the Nation and the availability of quality services to all consumers, including those in low-income, rural, insular and high-cost areas, at rates that are reasonably comparable to those charged in urban areas; and

Whereas, the intended goals of that legislation have not been met in the State of Maine, and many of Maine's communities have no wireless services or inadequate wireless service; and

Whereas, the failure to achieve the goals of improved and high-quality services has, and

will continue to have, a direct and substantial negative impact on the health and safety of the people living and working in Maine's rural areas; and

Whereas, the failure to achieve this goal of high-quality wireless services at just, reasonable and affordable rates to everyone is a very significant barrier to the economic development of much of rural Maine; and

Whereas, there are 2 rural wireless carriers in Maine that have successfully sought certification as eligible telecommunications carriers and have used the federal universal service funding they have received to construct significant additional wireless infrastructure in rural Maine; and

Whereas, the Maine Public Utilities Commission has certified that these Maine rural wireless carriers have used the funds received from the federal universal service fund in a manner consistent with all laws and regulations governing the funds; and

Whereas, the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service has recommended that the Federal Communications Commission impose a cap on funding for competitive eligible telecommunications carriers; and

Whereas, this recommended cap would limit Federal Universal Service Fund support for Maine's rural wireless carriers currently receiving these funds; and

Whereas, the proposed cap on funding would serve to undercut the purpose and objective of the federal telecommunications Act of 1996 by impairing the ability of Maine's wireless eligible telecommunications carriers to expand infrastructure into rural Maine so that rural and urban wireless service is equal, as promised by that act; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to request that the Federal Communications Commission reject the cap proposed by the Federal State Joint Board on Universal Service; and be it further

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the United States Congress take action to repeal the cap if it is adopted by the Federal Communications Commission; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable Kevin J. Martin, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

POM-130. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada urging the Secretary of the Interior to fully fund the interagency airtanker base programs for wildland fire suppression in Battle Mountain,

Minden and Stead; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Whereas, the United States Department of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, has provided vital fire suppression services to the State of Nevada; and

Whereas, these services include air support for wildland fire suppression in northern Nevada through interagency airtanker base operations at the Battle Mountain, Minden-Tahoe and Reno Stead Airports; and

Whereas, the areas of service include the forests and watershed surrounding Lake Tahoe, one of the nation's premiere natural treasures, and the Wildland urban interface along the Sierra Front in both Nevada and California; and

Whereas, in July 2006, Nevada ranked first in the nation in the amount of wildland acreage burned by wildfire in the United States; and

Whereas, the Federal Government owns and manages 87 percent of the land in Nevada; and

Whereas, the Bureau of Land Management has provided exemplary air support for fighting the wildland fires which have threatened Nevada's residents, private property, public lands and other valuable natural resources; and

Whereas, the Sierra Front has complex and challenging conditions that generate volatile and high-intensity wildland fires which are fought over rugged terrain, and airtankers are a critical component of the fight, being used primarily for initial attack and support; and

Whereas, continued funding for the full operation of the interagency airtanker base programs in Battle Mountain, Minden and Stead with single-engine airtankers that can provide the quick response needed for early suppression of a wildland fire is critical; and

Whereas, the Secretary of the Interior has the authority to authorize the expenditure of money to provide full funding for the interagency airtanker base programs: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of Nevada, jointly, That the members of the 74th Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby urge the Secretary of the Interior to fully fund the interagency airtanker base programs for wildland fire suppression in Battle Mountain, Minden and Stead; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Interior and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

POM-131. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada urging Congress to allow certain proceeds from the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998 to be used for Nevada's state parks; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

Whereas, in 1998, Congress passed the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998, Public Law 105-263, which allows the Secretary of the Interior to sell certain federal lands in Clark County, Nevada, for possible development and authorizes use of the proceeds to acquire, conserve and protect environmentally sensitive lands in the State of Nevada; and

Whereas, under the provisions of the Act, 5 percent of the profits from sales of the land is allocated to help fund education, 10 percent is allocated for water and airport infrastructure projects and the remaining 85 percent is deposited into a special account for disbursement; and

Whereas, the money in the special account is specified for certain capital improvement projects, including projects at Lake Mead, Red Rock Canyon, the Desert National Wildlife Refuge and other federally managed recreational areas, the development of parks, trails and a multispecies habitat conservation plan in and around Clark County, the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands, and restoration and conservation of the Lake Tahoe Basin; and

Whereas, since the first auction of land in 1999, this Act has generated approximately \$3 billion, \$2.5 billion of which has been disbursed from the special account; and

Whereas, although the money distributed pursuant to the Act has been used for the enhancement and conservation of many federally managed areas in Nevada, there are numerous state parks in Nevada which could also benefit from this money; and

Whereas, with the growing popularity of the many rural recreational and historic sites in Nevada, it is vital that Nevada's state parks be maintained and preserved for the continued enjoyment of the residents of Nevada and its tourists; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of Nevada, jointly, That the members of the Nevada Legislature urge Congress to amend the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998 to authorize the State of Nevada to use a portion of the money in the special account for the improvement and preservation of Nevada's state parks; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United

States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Interior and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

POM-132. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada urging Congress to provide additional appropriations or any other form of assistance to federal agencies and the State of Nevada for the prevention and suppression of wildfires and the rehabilitation of public rangelands destroyed by wildfires in Nevada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

Whereas, during 2005, approximately 1,032,104 acres of land were burned by 794 wildfires occurring in Nevada; and

Whereas, during 2006, approximately 1,468,189 acres of land were burned in Nevada, thereby making Nevada one of the highest ranking states for the amount of land destroyed by wildfires; and

Whereas, the costs of suppressing wildfires for federal agencies nationwide is significant, totaling approximately \$161,403,000 for the Bureau of Land Management and approximately \$614,000,000 for the United States Forest Service for the fire season for 2005; and

Whereas, approximately 87 percent of the land in Nevada is controlled by the Federal Government, and much of that land includes public rangelands that are used in rural areas of Nevada to support the local ranching industry; and

Whereas, the production of livestock is an important asset for rural communities; and

Whereas, when wildfires occur on public land, those wildfires often destroy portions of the public rangelands in Nevada, thereby making them unavailable for use until rehabilitated; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, jointly, That the members of the Nevada Legislature hereby urge Congress to provide additional appropriations or any other form of assistance to federal agencies and the State of Nevada in the prevention and suppression of wildfires and the rehabilitation of public rangelands destroyed by wildfires in Nevada; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations of the United States Senate, the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations of the United States House of Representatives and each

member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

POM-133. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine urging Congress to fully appropriate the money for radioactive waste management; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas, a nuclear-powered electric generation facility was located in Maine at Wiscasset's Bailey Point; and

Whereas, spent nuclear fuel and greater-than-class-C, high-level radioactive waste is currently being stored in Maine in dry casks 300 yards from the coastal tide of the Sheepscot River, at only 21 feet above sea level; and

Whereas, dry cask storage is now being required at the Maine Yankee interim storage site well after the expiration of its license to produce electricity; and

Whereas, continued storage of high-level radioactive spent nuclear fuel and greater-than-class-C, high-level waste in dry casks at the Wiscasset site is not in the best interests of the citizens of that community, nor of the State of Maine; and

Whereas, the Federal Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 established a national policy that the Federal Government is responsible for safe, permanent disposal in a geologic repository of all high-level radioactive waste, including spent nuclear fuel from commercial power reactors and greater-than-class-C waste, as well as military nuclear waste; and

Whereas, the 109th Congress failed to enact a budget for the nuclear waste disposal program for the current fiscal year and took no action on proposed legislation to reform the federal Nuclear Waste Fund to provide more reliable financing of the repository program; and

Whereas, the Federal Accountability for Nuclear Waste Storage Act of 2007 (S. 784) has been introduced in this Congress, requiring the Federal Government to assume legal ownership of all spent nuclear fuel in the country; and

Whereas, the ratepayers of nuclear energy, including Maine, have paid an estimated \$19,000,000,000 into the federal Nuclear Waste Fund for the proper disposal of nuclear waste since 1983, and the ratepayers of nuclear energy pay into the Nuclear Waste Fund at least \$750,000,000 each year for the purpose of a national repository; and

Whereas, the United States Department of Energy now affirms it cannot initiate retrieval of repository waste for disposal any sooner than 2017 at the very earliest, 19 years past the federal Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 statutory mandate date for initiating retrieval,

and the Department of Energy's Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management will need full funding to submit a construction application to the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission by June 2008; and

Whereas, the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission requires a minimum of 3 years to review such an application; and

Whereas, in order to meet the 2008 license application milestone, the President's budget for fiscal year 2008 requests \$202,500,000 from the Nuclear Waste Fund and \$292,000,000 from the Defense Nuclear Waste Disposal appropriation to achieve these goals; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the United States Congress fully appropriate the \$494,500,000 budget request for the civilian radioactive waste management program; and be it further

Resolved, That Congress should enact legislation that will ensure repository appropriations to match annual Nuclear Waste Fund fee revenue collected from ratepayers for this specific purpose, and ensuring the future availability of any and all surplus for its intended purpose; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of the State of Maine opposes the proposed Federal Accountability for Nuclear Waste Storage Act of 2007 and any proposal for the Federal Government to take title to spent nuclear fuel in this State if the effect of such an action would be that spent nuclear fuel would be kept in Maine without any protection from its long-term effects on the State's population and from acts of intrusion that would endanger the State's environmental and economic well-being; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

POM-134. A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey urging Congress to enact the Military Death Benefit Improvement Act of 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 126

Whereas, the bill before Congress known as the Military Death Benefit Improvement Act of 2005 proposes to increase the military death gratuity from \$12,000 to \$100,000; and

Whereas, the military death gratuity is money provided within 72 hours to assist with the immediate financial needs of families of service members who are killed while on active duty; and

Whereas, this legislation would apply not only to those who are currently serving on active duty in the military, but would also be applied retroactively to all active duty service members who have died since September 11, 2001; and

Whereas, the current military death gratuity of \$12,000 is woefully inadequate to compensate families who have made the ultimate sacrifice; and

Whereas, in the face of the great emotional hardship caused by the loss of a loved one, the families of our brave servicemen and women should not also be faced with financial hardship; and

Whereas, the passage of the Military Death Benefit Improvement Act of 2005 will send a message to all men and women in uniform that their government and their country recognize and appreciate their service and sacrifice; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. This House strongly supports an increase in the military death gratuity from \$12,000 to \$100,000, and urges the President and Congress to enact legislation (H.R. 292 and S. 44) implementing this policy.

2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk of the General Assembly, shall be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of New Jersey's Congressional delegation.

POM-135. A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey expressing strong opposition to the surge of U.S. troops in Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 246

Whereas, President George W. Bush announced in January that he would send more United States armed forces to Iraq and extend the duty of many such troops already in that country in an effort to end the sectarian violence that has engulfed that nation and to provide stability to the new Iraqi government; and

Whereas, the United States has already committed 132,000 armed forces personnel to that country and plans to escalate troop levels by 21,500 for a total of 153,500, at a cost of \$5.6 billion; and

Whereas, the president's "surge" comes at a time when a substantial majority of the American public have expressed opposition to the war, in general, and his plan to expand it, in particular; and

Whereas, the president's plan is also opposed by members of Congress, including many who are members of the same political party as the president, who believe that the

United States is ultimately responsible for the civil war gripping Iraq; and

Whereas, many family members of service personnel fighting in Iraq are already deeply concerned about their loved ones' safety and are disappointed that the tour of many such soldiers will be extended by at least several months; and

Whereas, to date, the global war on terror, of which the war in Iraq is a part, has already had a significant impact on service men and women from New Jersey and their families, with over 6,000 State Army and Air National Guard and Reserve troops deployed and 83 service personnel killed and many more injured; and

Whereas, the surge will effect 159 members of the New Jersey National Guard currently in Iraq, so that instead of returning in March or April, members of the 117th Reconnaissance Surveillance Target Acquisition Unit and the 250th Brigade Support Battalion will now be returning in July or August; and

Whereas, it is clear to this House that sending more troops to Iraq will result in the death of more American service personnel but will do little to end the civil war in Iraq or bring lasting peace to the Iraqi people and stability to their new government; and

Whereas, despite this House's opposition to President Bush's action, it strongly and unequivocally supports the brave men and women in all branches of the Armed Forces of the United States who are currently in Iraq, those service personnel who will be sent to that county as a part of the surge and the families of such troops who remain at home concerned about their loved ones in the war zone; and

Whereas, it is therefore fitting and proper for this House to express its strong opposition to President Bush's surge in United States troops in Iraq; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey.

1. This House expresses its strong opposition to President George W. Bush's surge in United States troops in Iraq.

2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, shall be transmitted to the President George W. Bush and every member of Congress elected from New Jersey.

POM-136. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada urging Congress to repeal the REAL ID Act of 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

Whereas, in May 2005, the United States Congress enacted the REAL ID Act of 2005 as part of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global

War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005, Public Law 109-13, which was signed by President George W. Bush on May 11, 2005, and which becomes fully effective on May 11, 2008; and

Whereas, use of the federal minimum standards for state driver's licenses and state identification cards will be necessary for any type of federally regulated activity for which an identification card must be displayed; and

Whereas, the United States Department of Homeland Security, to date, has failed to promulgate rules for the implementation of the REAL ID Act; and

Whereas, the mandate to the states, through federal legislation, provides no funding for its requirements; and

Whereas, the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, the National Governors' Association and the National Conference of State Legislatures have estimated that the cost to the states to implement the REAL ID Act will be more than \$11 billion over 5 years; and

Whereas, the implementation of the REAL ID Act would cost Nevada taxpayers approximately \$30 million during Fiscal Year 2007 and Fiscal Year 2008; and

Whereas, the State of Nevada would incur additional expenditures associated with the implementation of the national identification card through machine readable technology, increased training of Nevada's Department of Motor Vehicles employees and increased Department of Motor Vehicles employee work hours; and

Whereas, Nevada's compliance with the provisions of the REAL ID Act will require that, over the course of 4 years, an estimated 2 million Nevadans will be subjected to the unnecessary inconvenience of obtaining a REAL ID compliant driver's license or identification card in person at offices of Nevada's Department of Motor Vehicles; and

Whereas, the State of Nevada is committed to increased security and unimpeachable integrity of driver's licenses and identification cards within the State and the United States; and

Whereas, the State of Nevada is also committed to compliance with the REAL ID Act, should appropriate rules be adopted and federal funding be provided for implementation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of Nevada, jointly, That the State of Nevada urges Congress to repeal the REAL ID Act portion of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of

Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

POM-137. A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey opposing the federal legislation entitled "Fairness in Asbestos Injury Resolution Act of 2005"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 100

Whereas, asbestos was used for decades, especially during and after World War II, in several industries in a variety of products, notably insulation, and exposure to asbestos has proven deadly to thousands of workers; and

Whereas, long-term exposure to asbestos has been associated with various types of cancer, including lung cancer, as well as asbestosis and pleural disease; and

Whereas, the discovery, on a nationwide basis, of the fatal effects of asbestos exposure has spawned a massive and still growing civil litigation industry; and

Whereas, the United States Supreme Court has called upon Congress to resolve the national asbestos litigation issue; and

Whereas, the "Fairness in Asbestos Injury Resolution Act of 2005," pending in the United States Senate as Senate Bill 852 and sponsored by Senators Specter and Leahy, would seek to provide payouts to people sickened by exposure to asbestos by requiring that such individuals apply to the Department of Labor for compensation rather than take the case to court; and

Whereas, the bill would establish a \$140 billion trust fund, primarily financed by businesses, from which damages would be paid on accordance with a schedule so that those with the most serious health problems related to asbestos exposure would receive the most money, with maximum damages capped at \$1 million; and

Whereas, Senate Bill 852 has drawn reservations and opposition from many members of the United States Congress, organized labor and consumer groups, and some insurance companies, arguing that the bill would allow big businesses to avoid financial responsibility and that the fund would not adequately compensate all of the victims; and

Whereas, because contributions to the trust fund are capped at \$27.5 million per company per year, several Fortune 500 companies stand to save billions of dollars under the bill and many companies will be liable for only 10 to 20 cents of every dollar that they would have owed if the cases went to court; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. This House opposes the "Fairness in Asbestos Injury Resolution Act of 2005," currently pending in the United States Senate as Senate Bill 852.

2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, shall be transmitted to the President and Vice-President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the majority and minority leaders of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Congress of the United States elected from this State.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2008" (Rept. No. 110-87).

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1099. A bill to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to make individuals employed by the Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission eligible to obtain Federal health insurance.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 1647. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the windfall elimination provision and protect the retirement of public servants; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 1648. A bill for the relief of Guy Vang, Genevieve Chong Fong, Caroline Vang, and Meline "Melanie" Vang; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1649. A bill to provide for 2 programs to authorize the use of leave by caregivers for family members of certain individuals performing military service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. WEBB):

S. 1650. A bill to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1651. A bill to assist certain Iraqis who have worked directly with, or are threatened by their association with, the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. DOLE (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1652. A bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to trade adjustment assistance for textile and apparel workers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 1653. A bill to implement the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 1654. A bill to prohibit the sale or provision of caller ID spoofing services; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. BYRD):

S. 1655. A bill to establish improved mandatory standards to protect miners during emergencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1656. A bill to authorize loans for renewable energy systems and energy efficiency projects under the Express Loan Program of the Small Business Administration; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1657. A bill to establish a small business energy efficiency program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. GREGG:

S. 1658. A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide protection for child custody arrangements for parents who are members of the Armed Forces deployed in support of a contingency operation; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. GREGG:

S. 1659. A bill to limit the simultaneous deployment to combat zones of dual-military couples who have minor dependents; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. GREGG:

S. 1660. A bill to require studies on support services for families of members of the National Guard and Reserve who are undergoing deployment; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 1661. A bill to communicate United States travel policies and improve marketing and other activities designed to increase travel in the United States from abroad; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1662. A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to reauthorize the venture capital program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1663. A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to reauthorize the New Markets Venture Capital Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. DEMINT, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. VITTER):

S. Res. 239. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Administration should rigorously enforce the laws of the United States to substantially reduce illegal immigration and greatly improve border security; to the Committee on the Judiciary

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 38

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 38, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a program for the provision of readjustment and mental health services to veterans who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.

S. 147

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 147, a bill to empower women in Afghanistan, and for other purposes.

S. 456

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 456, a bill to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance

criminal penalties for violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, and for other purposes.

S. 507

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 507, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for reimbursement of certified midwife services and to provide for more equitable reimbursement rates for certified nurse-midwife services.

S. 535

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 535, a bill to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and an Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Investigative Office in the Civil Rights Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and for other purposes.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 594

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 594, a bill to limit the use, sale, and transfer of cluster munitions.

S. 622

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 622, a bill to enhance fair and open competition in the production and sale of agricultural commodities.

S. 651

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 651, a bill to help promote the national recommendation of physical activity to kids, families, and communities across the United States.

S. 773

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, *supra*.

S. 807

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was

added as a cosponsor of S. 807, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 to provide that manure shall not be considered to be a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

S. 871

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 871, a bill to establish and provide for the treatment of Individual Development Accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

S. 932

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 932, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize physical therapists to evaluate and treat Medicare beneficiaries without a requirement for a physician referral, and for other purposes.

S. 941

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 941, a bill to increase Federal support for Community Health Centers and the National Health Service Corps in order to ensure access to health care for millions of Americans living in medically-underserved areas.

S. 946

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 946, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to reauthorize the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program, and for other purposes.

S. 961

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 991

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 991, a bill to establish the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation under the authorities of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 999, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

S. 1042

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1042, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly.

S. 1146

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1146, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans who live in rural areas, and for other purposes.

S. 1149

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1149, a bill to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act to authorize the interstate distribution of State-inspected meat and poultry if the Secretary of Agriculture determines that the State inspection requirements are at least equal to Federal inspection requirements and to require the Secretary to reimburse State agencies for part of the costs of the inspections.

S. 1172

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1172, a bill to reduce hunger in the United States.

S. 1183

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1183, a bill to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1224

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1224, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1295

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1295, a bill to amend the African Development Foundation Act to change the name of the Foundation, modify the administrative authorities of the Foundation, and for other purposes.

S. 1310

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1310, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of increased payments for ground ambulance services under the Medicare program.

S. 1323

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1323, a bill to prevent legislative and regulatory functions from being usurped by civil liability actions brought or continued against food manufacturers, marketers, distributors, advertisers, sellers, and trade associations for claims of injury relating to a person's weight gain, obesity, or any health condition associated with weight gain or obesity.

S. 1337

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1337, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to provide for equal coverage of mental health services under the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1406

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to strengthen polar bear conservation efforts, and for other purposes.

S. 1415

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1415, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Social Security Act to improve screening and treatment of cancers, provide for survivorship services, and for other purposes.

S. 1428

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1428, a bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to assure access to durable medical equipment under the Medicare program.

S. 1457

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1457, a bill to

provide for the protection of mail delivery on certain postal routes, and for other purposes.

S. 1460

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1460, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Development Act of 2002 to support beginning farmers and ranchers, and for other purposes.

S. 1469

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1469, a bill to require the closure of the Department of Defense detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes.

S. 1529

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1529, a bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to end benefit erosion, support working families with child care expenses, encourage retirement and education savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1571

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1571, a bill to reform the essential air service program, and for other purposes.

S. 1572

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1572, a bill to increase the number of well-trained mental health service professionals (including those based in schools) providing clinical mental health care to children and adolescents, and for other purposes.

S. 1592

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1592, a bill to reauthorize the Underground Railroad Educational and Cultural Program.

S. 1593

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] were added as cosponsors of S. 1593, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief and protections to military personnel, and for other purposes.

S. 1603

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1603, a bill to authorize Congress to award a gold medal to

Jerry Lewis, in recognition of his outstanding service to the Nation.

S. 1605

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1605, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect and preserve access of Medicare beneficiaries in rural areas to health care providers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1606

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND] were added as cosponsors of S. 1606, a bill to provide for the establishment of a comprehensive policy on the care and management of wounded warriors in order to facilitate and enhance their care, rehabilitation, physical evaluation, transition from care by the Department of Defense to care by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and transition from military service to civilian life, and for other purposes.

S. 1616

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1616, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to promote and assure the quality of biodiesel fuel, and for other purposes.

S. 1618

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1618, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for the production of a cellulosic biofuel.

S. 1621

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1621, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain farming business machinery and equipment as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 1638

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1638, a bill to adjust the salaries of Federal justices and judges, and for other purposes.

S. 1642

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1642, a bill to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 1, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of

Congress that an artistic tribute to commemorate the speech given by President Ronald Reagan at the Brandenburg Gate on June 12, 1987, should be placed within the United States Capitol.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 22

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 22, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster General that a commemorative postage stamp be issued to promote public awareness of Down syndrome.

SENATE RESOLUTION 171

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 171, a resolution memorializing fallen firefighters by lowering the United States flag to half-staff on the day of the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

SENATE RESOLUTION 215

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 215, a resolution designating September 25, 2007, as "National First Responder Appreciation Day".

SENATE RESOLUTION 224

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 224, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

SENATE RESOLUTION 231

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 231, a resolution recognizing the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day and expressing the sense of the Senate that history should be regarded as a means for understanding the past and solving the challenges of the future.

SENATE RESOLUTION 236

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 236, a resolution supporting the goals

and ideals of the National Anthem Project, which has worked to restore America's voice by re-teaching Americans to sing the national anthem.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to consider the nomination of the honorable Preston M. Geren, to be Secretary of the Army.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to consider an original bill entitled the "Energy Advancement and Investment Act of 2007."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at 10 a.m. to hold a nomination hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in order to conduct a hearing entitled: "The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the Federal Government: A Model Public-Private Partnership Accelerating Research Toward a Cure."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 19, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold an open hearing.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:33 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Brandon, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the act (S. 1532) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 127 East Locust

Street in Fairbury, Illinois, as the "Dr. Francis Townsend Post Office Building".

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

H.R. 885. An act to support the establishment of an international regime for the assured supply of nuclear fuel for peaceful means and to authorize voluntary contributions to the International Atomic Energy Agency to support the establishment of an international nuclear fuel bank.

H.R. 2127. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located 408 West 6th Street in Chelsea, Oklahoma, as the "Clem Rogers McSpadden Post Office Building".

H.R. 2366. An act to reauthorize the veterans entrepreneurial development programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2397. An act to reauthorize the women's entrepreneurial development programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2563. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 309 East Linn Street in Marshalltown, Iowa, as the "Major Scott Nisely Post Office".

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 80. Concurrent resolution calling on the Government of Uganda and the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) to recommit to a political solution to the conflict in northern Uganda by engaging in good-faith negotiations, and urging immediate and substantial support for the ongoing peace process from the United States and the international community.

H. Con. Res. 148. Concurrent resolution recognizing the significance of National Caribbean-American Heritage Month.

H. Con. Res. 151. Concurrent resolution noting the disturbing pattern of killings of numerous independent journalists in Russia since 2000, and urging Russian President Vladimir Putin to authorize cooperation with outside investigators in solving those murders.

H. Con. Res. 155. Concurrent resolution recognizing the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day, and expressing the sense of Congress that history should be regarded as a means for understanding the past and more effectively facing the challenges of the future.

The message also announced that pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 431 note, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission: Mr. MOORE of Kansas; Mr. BOSWELL of Iowa;

Mr. THORNBERRY of Texas; and Mr. MORAN of Kansas.

At 6:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Brandon, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 57. An act to repeal certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands.

H.R. 692. An act to amend title 4, United States Code, to authorize the Governor of a State, territory, or possession of the United States to order that the National Flag be flown at half-staff in that State, territory, or possession in the event of the death of a member of the Armed Forces from that State, territory, or possession who dies while serving on active duty.

HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS REFERRED

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

H.R. 885. An act to support the establishment of an international regime for the assured supply of nuclear fuel for peaceful means and to authorize voluntary contributions to the International Atomic Energy Agency to support the establishment of an international nuclear fuel bank; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 2127. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 408 West 6th Street in Chelsea, Oklahoma, as the "Clem Rogers McSpadden Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2397. An act to reauthorize the women's entrepreneurial development programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 2563. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 309 East Linn Street in Marshalltown, Iowa, as the "Major Scott Nisely Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 80. Calling on the Government of Uganda and the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) to recommit to a political solution to the conflict in northern Uganda by engaging in good-faith negotiations, and urging immediate and substantial support for the ongoing peace process from the United States and the international community; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H. Con. Res. 148. Concurrent resolution recognizing the significance of National

Caribbean-American Heritage Month; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H. Con. Res. 151. Noting the disturbing pattern of killings of numerous independent journalists in Russia since 2000, and urging Russian President Vladimir Putin to authorize cooperation with outside investigators in solving those murders; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following concurrent resolution was read, and placed on the calendar:

H. Con. Res. 155. Concurrent resolution recognizing the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day, and expressing the sense of Congress that history should be regarded as a means for understanding the past and more effectively facing the challenges of the future.

ORDER CHANGING RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the order that the Senate recess at 12:30 p.m. on today be modified; that the Senate instead recess at 1 p.m. on today; that the time until then be equally divided and controlled; and that all other provisions of the order of yesterday remain in effect.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1639) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. SPECTER), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

RECOGNIZING THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 231) recognizing the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day and expressing

the sense of the Senate that history should be regarded as a means for understanding the past and solving the challenges of the future.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CLEAN ENERGY ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 6) to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1614, proposed by Mr. BINGAMAN for Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. BYRD, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. LANDRIEU and Mr. WEBB), to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That, at 2:15 p.m., there be 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for concurrent debate on amendments numbered 1614 and 1628; and that all other provisions of the order of yesterday remain in effect.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1614 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

RECESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:42 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

CLEAN ENERGY ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 6.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1614 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BUNNING,

Ordered, That Mr. HATCH be added as cosponsor of amendment No. 1628.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1614 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1628, proposed by Mr. BUNNING (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. MARTINEZ), to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DOMENICI,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 39, nays... 55

[Rollcall Vote No. 213 Leg.]

YEAS --- 39

Allard, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Specter, Stevens, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 55

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Collins, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Gregg, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Stabenow, Sununu, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1614 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Ms. LANDRIEU,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 33, nays... 61

[Rollcall Vote No. 214 Leg.]

YEAS --- 33

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Brown, Byrd, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Inouye, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Murkowski, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Stabenow, Tester, Webb.

NAYS --- 61

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Biden, Bond, Boxer, Bunning, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Chambliss, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Kyl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Lott, Martinez, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Reed, Roberts, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1519, proposed by Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. COBURN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SANDERS, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR), to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1609, proposed by Mr. DOMENICI (for Mr. THUNE), to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. DOMENICI to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1610, proposed by Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DODD, Mr. KERRY, Mr. REED, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN), to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. CARDIN, by unanimous consent, modified his amendment No. 1520.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1610 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1519 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 70, nays... 23

[Rollcall Vote No. 215 Leg.]

YEAS --- 70

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Craig, Crapo, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Thune, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 23

Allard, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Burr, Cochran, Cornyn, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Enzi, Gregg, Hagel, Inhofe, Kyl, Landrieu, Lott, Lugar, Murkowski, Roberts, Sununu, Vitter, Warner.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1610 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. CARDIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 37, nays... 56

[Rollcall Vote No. 216 Leg.]

YEAS --- 37

Akaka, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Collins, Conrad, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Reed, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Stabenow, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 56

Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1615 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. BAUCUS asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside.

Mr. ENZI objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1615 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. SALAZAR, and Ms. SNOWE) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1704).

Pending debate,

GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK
EXTENSION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 277) to modify the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park to include certain land within the GT Park Subdivision, and for other purposes.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. ENZI to amend the bill, by striking section 4, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1709).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That the amendment be agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

CLEAN ENERGY ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 6.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1704 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending amendment No. 1704, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1704 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute) to bill H.R. 6:

MAX BAUCUS, JAY ROCKEFELLER, KENT CONRAD, JEFF BINGAMAN, JOHN F. KERRY, BLANCHE L. LINCOLN, CHARLES E. SCHUMER, AMY KLOBUCHAR, BYRON L. DORGAN, RON WYDEN, MARIA CANTWELL, KEN SALAZAR, DANIEL K. AKAKA, DANIEL K. INOUE, SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, SHERROD BROWN, HARRY REID.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute) to bill H.R. 6:

JEFF BINGAMAN, BARBARA BOXER, PATTY MURRAY, JOHN F. KERRY, ROBERT MENENDEZ, KENT CONRAD, PATRICK J. LEAHY, RUSSELL D. FEINGOLD, JACK REED, CHRISTOPHER J. DODD, KEN SALAZAR, JOE BIDEN, FRANK R. LAUTENBERG, DANIEL K. INOUE, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, JAY ROCKEFELLER, BYRON L. DORGAN.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill H.R. 6, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 6:

JEFF BINGAMAN, BARBARA BOXER, PATTY MURRAY, JOHN F. KERRY, ROBERT MENENDEZ, KENT CONRAD, PATRICK J. LEAHY, RUSSELL D. FEINGOLD, JACK REED, CHRISTOPHER J. DODD, KEN SALAZAR, JOE BIDEN, FRANK R. LAUTENBERG, DANIEL K. INOUE, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, JAY ROCKEFELLER, BYRON L. DORGAN.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1704 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL H.R. 800

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 800) to amend the National Labor Relations Act to establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, to provide for mandatory injunctions for unfair labor practices during organizing efforts, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 800, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 800:

HARRY REID, TED KENNEDY, PATTY MURRAY, BERNARD SANDERS, CHARLES E. SCHUMER, RUSSELL D. FEINGOLD, JACK REED, BARACK OBAMA, CHRISTOPHER J. DODD, BARBARA A. MIKULSKI, PATRICK J. LEAHY, JOHN F. KERRY, ROBERT MENENDEZ, CLAIRE MCCASKILL, DEBBIE STABENOW, FRANK R. LAUTENBERG, JOE BIDEN, HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived; and that the motion be withdrawn.

IMPROVING HEAD START ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 1429) to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, to expand access, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. SCHUMER (for Mr. KENNEDY) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1714, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

Ordered, That the Senate insist on its amendment to the bill, and ask for a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate; that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be appointed as said conferees; and that the foregoing occur without intervening action or debate.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) appointed Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DODD, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GREGG, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BURR, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. COBURN as conferees on the part of the Senate.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then resume consideration of bill H.R. 6; that amendment No. 1546 then be the pending question; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled for debate thereon between Mr. DEMINT and Mr. BINGAMAN, or their designees; that no amendment be in order to the amendment prior to the vote; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment, without further intervening action or debate.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

At 8:18 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge

of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 20, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

CLEAN ENERGY ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 6) to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1546, proposed by Mr. KOHL (for Mr. DEMINT), to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, proposed by Mr. REID, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. BINGAMAN raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates provisions of section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT to waive provisions of section 306 of the

Congressional Budget Act for consideration of amendment No. 1546.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 37, nays... 55

[Rollcall Vote No. 217 Leg.]

YEAS --- 37

Allard, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McConnell, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Sununu, Thune, Vitter.

NAYS --- 55

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Corker, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Gregg, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. BINGAMAN.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1704, proposed by Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. SALAZAR, and Ms. SNOWE), to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That there be 40 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Mr. GREGG and Mr. GRASSLEY, on an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. GREGG; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to said amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1704 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. KYL, Mr. ENSIGN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. MARTINEZ) to amend the pending amendment by striking section 831, and inserting in lieu

thereof other words (being amendment No. 1718).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. GREGG,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1718 to amendment No. 1704 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. GRASSLEY raised a point of order, viz, that the emergency designation in the pending amendment violates provisions of section 201 of S. Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress), and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. GREGG, under section 904(c) of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. GREGG,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 36, nays... 56

[Rollcall Vote No. 218 Leg.]

YEAS --- 36

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Boxer, Bunning, Burr, Cantwell, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Feinstein, Graham, Gregg, Hutchison, Inhofe, Kennedy, Kyl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Lieberman, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, Menendez, Nelson (FL), Reed, Schumer, Shelby, Snowe, Sununu, Warner, Webb.

NAYS --- 56

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Bond, Brown, Byrd, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Conrad, Craig, Crapo, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Inouye, Isakson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Levin, Lincoln, McCaskill, McConnell, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Sessions, Smith, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. GRASSLEY.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1704 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. BINGAMAN, by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was modified, as indicated, and agreed to:

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI), amendment No. 1528; Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI), amendment No. 1529; Mr. MENENDEZ, amendment No. 1533; Ms. CANTWELL, amendment No. 1551, as modified.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1704 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

VETO MESSAGE ON BILL S. 5

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the veto message received from the President of the United States returning, without his approval, the bill (S. 5) to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research, be deemed read; and that said message be held at the desk.

CLEAN ENERGY ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 6.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1704 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that amendment No. 1776 be deemed proposed by him, and laid aside.

Mr. BINGAMAN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1704 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. KYL to amend the pending amendment on page 69, by striking all beginning on line 17 through line 20 (being amendment No. 1800).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That there be 40 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1800 to amendment No. 1704 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That Mr. ALEXANDER and Ms. KLOBUCHAR each be recognized to speak for 10 minutes; that, following said debate, the pending amendments be laid aside; that he be recognized to propose an amendment numbered 1693; that said amendment be laid aside; that Mr. INHOFE be recognized to propose an amendment numbered 1666; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled, for concurrent debate between Mr. INHOFE and Mr. BINGAMAN thereon; that, upon conclusion of said debate, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 1693; that, following the vote, the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 1666; that there be 2 minutes for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; and that no amendments be in order to either amendment prior to the votes.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of amendment No. 1666, the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 1800; that there be 2 minutes for debate thereon; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The pending amendments were laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. REID, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. DODD, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. SANDERS) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 59, after line 21, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 1693).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The pending amendments were laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. PRYOR) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title I, subtitle A, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1666).

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1693 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 58, nays... 34

[Rollcall Vote No. 219 Leg.]

YEAS --- 58

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Gregg, Harkin, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 34

Allard, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1666 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

Mr. DURBIN raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 201 of S. Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress), and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. INHOFE to waive all applicable provisions of the concurrent resolution for consideration of his pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. INHOFE,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 31, nays... 63

[Rollcall Vote No. 220 Leg.]

YEAS --- 31

Alexander, Boxer, Bunning, Burr, Cardin, Carper, Chambliss, Cochran, Collins, Cornyn, DeMint, Dole, Enzi, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Leahy, Lott, Mikulski, Murkowski, Pryor, Reed, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Snowe, Stevens, Sununu, Vitter.

NAYS --- 63

Akaka, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Conrad, Corker, Craig, Crapo, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Smith, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. DURBIN.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. KLOBUCHAR in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1800 to amendment No. 1704 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. KYL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 45, nays... 49

[Rollcall Vote No. 221 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Cantwell, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Domenici, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Graham, Gregg, Harkin, Hatch, Inhofe, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kyl, Lautenberg, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Murkowski, Murray, Obama, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Snowe, Specter, Sununu, Thune, Voinovich, Warner, Webb.

NAYS --- 49

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Cochran, Conrad, Dole, Dorgan, Feinstein, Grassley, Hagel, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Kohl, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Mikulski, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Smith, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Vitter, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1704 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That Mr. KYL be recognized to propose an amendment in the second-degree (subsequently designated number 1733) to amendment No. 1704; that there be a limitation of 2 hours and 10 minutes for concurrent debate on said amendment and the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1704; and that 60 minutes of said time be equally divided and controlled for debate on today between Mr. BAUCUS and Mr. KYL, or their designees.

Ordered further, That 70 minutes of the time for debate on amendment No. 1733 and the cloture motion on amendment No. 1704 be equally divided and controlled for debate between Mr. BAUCUS and Mr. KYL, or their designees, when the Senate resumes consideration of bill H.R. 6 on tomorrow; that half of the time on tomorrow be for debate on the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1704; that the following be recognized from the time of the minority on tomorrow for the times indicated: Mr. KYL, 15 minutes, Mr. DOMENICI, 20 minutes; that, upon conclusion of said debate on tomorrow, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment to be proposed by Mr. KYL; and that, upon disposition of said amendment, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1704.

Ordered further, That no amendment be in order prior to disposition of the amendment to be proposed by Mr. KYL.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1704 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. LOTT, and Mr. MCCONNELL) to further amend the pending amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute) in title VIII, subtitle B, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1733).

Pending debate,

Mr. KYL, by unanimous consent, modified his pending amendment to reflect second-degree status to amendment No. 1704 in lieu of, as submitted, being to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute).

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 1733, as modified, to amendment No. 1704 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

MORNING BUSINESS

The following morning business occurred on today:

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries:

REPORT OF THE VETO OF S. 5, THE STEM CELL RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2007 -- PM 18

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was ordered to be held at the desk:

To the Senate of the United States:

I am returning herewith without my approval S. 5, the “Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007.”

Once again, the Congress has sent me legislation that would compel American taxpayers, for the first time in our history, to support the deliberate destruction of human embryos.

In 2001, I announced a policy to advance stem cell research in a way that is ambitious, ethical, and effective. I became the first President to make Federal funds available for embryonic stem cell research, and my policy did this in ways that would not encourage the destruction of embryos. Since then, my Administration has made more than \$130 million available for research on stem cell lines derived from embryos that had already been destroyed. We have also provided more than \$3 billion for research on all forms of stem cells, including those from adult and other non-embryonic sources.

This careful approach is producing results. It has contributed to proven therapeutic treatments in thousands of patients with many different diseases. And it is opening the prospect of new discoveries that could transform lives. Researchers are now developing promising new techniques that offer the potential to produce pluripotent stem cells, without having to destroy human life—for example, by reprogramming adult cells to make them function like stem cells.

Technical innovation in this difficult area is opening up new possibilities for progress without conflict or ethical controversy. Researchers pursuing these kinds of ethically responsible advances deserve support, and there is legislation in the Congress to give them that support. Bills supporting alternative research methods achieved majority support last year in both the House and the Senate. Earlier this spring another bill supporting alternative research won overwhelming majority support in the Senate, and I call on House leaders to pass similar legislation that would authorize additional funds for ethical stem cell research. We cannot lose the opportunity to conduct research that would give hope to those suffering from terrible diseases and help move our Nation beyond the controversies over embryo destruction. I invite policymakers and scientists to come together to solve medical problems without compromising either the high aims of science or the sanctity of human life.

S. 5, like the bill I vetoed last year, would overturn today’s carefully balanced policy on stem cell research. Compelling American taxpayers to support the deliberate destruction of human embryos would be a grave mistake. I will not allow our Nation to cross this moral line. For that reason, I must veto this bill.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 20, 2007.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 1255. A bill to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 535. A bill to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and an Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Investigative Office in the Civil Rights Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and for other purposes.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 886. A bill to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1664. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Robert M. La Follette, Sr., in recognition of his important contributions to the Progressive movement, the State of Wisconsin, and the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1665. A bill to authorize the President to posthumously award a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Robert M. La Follette, Sr., in recognition of his important contributions to the Progressive movement, the State of Wisconsin, and the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1666. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to improve the process for congressional consideration of

international social security agreements; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. COBURN):

S. 1667. A bill to establish a pilot program for the expedited disposal of Federal real property; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1668. A bill to assist in providing affordable housing to those affected by the 2005 hurricanes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1669. A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to ensure payment under Medicaid and the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) for covered items and services furnished by school-based health clinics; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 1670. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the management of medical care for members of the Armed Forces, to improve the speed and efficiency of the physical disability evaluation system of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1671. A bill to reauthorize and improve the entrepreneurial development programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. CONRAD):

S. Res. 240. A resolution designating October 21 through October 27, 2007, as “National Save for Retirement Week”; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. Res. 241. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should reaffirm the commitments of the United States to the 2001 Doha Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health and to pursuing trade policies that promote access to affordable medicines; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. STEVENS, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms.

STABENOW, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. BAYH, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. SMITH, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Res. 242. A resolution celebrating the accomplishments of title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, also known as the Patsy Takemoto Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act, and recognizing the need to continue pursuing the goal of educational opportunities for women and girls; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. DOLE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BURR, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. KERRY, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. Res. 243. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Clean Beaches Week and the considerable value of beaches and their role in American culture; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. SUNUNU, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. Res. 244. A resolution designating June 2007 as National Safety Month; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. Res. 245. A resolution congratulating the University of Arizona Wildcats for winning the 2007 NCAA Division I Softball Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. Res. 246. A resolution congratulating the San Antonio Spurs for winning the National Basketball Association Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. Res. 247. A resolution commending the University of Washington Men's Crew, the 2007 Intercollegiate Rowing Association Champions; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. Con. Res. 39. A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a world day of remembrance for road crash victims; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 38

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 38, a bill to

require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a program for the provision of readjustment and mental health services to veterans who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.

S. 211

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services, volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 305

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 305, a bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to make it unlawful for a packer to own, feed, or control livestock intended for slaughter.

S. 358

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 358, a bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment.

S. 456

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 456, a bill to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, and for other purposes.

S. 661

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 661, a bill to establish kinship navigator programs, to establish guardianship assistance payments for children, and for other purposes.

S. 691

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the benefits under the Medicare program for beneficiaries with kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 777

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 777, a bill to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] was

added as a cosponsor of S. 805, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa in the effort to achieve internationally recognized goals in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other major diseases and the reduction of maternal and child mortality by improving human health care capacity and improving retention of medical health professionals in sub-Saharan Africa, and for other purposes.

S. 824

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 824, a bill to amend Public Law 106-348 to extend the authorization for establishing a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 831

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] were added as cosponsors of S. 831, a bill to authorize States and local governments to prohibit the investment of State assets in any company that has a qualifying business relationship with Sudan.

S. 849

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 849, a bill to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

S. 935

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 935, a bill to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 991

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was

added as a cosponsor of S. 991, a bill to establish the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation under the authorities of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961.

S. 1070

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1070, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to enhance the social security of the Nation by ensuring adequate public-private infrastructure and to resolve to prevent, detect, treat, intervene in, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes.

S. 1137

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1137, a bill to authorize grants to carry out projects to provide education on preventing teen pregnancies, and for other purposes.

S. 1154

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1154, a bill to promote biogas production, and for other purposes.

S. 1223

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1223, a bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to support efforts by local or regional television or radio broadcasters to provide essential public information programming in the event of a major disaster, and for other purposes.

S. 1310

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1310, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of increased payments for ground ambulance services under the Medicare program.

S. 1323

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1323, a bill to prevent legislative and regulatory functions from being usurped by civil liability actions brought or continued against food manufacturers, marketers, distributors, advertisers, sellers, and trade associations for claims of injury relating to a person's weight gain, obesity, or any health condition associated with weight gain or obesity.

S. 1337

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1337, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to provide for equal coverage of mental health

services under the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

S. 1356

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1356, a bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to establish industrial bank holding company regulation, and for other purposes.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1415

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1415, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Social Security Act to improve screening and treatment of cancers, provide for survivorship services, and for other purposes.

S. 1428

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1428, a bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to assure access to durable medical equipment under the Medicare program.

S. 1457

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1457, a bill to provide for the protection of mail delivery on certain postal routes, and for other purposes.

S. 1492

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1492, a bill to improve the quality of federal and state data regarding the availability and quality of broadband services and to promote the deployment of affordable broadband services to all parts of the Nation.

S. 1496

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1496, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to include pollinators in certain conservation programs.

S. 1514

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1514, a bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

S. 1553

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1553, a bill to provide additional assistance to combat HIV/AIDS among young people, and for other purposes.

S. 1557

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1557, a bill to amend part B of title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve 21st Century Community Learning Centers.

S. 1571

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1571, a bill to reform the essential air service program, and for other purposes.

S. 1588

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1588, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage for treatment of a minor child's congenital or developmental deformity or disorder due to trauma, infection, tumor, or disease.

S. 1593

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON] was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 1593, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief and protections to military personnel, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1593, *supra*.

S. 1603

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1603, a bill to authorize Congress to award a gold medal to Jerry Lewis, in recognition of his outstanding service to the Nation.

S. 1605

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1605, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect and preserve access of Medicare beneficiaries in rural areas to health care providers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 132

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 132, a resolution recognizing the Civil Air Patrol for 65 years of service to the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 203

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 203, a resolution calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to use its unique influence and economic leverage to stop genocide and violence in Darfur, Sudan.

SENATE RESOLUTION 215

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 215, a resolution designating September 25, 2007, as "National First Responder Appreciation Day".

SENATE RESOLUTION 224

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 224, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

SENATE RESOLUTION 236

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 236, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of the National Anthem Project, which has worked to restore America's voice by re-teaching Americans to sing the national anthem.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BINGAMAN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 20, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 20, 2007, at 10 a.m. to hold a nomination hearing.

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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 20, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in SD-628.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing entitled "Rising Violent Crime in the Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina" on Wednesday, June 20, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building room 226.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 20, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 20, 2007, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing in relation to S. 1285, the "Fair Elections Now Act." Topics covered will be: reforming the finance of Senate elections and the high cost of broadcasting campaign advertisements.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 20, 2007, at 2 p.m. to conduct a hearing on "Reauthorization of the Hope VI Program."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SUPERFUND AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The Subcommittee on Superfund and Environmental Health be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 20, 2007 at 10 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building for a hearing entitled, "EPA's Response to 9-11 and Lessons Learned for Future Emergency Preparedness."

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that on today, June 20, 2007, he had signed the following enrolled bills, which were previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 57. An act to repeal certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands.

H.R. 692. An act to amend title 4, United States Code, to authorize the Governor of a State, territory, or possession of the United States to order that the National flag be flown at half-staff in that State, territory, or possession in the event of the death of a member of the Armed Forces from that State,

territory, or possession who dies while serving on active duty.

APPOINTMENT BY THE CHAIR PRESIDENT'S EXPORT COUNCIL

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SALAZAR in the chair) announced that, pursuant to Executive Order 12141, as amended, he had appointed Mr. CORNYN to the President's Export Council.

CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF TITLE IX OF THE EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1972

On the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 242) celebrating the accomplishments of title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, also known as the Patsy Takemoto Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act, and recognizing the need to continue pursuing the goal of educational opportunities for women and girls, submitted today by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. STEVENS, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. BAYH, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. SMITH, and Mrs. BOXER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL CLEAN BEACHES WEEK

On the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 243) supporting the goals and ideals of National Clean Beaches Week and the considerable value of beaches and their role in American culture, submitted today by Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. DOLE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BURR, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. KERRY, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, and Ms. CANTWELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH

On the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 244) designating June 2007 as National Safety Month, submitted today by Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. SUNUNU, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. ISAKSON), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA WILDCATS

On the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 245) congratulating the University of Arizona Wildcats for winning the 2007 NCAA Division I Softball Championship, submitted today by Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE SAN ANTONIO SPURS

On the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 246) congratulating the San Antonio Spurs for winning the National Basketball Association Championship, submitted today by Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. CORNYN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE IDEALS AND VALUES OF THE OLYMPIC MOVEMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 185) supporting the ideals and values of the Olympic Movement.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON MEN'S CREW

On the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 247) commending the University of Washington Men's Crew, the 2007 Intercollegiate Rowing Association Champions, submitted today by Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS EN BLOC

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

Ordered, That, the Senate proceed to consider the following resolutions on the Senate calendar, en bloc; that the resolutions be agreed to; that the preambles be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be agreed to, en bloc:

S. Res. 132. A resolution recognizing the Civil Air Patrol for 65 years of service to the United States;

H. Con. Res. 76. A concurrent resolution honoring the 50th Anniversary of the International Geophysical Year (IGY) and its past contributions to space research, and looking forward to future accomplishments;

S. Res. 82. A resolution designating August 16, 2007 as "National Airborne Day";

S. Res. 173. A resolution designating August 11, 2007, as "National Marina Day";

S. Res. 105. A resolution designating September 2007 as "Campus Fire Safety Month";

S. Res. 215. A resolution designating September 25, 2007, as "National First Responder Appreciation Day".

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2366) to reauthorize the veterans entrepreneurial development programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first time.

Ms. KLOBUCHAR asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Ms. KLOBUCHAR objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1639

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1639) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1639:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider the bill S. 1639:

TED KENNEDY, RUSSELL D. FEINGOLD, DANIEL K. INOUE, TOM CARPER, SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, PATRICK J. LEAHY, RICHARD DURBIN, BYRON L. DORGAN, BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, KEN SALAZAR, FRANK R. LAUTENBERG, JOSEPH I. LIEBERMAN, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, JOHN F. KERRY, CHARLES E. SCHUMER, E. BENJAMIN NELSON, BARBARA MIKULSKI.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived; and that the motion be withdrawn.
Pending debate,

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then resume consideration of bill H.R. 6, as pursuant to the order of today; and that it be in order to "file" germane second-degree amendments to amendment No. 1704 until 11 a.m. on tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

At 8:44 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2007

Mr. BARACK OBAMA, from the State of Illinois, called the Senate to order at 10:30 a.m., the Reverend Linda Arey, of New Harvest Worship Center, Waynesboro, Virginia, offered a prayer, and Mr. OBAMA led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, June 21, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BARACK OBAMA, a Senator from the State of Illinois, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

Mr. OBAMA took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

CLEAN ENERGY ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 6) to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1733, as modified, proposed by Mr. KYL, to amendment No. 1704, proposed by Mr. BAUCUS, to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. BAUCUS raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment, as modified, violates provisions of section 201 of S. Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress), and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. KYL to waive provisions of S. Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress) for consideration of the pending amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. KYL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 38, nays... 55

[Rollcall Vote No. 222 Leg.]

YEAS --- 38

Alexander, Allard, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Shelby, Smith, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

NAYS --- 55

Akaka, Baucus, Biden, Bingaman, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Gregg, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Stabenow, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. GREGG.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TESTER in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment, as modified, not in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1704 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1704.

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, June 19, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 57, nays... 36

[Rollcall Vote No. 223 Leg.]

YEAS --- 57

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Crapo, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 36

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Landrieu, Lott, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Reid, Shelby, Stevens, Sununu, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. REID, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the foregoing vote disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1704.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 1704 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. REID noted that Mr. BYRD had just cast his 18,000th vote.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, Senators be authorized to submit second-degree amendments until 2 p.m.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute) to bill H.R. 6.

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, June 19, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 61, nays... 32

[Rollcall Vote No. 224 Leg.]

YEAS --- 61

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Gregg, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Martinez, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 32

Alexander, Allard, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Cochran, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Landrieu, Levin, Lott, McCaskill, McConnell, Pryor, Roberts, Shelby, Stabenow, Vitter, Voinovich.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators, duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1704 to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That it be in order to raise a point of order against the pending amendments, en bloc.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

Mr. REID raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendments numbered 1704, 1615, 1520, 1557, 1573, and 1537 are non-germane, and that amendment No. 1608 is improperly drafted, and therefore are not in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the amendments not in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, at 11 p.m., amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, be agreed to; that bill H.R. 6, as amended, be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to close debate on bill H.R. 6; and that, if said motion is agreed to, the Senate vote on passage of bill H.R. 6, as amended, with no intervening action or debate.

Ordered further, That, at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 26, 2007, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 800; that, if said motion is agreed to, the motion to proceed to consider said bill be agreed to; that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1639; that, if said motion is agreed to, the motion to proceed to consider said bill be agreed to; and that, if the motion to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1639 is agreed to, and upon conclusion of debate pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, there be 20 minutes for only debate, equally divided and controlled, on a motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act in answer to a point of order, under the Congressional Budget Act, to be raised against the bill by Mr. SESSIONS, or his designee.

Ordered further, That, on Wednesday next, if the Senate is considering bill S. 1639, Mr. SESSIONS be recognized, for debate only, for 2 hours.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CARPER, Mr. LOTT, Mr. KERRY, Mr. CORKER, Mr. INOUE, Mrs. DOLE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. BILL NELSON) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 239, by

striking all beginning on line 16 through line 5 on page 277, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 1792).

Mr. STEVENS, by unanimous consent, modified his pending amendment by incorporation as a modification thereof the amendment No. 1893 thereto.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. BINGAMAN, by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was modified, as indicated, and agreed to: Mr. BINGAMAN, amendment No. 1639; Mr. BINGAMAN, amendment No. 1677; Mr. BINGAMAN, amendment No. 1798; Ms. CANTWELL, amendment No. 1698; Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI), amendment No. 1568, as modified; Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN), amendment No. 1569; Mr. INOUE (for himself and Mr. DORGAN), amendment No. 1597, as modified; Mrs. DOLE (for herself and Mr. CARPER), amendment No. 1624; Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SMITH, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. WYDEN), amendment No. 1764, as modified; Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BENNETT, and Mr. KERRY), amendment No. 1799; Mr. INHOFE, amendment No. 1602; Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON), amendment No. 1660; Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. STEVENS), amendment No. 1513, as modified; Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. INHOFE), amendment No. 1683; Mr. BINGAMAN, amendment No. 1729, as modified; Mr. MENENDEZ, amendment No. 1675; Mr. BURR, amendment No. 1687, as modified; Mr. BURR, amendment No. 1688; Mr. BURR, amendment No. 1689; Mr. SANDERS, amendment No. 1525, as modified; Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI), amendment No. 1567, as modified; Mr. CARPER, amendment No. 1717; Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. MENENDEZ), amendment No. 1710; Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. SALAZAR), amendment No. 1759, as modified; Ms. CANTWELL, amendment No. 1797, as modified; Mr. KOHL, amendment No. 1595, as modified; Mr. BROWN, amendment No. 1676, as modified; Mrs. HUTCHISON (for himself and Mr. CORNYN), amendment No. 1679, as modified; Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. SNOWE, and Mrs. MURRAY), amendment No. 1615, as modified; Mr. CARDIN, amendment No. 1520, as modified; Ms. COLLINS, amendment No. 1700, as modified; Mr. ENZI, amendment No. 1724;

Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. KERRY), amendment No. 1702; Mr. KERRY (for himself and Ms. SNOWE), amendment No. 1706, as modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment No. 1502 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TESTER in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, to bring to a close debate on the bill H.R. 6.

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, June 19, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 62, nays... 32

[Rollcall Vote No. 225 Leg.]

YEAS --- 62

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Biden, Bingaman, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Craig, Crapo, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 32

Allard, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Cochran, Cornyn, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Enzi, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Landrieu, Levin, Lott, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Pryor, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Stabenow, Vitter, Voinovich.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators, duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On the question, Shall the bill, as amended, pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 65, nays... 27

[Rollcall Vote No. 226 Leg.]

YEAS --- 65

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Craig, Crapo, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Gregg, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 27

Allard, Bennett, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Cochran, Cornyn, DeMint, Dole, Enzi, Graham, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Landrieu, Levin, Lott, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Roberts, Stabenow, Vitter, Voinovich.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

On motion by Ms. KLOBUCHAR to reconsider the vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2316. A communication from the Publications Control Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Law Enforcement Reporting" (RIN0702-AA56) received on June 18, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2317. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Share Insurance Appeals; Clarification of Enforcement Authority of the NCUA Board" (12 CFR Parts 745 and 747) received on June 20, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2318. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer of the

Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2006 Annual Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2319. A communication from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, legislative proposals relative to the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958 and the NASA Transition Act of 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2320. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Progress of the Federal Government in Meeting the Renewable Energy Goals of the Energy Policy Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2321. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, the report of draft legislation entitled "Cooperative Conservation Enhancement Act"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2322. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina: Charlotte, Raleigh-Durham, and Winston-Salem Areas Second 10-Year Maintenance Plan for the Carbon Monoxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard; Clarification" (FRL No. 8328-6) received on June 19, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2323. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Imidacloprid; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8135-5) received on June 19, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2324. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lactofen; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8132-9) received on June 19, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2325. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Thiamethoxam; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8133-6) received on June 19, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2326. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Area Sources: Acrylic and Modacrylic Fibers Production, Carbon Black Production, Chemical Manufacturing: Chromium Compounds, Flexible Polyurethane Foam Production and Fabrication, Lead Acid Battery Manufacturing, and Wood Preserving" ((RIN2060-AN44)(FRL No. 8330-1)) received on June 19, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2327. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, the report of draft legislation entitled "Conservation Grant User Equity Act"; to the Committee on Finance

EC-2328. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Deemed IRAs in Governmental Plans/Qualified Nonbank Trustee Rules" ((RIN1545-BG46)(TD 9331)) received on June 19, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2329. A communication from the Associate Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Burmese Sanctions Regulations" (31 CFR Part 537) received on June 18, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2330. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a certification regarding the proposed transfer of major defense equipment, including 15 F-5 A/B aircraft spare parts, valued at \$14,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2331. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms sold commercially under contract in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more to Colombia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2332. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of Gunner's Thermal Systems for Norway; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2333. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for

the transfer of defense articles, technical data, and defense services for the LITENING Advanced Targeting Pods in support of the Australian F/A-18 Program; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2334. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles and services in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more for the manufacture of selected components, and the assembly of the Korean Electro-Optical Tracing System for use by the Republic of Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2335. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Presidential Determination that suspends certain limitations contained in the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2336. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report summarizing the Department's activities during fiscal year 2006 under the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative and the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2337. A communication from the Chairman, Labor Member, and Management Member of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the actuarial status of the railroad retirement system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2338. A communication from the Chairman, Labor Member, and Management Member of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's 2007 Annual Report on the financial status of the railroad unemployment insurance system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-138. A joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado concerning the 2007 Farm Bill, and, in connection therewith, continuing support for the federal food stamp program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 07

Whereas, the provisions of the federal "Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002" (Farm Bill) that govern national food

assistance programs are set to expire this year; and

Whereas, the Food Stamp Program (Program), our nation's first defense against hunger and a major component of the Farm Bill, bolsters the efforts of the national emergency food assistance system; and

Whereas, the Program is efficiently targeted to reach the urgent needs of people who have the most difficulty purchasing adequate food; and

Whereas, over 95% of benefits from the Program go to households with incomes below the poverty level, 80% of which benefits go to families with children, and nearly all of the remaining beneficiaries are elderly or disabled; and

Whereas, the error rates for overpayment and underpayment to beneficiaries under the Program have steadily declined for the last six years and are now at an all-time low; and

Whereas, the federal government fed some 26 million low-income people at a cost of \$31 billion, nearly double the federal expenditure for welfare cash assistance programs; and

Whereas, \$323 million in federal food stamp funds are currently received by Colorado, yet, if an additional 185,000 eligible individuals participated in the Program, as much as an additional \$158 million from federal funds would flow into the state; and

Whereas, the United States Department of Agriculture estimates that, for every \$5.00 in food stamp benefits, an additional \$9.20 is generated in local economic activity; and

Whereas, the Program pays dividends for low-income consumers, food producers and manufacturers, grocery retailers, and communities; and

Whereas, as food stamp purchases made with Program benefits flow through grocery checkout lines, farmers' markets, and other outlets, those benefits generate almost double their value in economic activity, especially for many hard-pressed rural and urban communities desperately in need of business and job stimulus; and

Whereas, hunger has adverse consequences for all Coloradans, particularly for children and mothers; and

Whereas, too many people in our communities lack the resources to consistently put food on their tables for themselves and their families; and

Whereas, while the Program has substantially decreased malnutrition in our country and helps prevent the problem of hunger from becoming worse in our communities, the Program currently reaches only about one-half of eligible low-income working families; and

Whereas, food stamps outreach and nutrition education programs are useful tools in the fight against hunger, but these efforts

need more resources in order to fully reach their potential; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-sixth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein,

(1) That we, the Colorado General Assembly, support the passage of the 2007 Farm Bill;

(2) That we strongly urge Congress to place top priority on implementing a section of the Farm Bill on nutrition that would renew the provisions of, and improve upon, the Program; and

(3) That we further urge Congress: To improve the adequacy of benefits to help reduce hunger and ensure that everyone in the Program has the resources to assist them in purchasing and preparing a nutritionally adequate diet; to simplify the Program for clients and their caseworkers; and to continue to simplify and streamline the administrative aspects of the Program; and, be it further

Resolved, That copies of this Joint Memorial be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, United States Senator Tom Harkin, United States Representative Collin Peterson, the Colorado Anti-Hunger Network, and to each member of Colorado's Congressional delegation.

POM-139. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging Congress to take action regarding space exploration; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SENATE MEMORIAL 1005

Whereas, the United States is a nation of explorers; and

Whereas, when Christopher Columbus made his voyages across the Atlantic in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries his ships carried the inscription "Following the light of the sun, we left the Old World"; and

Whereas, exploration and discovery have been especially important to the American experience, providing vision, hope and economic stimulus, from New World pioneers and American frontiersmen to the Apollo program; and

Whereas just as Lewis and Clark could not have predicted the settlement of the American west within a hundred years of the start of their famous nineteenth century expedition, the total benefits of a single exploratory undertaking or discovery cannot be predicted in advance; and

Whereas, the desire to explore is part of our character and history has shown that space exploration benefits all humankind through new technologies for everyday application, new jobs across the entire economic enterprise economic contributions through new markets, commercial products, education, inspiration, leadership, increased

security and a legacy for future generations; and

Whereas, Arizona has been a leader in the exploration since the dawn of the space age, accounting for hundreds of millions of dollars in direct contracts in the entire state; and

Whereas, our nation's new vision for space exploration charts a new, "building block" strategy to explore destinations across our solar system with robots and humans, allowing our nation to remain competitive in the new industry of space commerce.

Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, prays:

1. That the Congress of the United States enact and fully fund the proposed vision for space exploration, as submitted to Congress in the fiscal year 2008 budget of the United States government, to enable the United States to remain a leader in the exploration and development of space.

2. That the Secretary of State transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of the Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-140. A joint resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Maine urging Congress to raise the weight limit on Interstate 95; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas, Interstate 95 in the State of Maine, which is part of the Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways and is governed by the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956, is central to Maine's commerce and industry; and

Whereas, the weight limit on the Interstate Highway System is set at 80,000 pounds by the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956 and consequently by Maine statute, yet the State of Maine has a 100,000-pound limit on its secondary roads, which does not match the national limit; and

Whereas, the Federal Government has given the State of Maine an exemption from the 80,000-pound limit for the last 5 miles of the Maine Turnpike and Interstate 95, which allows for a 100,000-pound limit, and this exemption matches the limit for the rest of the State; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to request that the United States Congress allow the State of Maine a 100,000-pound limit on all of the Interstate Highway System in Maine, not only the authorized 5 miles, and that the United States Congress review this request when the Highway Bill comes up for reauthorization; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the

President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

POM-141. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine urging Congress to enact the Social Security Fairness Act of 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas, Social Security is a trust fund that is intended as a compact between generations, yet it has not always been treated in a manner similar to other trust funds; and

Whereas, Maine's educators, transportation workers, police, firefighters and other civil servants, as well as their spouses, have collectively contributed tens of billions of dollars to Social Security and should in good faith receive such benefits as have been projected to them annually in their personalized Social Security statements; and

Whereas, the federal "government pension offset provision" and the federal "windfall elimination provision," enacted, respectively, in 1977 and 1983, have effectively treated state government pensions as if they were a provenance of Social Security, which they are not, and have in this treatment appropriated hundreds of billions of dollars previously entrusted to Social Security by the civil servants of 15 states and by their spouses; and

Whereas, by unfairly taking these hundreds of billions of dollars from just 15 states, including Maine, these twin federal policies have adversely and disproportionately affected Maine's ability to attract and retain effective and qualified workers, as well as Maine's overall economy, its schools, its tax base and its taxpayers and other residents; and

Whereas, the State of Maine has worked hard, over generations, to attract, retain and provide for its state workers in their retirement and has scrupulously guarded and invested the funds entrusted to its retirement system, bringing those reserves to 100 times the value they had just 4 decades ago; and

Whereas, federal legislation has been introduced entitled the Social Security Fairness Act of 2007, proposing to repeal these unfair takings from Maine and from other states; and

Whereas, all Members of the Maine Congressional Delegation are cosponsors of this legislation, along with more than 200 other members of Congress as of mid-February; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the United States Congress enact the Social Security Fairness Act of 2007; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the

United States, the President of the Senate of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States and each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 225. A resolution designating the month of August 2007 as "National Medicine Abuse Awareness Month".

S. Res. 230. A resolution designating the month of July 2007, as "National Teen Safe Driver Month".

S. Res. 235. A resolution designating July 1, 2007, as "National Boating Day".

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1672. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a scholarship program for students seeking a degree or certificate in the areas of visual impairment and orientation and mobility; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 1673. A bill to facilitate the export of United States agricultural products to Cuba as authorized by the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000, to remove impediments to the export to Cuba of medical devices and medicines, to allow travel to Cuba by United States citizens, to establish an agricultural export promotion program with respect to Cuba, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 1674. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to give preference to local communities in the application consideration process for the conservation reserve program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 1675. A bill to implement the recommendations of the Federal Communications Commission report to the Congress regarding low-power FM service;

to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. INOUE):

S. 1676. A bill to extend eligibility for certain Federal benefits to citizens of the Freely Associated States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1677. A bill to amend the Exchange Rates and International Economic Coordination Act of 1988 and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. SMITH, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 1678. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 1679. A bill to provide that the great hall of the Capitol Visitor Center shall be known as Emancipation Hall; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 1680. A bill to provide for the inclusion of certain non-Federal land in the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and the Alaska Peninsula National Wildlife Refuge in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 1681. A bill to provide for a paid family and medical leave insurance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BROWN:

S. Res. 248. A resolution honoring the life and achievements of Dame Lois Browne Evans, Bermuda's first female barrister and Attorney General, and the first female Opposition Leader in the British Commonwealth; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 21

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 21, a bill to expand access to preventive health care

services that help reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce abortions, and improve access to women's health care.

S. 156

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] were added as cosponsors of S. 156, a bill to make the moratorium on Internet access taxes and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce permanent.

S. 335

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 335, a bill to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from using private debt collection companies, and for other purposes.

S. 431

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 431, a bill to require convicted sex offenders to register online identifiers, and for other purposes.

S. 558

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 558, a bill to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 582, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to classify automatic fire sprinkler systems as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] were added as cosponsors of S. 604, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to limit increases in the certain costs of health care services under the health care programs of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 630

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 630, a bill to amend part C of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a minimum payment rate by Medicare Advantage organizations for services furnished by a critical access hospital and a rural health clinic under the Medicare program.

S. 704

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors

of S. 704, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit manipulation of caller identification information.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 813

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 813, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an above-the-line deduction for attorney fees and costs in connection with civil claim awards.

S. 814

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 814, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the deduction of attorney-advanced expenses and court costs in contingency fee cases.

S. 838

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 838, a bill to authorize funding for eligible joint ventures between United States and Israeli businesses and academic persons, to establish the International Energy Advisory Board, and for other purposes.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 911, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 969, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the definition of supervisor.

S. 1026

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1026, a bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia, as the "Charlie Norwood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

S. 1028

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN]

was added as a cosponsor of S. 1028, a bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a strategic refinery reserve, and for other purposes.

S. 1215

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1215, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and improve certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1224

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1224, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit through 2013, and for other purposes.

S. 1282

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1282, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the exclusion from gross income of certain wages of a certified master teacher, and for other purposes.

S. 1295

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1295, a bill to amend the African Development Foundation Act to change the name of the Foundation, modify the administrative authorities of the Foundation, and for other purposes.

S. 1359

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1359, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance public and health professional awareness and understanding of lupus and to strengthen the Nation's research efforts to identify the causes and cure of lupus.

S. 1363

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1363, a bill to improve health care for severely injured members and former members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 1409

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1409, a bill to provide and enhance education, housing, and entrepreneur assistance for veterans who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 1418

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1418, a bill to provide assistance to improve the health of newborns, children, and mothers in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to provide for a statewide early childhood education professional development and career system, and for other purposes.

S. 1457

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1457, a bill to provide for the protection of mail delivery on certain postal routes, and for other purposes.

S. 1469

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1469, a bill to require the closure of the Department of Defense detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes.

S. 1482

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1482, a bill to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct research on indicators of child well-being.

S. 1494

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1494, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the special diabetes programs for Type I diabetes and Indians under that Act.

S. 1514

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1514, a bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

S. 1518

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1518, a bill to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1571

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1571, a bill to reform the essential air service program, and for other purposes.

S. 1588

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1588, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage for treatment of a minor child's congenital or developmental deformity or disorder due to trauma, infection, tumor, or disease.

S. 1592

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1592, a bill to reauthorize the Underground Railroad Educational and Cultural Program.

S. 1606

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1606, a bill to provide for the establishment of a comprehensive policy on the care and management of wounded warriors in order to facilitate and enhance their care, rehabilitation, physical evaluation, transition from care by the Department of Defense to care by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and transition from military service to civilian life, and for other purposes.

S. 1649

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1649, a bill to provide for 2 programs to authorize the use of leave by caregivers for family members of certain individuals performing military service, and for other purposes.

S. 1658

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1658, a bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide protection for child custody arrangements for parents who are members of the Armed Forces deployed in support of a contingency operation.

S. 1661

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1661, a bill to communicate United States travel policies and improve marketing and other activities designed to increase travel in the United States from abroad.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 31

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 31, a concurrent resolution expressing support for advancing vital United States interests through increased engagement in health programs that alleviate disease and reduce

premature death in developing nations, especially through programs that combat high levels of infectious disease improve children's and women's health, decrease malnutrition, reduce unintended pregnancies, fight the spread of HIV/AIDS, encourage healthy behaviors, and strengthen health care capacity.

SENATE RESOLUTION 242

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 242, a resolution celebrating the accomplishments of title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, also known as the Patsy Takemoto Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act, and recognizing the need to continue pursuing the goal of educational opportunities for women and girls.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON STATE, LOCAL, AND PRIVATE SECTOR PREPAREDNESS AND INTEGRATION

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, June 21, 2007, at 2 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 21, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 21, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 21, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 21, 2007, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 21, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 21, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 21, 2007, at 2 p.m. to hold a nomination hearing.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, June 21, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing entitled "Civil Rights Division Oversight" on Thursday, June 21, 2007 at 2 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup hearing on Thursday, June 21, 2007, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Room 226.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a roundtable entitled "SBA Reauthorization: Small Business Venture Capital Programs," on Thursday, June 21, 2007, beginning at 10 a.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 21, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet today, Thursday, June 21, 2007 from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in Russell 325 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 1:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Brandon, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills:

H.R. 923. An act to provide for the investigation of certain unsolved civil rights crimes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2284. An act to amend the Small Business Act to expand and improve the assistance provided by Small Business Development Centers to Indian tribe members, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians.

H.R. 2359. An act to reauthorize programs to assist small business concerns, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent

resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 21. Concurrent resolution calling on the United Nations Security Council to charge Iranian leader Mahmoud Ahmadinejad with violating the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and the United Nations Charter because of his call for the destruction of the State of Israel.

The message further announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355(a), amended by Public Law 108-375, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy: Mr. DEFAZIO of Oregon, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, and Mr. LAMBORN of Colorado.

HOUSE BILL AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

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

H.R. 2284. An act to amend the Small Business Act to expand and improve the assistance provided by Small Business Development Centers to Indian tribe members, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 21. Calling on the United Nations Security Council to charge Iranian leader Mahmoud Ahmadinejad with violating the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and United Nations Charter because of his calls for the destruction of the State of Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from Treaty Document 110-3, received from the President on today.

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED; BILL REFERRED

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

Ordered, That the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1650) to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes; and that it be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TESTER in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2366) to reauthorize the veterans entrepreneurial development programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, and read the first time on yesterday; which was read the second time.

Ms. KLOBUCHAR objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2359) to reauthorize programs to assist small business concerns, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Ms. KLOBUCHAR asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Ms. KLOBUCHAR objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow, that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to period for the transaction of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

At 11:51 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2007

Mr. SHERROD BROWN, from the State of Ohio, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. BROWN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, June 22, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a Senator from the State of Ohio, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. BROWN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

ORDER FOR FURTHER AMENDMENT OF BILL H.R. 6

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the passage of the bill (H.R. 6) to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes, the Senate agree to amendment No. 1867 (to the title) thereto.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2359) to reauthorize programs to assist small business concerns, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for 10 minutes each.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries:

NOTICE OF CONTINUATION OF
NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT
TO THE WESTERN BALKANS -- PM 19

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication stating that the Western Balkans emergency is to continue in effect beyond June 26, 2007. The most recent notice continuing this emergency was published in the *Federal Register* on June 23, 2006, 71 FR 36183.

The crisis constituted by the actions of persons engaged in, or assisting, sponsoring, or supporting (i) extremist violence in the Republic of Macedonia and elsewhere in the Western Balkans region, or (ii) acts obstructing implementation of the Dayton Accords in Bosnia or United Nations Security

Council Resolution 1244 of June 10, 1999, in Kosovo, that led to the declaration of a national emergency on June 26, 2001, in Executive Order 13219 and to amendment of that order in Executive Order 13304 of May 28, 2003, has not been resolved. The acts of extremist violence and obstructionist activity outlined in Executive Order 13219, as amended, are hostile to U.S. interests and pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to the Western Balkans and maintain in force the comprehensive sanctions to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, June 22, 2007.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2339. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Fruit from Thailand" ((RIN0579-AC10)(Docket No. APHIS-2006-0040)) received on June 21, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2340. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pine Shoot Beetle; Addition of Cumberland County, New Jersey, to the List of Quarantined Areas" (Docket No. APHIS-2007-0067) received on June 21, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2341. A communication from the Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Bank Secrecy Act Regulations Regarding Casino Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements" (RIN1506-AA29) received on June 21, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2342. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones (including 6 regulations beginning with CGD01-07-002)" (RIN1625-AA00) received on June 21, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2343. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones (including 6 regulations beginning with CGD01-07-043)" (RIN1625-AA00) received on June 21, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2344. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operations (including 5 regulations beginning with CGD01-07-058)" (RIN1625-AA09) received on June 21, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2345. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations (including 2 regulations beginning with CGD05-07-017)" (RIN1625-AA08) received on June 21, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2346. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Anchorage Regulations; Port of New York and Vicinity" ((RIN1625-AA01)(CGD01-06-023)) received on June 21, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2347. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones (including 8 regulations beginning with CGD09-07-039)" (RIN1625-AA00) received on June 21, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2348. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones (including 8 regulations beginning with CGD09-07-042)" (RIN1625-AA00) received on June 21, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2349. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicability of Federal Power Act Section 215 to Qualifying Small Power Production and Cogeneration Facilities" (Docket No. RM07-11-000) received on June 20, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2350. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch,

Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of Section 6404(g) of the Internal Revenue Code Suspension Provisions" ((RIN1545-BG64)(TD 9333)) received on June 21, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2351. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Haitian Hemisphere Opportunity Through Partnership Encouragement Act of 2006" (RIN1505-AB82) received on June 21, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2352. A communication from the Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Semiannual Report relative to its activities and accomplishments during the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2353. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Locality Pay Areas" (RIN3206-AL27) received on June 21, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2354. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Department's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2355. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a change in previously submitted reported information for the position of Administrator for the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, received on June 21, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2356. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's review of legislation entitled "Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2357. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, the report of a draft bill entitled "Veterans' Authorities Expansion Act of 2007"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2358. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Office of Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Data

Breaches" (RIN2900-AM63) received on June 21, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Report to accompany S. 535, A bill to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and an Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Investigative Office in the Civil Rights Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-88).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 1682. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the management of medical care for members of the Armed Forces, to improve the speed and efficiency of the physical disability evaluation system of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 1683. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt from the harbor maintenance tax certain commercial cargo loaded or unloaded at United States ports in the Great Lakes Saint Lawrence Seaway System; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 1684. A bill to establish the Return of Talent Program to allow aliens who are legally present in the United States to return temporarily to the country of citizenship of the alien if that country is engaged in post-conflict or natural disaster reconstruction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. DOLE (for herself, Mr. BURR, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. McCONNELL):

S. Res. 249. A resolution honoring the life of Ruth Bell Graham; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. HUTCHISON,

Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LUGAR, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mrs. DOLE):

S. Res. 250. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate condemning the military junta in Burma for its continued detention of Aung San Suu Kyi and other political prisoners; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DODD, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ISAKSON, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. BURR):

S. Res. 251. A resolution honoring the firefighters and other public servants who responded to the fire in Charleston, South Carolina, on June 18, 2007; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BOND (for himself and Mr. INOUE):

S. Res. 252. A resolution recognizing the increasingly mutually beneficial relationship between the United States of America and the Republic of Indonesia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. LUGAR):

S. Con. Res. 40. A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of observing the National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness on January 11 of each year to raise awareness of and opposition to human trafficking; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 41

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 41, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to improve America's research competitiveness, and for other purposes.

S. 156

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 156, a bill to make the moratorium on Internet access taxes and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce permanent.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States.

S. 206

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 206, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 432

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 432, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for kidney disease education services under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

S. 777

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 777, a bill to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities.

S. 838

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 838, a bill to authorize funding for eligible joint ventures between United States and Israeli businesses and academic persons, to establish the International Energy Advisory Board, and for other purposes.

S. 912

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 912, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the incentives for the construction and renovation of public schools.

S. 940

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 940, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the subpart F exemption for active financing income.

S. 1060

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR], the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1060, a bill to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, and for other purposes.

S. 1243

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 1243, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the age for receipt of military retired pay for nonregular service from 60 years of age to 55 years of age.

S. 1257

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1257, a bill to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives.

S. 1259

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1259, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance for developing countries to promote quality basic education and to establish the achievement of universal basic education in all developing countries as an objective of United States foreign assistance policy, and for other purposes.

S. 1267

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1267, a bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

S. 1406

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to strengthen polar bear conservation efforts, and for other purposes.

S. 1418

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1418, a bill to provide assistance to improve the health of newborns, children, and mothers in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 1544

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] were added as cosponsors of S. 1544, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the quality and efficiency of health care, to provide the public with information on provider and supplier performance, and to enhance the education and awareness of consumers for evaluating health care services through the development and release of reports based on Medicare enrollment, claims, survey, and assessment data.

S. 1592

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1592, a bill to reauthorize the Underground Railroad Educational and Cultural Program.

S. 1661

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1661, a bill to communicate United States travel policies and improve marketing and other activities designed to increase travel in the United States from abroad.

S. 1681

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1681, a bill to provide for a paid family and medical leave insurance program, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 16

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 16, a joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

SENATE RESOLUTION 235

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL], the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 235, a resolution designating July 1, 2007, as "National Boating Day".

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:53 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 1352. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 127 East Locust Street in Fairbury, Illinois, as the "Dr. Francis Townsend Post Office Building".

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Brandon, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2764. An act making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2771. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 2764. An act making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

H.R. 2771. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RUTH
BELL GRAHAM

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MENENDEZ in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 249) honoring the life of Ruth Bell Graham, submitted today by Mrs. DOLE (for herself, Mr. BURR, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. STEVENS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONDEMNING THE MILITARY
JUNTA IN BURMA

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 250) expressing the sense of the Senate condemning the military junta in Burma for its continued detention of Aung San Suu Kyi and other political prisoners, submitted today by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LUGAR, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mrs. DOLE), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING THE FIREFIGHTERS
AND OTHER PUBLIC SERVANTS
RESPONDING TO THE FIRE IN
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 251) honoring the firefighters and other public servants who responded to the fire in Charleston, South Carolina, on June 18, 2007, submitted today by Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DODD, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ISAKSON, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. BURR), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

OBSERVING THE NATIONAL DAY
OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING
AWARENESS

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 40) supporting the goals and ideals of observing the National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness on January 11 of each year to raise awareness of and opposition to human trafficking, submitted today by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. LUGAR), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO EMPLOYEES OF THE
ROOSEVELT CAMPOBELLO
INTERNATIONAL PARK
COMMISSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1099) to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to make individuals

employed by the Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission eligible to obtain Federal health insurance.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

Pending debate,

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 1 P.M. ON MONDAY, JUNE
25, 2007, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 1 p.m. on Monday, June 25, 2007; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 800; that the time until 7 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate between Mr. KENNEDY and Mr. ENZI, or their designees; and that, at 7 p.m., Mr. SESSIONS be recognized to speak for 1 hour.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 2:16 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 1 p.m. on Monday, June 25, 2007.

MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 1 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
 PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 25, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, June 22, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
 WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, June 22, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
 CONSIDER BILL H.R. 800

Pursuant to the order of Friday, June 22, 2007,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. REID on June 19, 2007, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 800) to amend the National Labor Relations Act to establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, to provide for mandatory injunctions for unfair labor practices during organizing efforts, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR SWEARING IN OF
 SENATOR-ELECT JOHN BARRASSO

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That, at 3:15 p.m., the Senate suspend debate on the pending motion to proceed for the swearing in of Senator-elect John Barrasso.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
 CONSIDER BILL H.R. 800

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 800.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

CREDENTIALS OF SENATOR-
 DESIGNATE

The hour of 3:15 p.m. having arrived, Pursuant to the order of today,

The VICE PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the credentials of John Barrasso, appointed a Senator by the Governor of the State of Wyoming on June 22, 2007 to represent said State in the Senate of the United States until the vacancy in the term ending January 3, 2011, caused by the death of the Honorable Craig Thomas, is filled by election as provided by law, as follows; which was read and ordered to be placed on file:

STATE OF WYOMING—CERTIFICATE OF
 APPOINTMENT

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that, pursuant to the power vested in me by the Constitution of the United States and the laws of the State of Wyoming, I, Dave Freudenthal, the Governor of said State, do hereby appoint John Barrasso a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States until the vacancy therein, caused by the death of Senator Craig Thomas, is filled by election as provided by law.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Dave Freudenthal, and our Seal hereto affixed at Cheyenne, Wyoming, this 22nd day of June, in the year of our Lord 2007.

By the Governor:

DAVE FREUDENTHAL,
Governor.
 MAX MAXFIELD,
Secretary of State.

Mr. John Barrasso appeared, and the oath of office prescribed by law having been administered by the VICE PRESIDENT, and subscribed by him, he took his seat in the Senate.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
 CONSIDER BILL H.R. 800

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 800.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
 BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1686. An original bill making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-89).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 1685. A bill to reduce the sentencing disparity between powder and crack cocaine violations, and to provide increased emphasis on aggravating factors relating to the seriousness of the offense and the culpability of the offender; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 1686. An original bill making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1687. A bill to provide for global pathogen surveillance and response; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 1688. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to extend the time limit for the use of education assistance by members of the Selected Reserve and members of the reserve component supporting contingency operations and certain other operations; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1689. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts received on account of claims based on certain unlawful discrimination and to allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards received on account of such claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 1690. A bill to establish a 4-year pilot program to provide information and educational materials to small business

concerns regarding health insurance options, including coverage options within the small group market; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1691. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to restrict the public display on the Internet of all or any portion of social security account numbers by State and local governments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. BAYH, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1692. A bill to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. BIDEN):

S. Res. 253. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the establishment of a Museum of the History of American Diplomacy through private donations is a worthy endeavor; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mr. REED):

S. Res. 254. A resolution supporting efforts for increased healthy living for childhood cancer survivors; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 38

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 38, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a program for the provision of readjustment and mental health services to veterans who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.

S. 41

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 41, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to improve America's research competitiveness, and for other purposes.

S. 479

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 479, a bill to

reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.

S. 573

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 573, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 616

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 616, a bill to promote health care coverage parity for individuals participating in legal recreational activities or legal transportation activities.

S. 648

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 648, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the eligibility age for receipt of non-regular military service retired pay for members of the Ready Reserve in active federal status or on active duty for significant periods.

S. 691

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the benefits under the Medicare program for beneficiaries with kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 793

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 793, a bill to provide for the expansion and improvement of traumatic brain injury programs.

S. 829

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 829, a bill to reauthorize the HOPE VI program for revitalization of severely distressed public housing, and for other purposes.

S. 849

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 849, a bill to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 911, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 968

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 968, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide increased assistance for the prevention, treatment, and control of tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1011, a bill to change the name of the National Institute on Drug Abuse to the National Institute on Diseases of Addiction and to change the name of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism to the National Institute on Alcohol Disorders and Health.

S. 1163

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1163, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve compensation and specially adapted housing for veterans in certain cases of impairment of vision involving both eyes, and to provide for the use of the National Directory of New Hires for income verification purposes.

S. 1175

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1175, a bill to end the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, and for other purposes.

S. 1233

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1233, a bill to provide and enhance intervention, rehabilitative treatment, and services to veterans with traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes.

S. 1259

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1259, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance for developing countries to promote quality basic education and to establish the achievement of universal basic education in all developing countries as an objective of United States foreign assistance policy, and for other purposes.

S. 1266

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1266, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase assistance for veterans interred in cemeteries other than national cemeteries, and for other purposes.

S. 1295

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1295, a bill to amend the African Development Foundation Act to change the name of the Foundation, modify the administrative authorities of the Foundation, and for other purposes.

S. 1346

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1346, a bill to amend conservation and biofuels programs of the Department of Agriculture to promote the compatible goals of economically viable agricultural production and reducing nutrient loads in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries by assisting agricultural producers to make beneficial, cost-effective changes to cropping systems, grazing management, and nutrient management associated with livestock and poultry production, crop production, bioenergy production, and other agricultural practices on agricultural land within the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and for other purposes.

S. 1430

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1430, a bill to authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000,000 or more in Iran's energy sector, and for other purposes.

S. 1494

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1494, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the special diabetes programs for Type I diabetes and Indians under that Act.

S. 1502

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1502, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to encourage owners and operators of privately-held farm, ranch, and forest land to voluntarily make their land available for access by the public under programs administered by States and tribal governments.

S. 1519

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1519, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a transition to a new voluntary quality reporting program for physicians and other health professionals.

S. 1593

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1593, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief and protections to military personnel, and for other purposes.

S. 1606

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1606, a bill to provide for the establishment of a comprehensive policy on the care and management of wounded warriors in order to facilitate and enhance their care, rehabilitation, physical evaluation, transition from care by the Department of Defense to care by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and transition from military service to civilian life, and for other purposes.

S. 1621

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] were added as cosponsors of S. 1621, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain farming business machinery and equipment as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 1681

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1681, a bill to provide for a paid family and medical leave insurance program, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 4, a joint resolution to acknowledge a long history of official deprivations and ill-conceived policies by the United States Government regarding Indian tribes and offer

an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 12

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 12, a joint resolution providing for the recognition of Jerusalem as the undivided capital of Israel before the United States recognizes a Palestinian state, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 222

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 222, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 222, supra.

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED; BILL REFERRED

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1615) to provide loans and grants for fire sprinkler retrofitting in nursing facilities; and that it be referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then resume consideration, en bloc, of the motions to proceed to consider bills H.R. 800 and S. 1639; that the time until 11:30 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between Mr. KENNEDY and Mr. ENZI, or their designees; that the time from 11:30 a.m. until 11:40 a.m. be controlled by the minority leader; that the time from 11:40 a.m. until 11:50 a.m. be controlled by the majority leader; that, at 11:50 a.m., the Senate vote on the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 800, without further intervening action or debate; and that, following said vote, the Senate vote

on the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1639, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 21, 2007.

Ordered further, That, upon conclusion of the second vote on tomorrow, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. LUGAR and Mr. DURBIN.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,
At 8:48 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. KLOBUCHAR in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2007

Mrs. CLAIRE McCASKILL, from the State of Missouri, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mrs. McCASKILL led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, June 26, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CLAIRE McCASKILL, a Senator from the State of Missouri, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mrs. McCASKILL took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTIONS TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 800 AND BILL S. 1639

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. REID, on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 800) to amend the National Labor Relations Act to establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, to provide for mandatory injunctions for unfair labor practices during organizing efforts, and for other purposes, and the motion made by Mr. REID, on Wednesday, June 20, 2007, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1639) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration, en bloc, of the motions to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1639.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 800.

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, June 19, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 51, nays... 48

[Rollcall Vote No. 227 Leg.]

YEAS --- 51

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 48

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi,

Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Wednesday, June 20, 2007, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1639.

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, June 20, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 64, nays... 35

[Rollcall Vote No. 228 Leg.]

YEAS --- 64

Akaka, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Craig, Dodd, Domenici, Durbin, Ensign, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Salazar, Schumer, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 35

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bunning, Byrd, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Dorgan, Enzi, Grassley, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Landrieu, McCaskill, Roberts, Rockefeller, Sanders, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Stabenow, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1639.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

At 12:36 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 1639

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1639.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO DISCHARGE AND
CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 1

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1) to provide for the implementation of the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States; that the Senate immediately proceed to its consideration; that all after the enacting clause be stricken, and the text of bill S. 4, as passed by the Senate on March 13, 2007, be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment in the nature of a substitute); that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, without intervening action or debate.

Mr. COBURN objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF CERTAIN CONFERENCE
REPORTS

Mr. KYL asked unanimous consent that it not be in order for the Senate to consider any conference reports on bills H.R. 1 or S. 4 that compromise the security of America's transportation system by eliminating the flexibility given to the Transportation Security Administration to manage its employees to most effectively counter terrorist threats against Americans.

Mr. REID objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL H.R. 2316

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2316) to provide more rigorous requirements with respect to disclosure and enforcement of lobbying laws and regulations, and for other purposes; that all after the enacting clause be stricken, and the text of bill S. 1, as passed by the Senate on January 18, 2007, be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment in the nature of a substitute); that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of

Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, in a ratio of 4 majority- to 3 minority-party Senators, without intervening action or debate.

Mr. BENNETT objected.

RECESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 3:54 p.m.,

The Senate recessed, subject to the call of the chair.

AT 5:38 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SALAZAR in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 1639

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1639.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 21, 2007, as modified,

The motion to proceed was agreed to.

Whereupon,

PROVIDING FOR COMPREHENSIVE
IMMIGRATION REFORM

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1639) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1639, which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1639:

TED KENNEDY, RUSSELL D. FEINGOLD, DANIEL K. INOUE, TOM CARPER, SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, PATRICK J. LEAHY, RICHARD DURBIN, BYRON L. DORGAN, KEN SALAZAR, FRANK R. LAUTENBERG, JOSEPH I. LIEBERMAN, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, JOHN F. KERRY, CHARLES E. SCHUMER, E. BENJAMIN NELSON, BARBARA MIKULSKI, HARRY REID.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that there be a limitation of 26 first-degree amendments to bill S. 1639; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on each amendment; that each amendment be subject to relevant second-degree amendments; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on each amendment;

that, upon disposition of said amendments, the bill, as may be amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on passage of the bill, without intervening action or debate.

Mr. DEMINT objected.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that there be a limitation of 26 first-degree amendments to bill S. 1639; that there be 90 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on each amendment; that each amendment be subject to relevant second-degree amendments; that there be 90 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on each amendment; that, upon disposition of said amendments, the bill, as may be amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on passage of the bill, without intervening action or debate.

Mr. DEMINT objected.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that there be a limitation of 26 first-degree amendments to bill S. 1639; that there be 2 hours, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on each amendment; that each amendment be subject to relevant second-degree amendments; that there be 2 hours, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on each amendment; that, upon disposition of said amendments, the bill, as may be amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on passage of the bill without intervening action or debate.

Mr. COBURN objected.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. SPECTER) to amend the bill, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1934).

Mr. REID asked that further reading of the reading be dispensed with.

Mr. DEMINT objected.

Pending further reading of the amendment, When

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. VITTER,

Ordered, That the further reading of amendment No. 1934 be dispensed with.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1934 to the bill.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Tuesday, June 26, 2007, she had

presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1352. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 127 East Locust Street in Fairbury, Illinois, as the "Dr. Francis Townsend Post Office Building".

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2359. A communication from the Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Almonds Grown in California; Outgoing Quality Control Requirements: Correction" (Docket No. FV06-981-1C) received on June 22, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2360. A communication from the Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California: Change in Reporting Requirements" (Docket No. FV07-925-1) received on June 22, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2361. A communication from the Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Late Payment and Interest Charges on Past Due Assessments Under the Nectarine and Peach Marketing Orders" (Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0012) received on June 22, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2362. A communication from the Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Establishment of Final Free and Restricted Percentages for the 2006-2007 Marketing Year" (Docket No. AMS-FV-06-0175) received on June 22, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2363. A communication from the Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Onions Grown in South Texas; Change in Regulatory Period" (Docket No. AMS-FV-06-0214) received on June 22, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2364. A communication from the Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"User Fees for 2007 Crop Cotton Classification Services to Growers" ((RIN0581-AC68)(Docket No. AMS-CN-07-0060)) received on June 22, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2365. A communication from the Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Regulations Under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act to Ensure Trust Protection for Produce Sellers When Using Electronic Invoicing or Other Billing Methods" ((RIN0581-AC53)(Docket No. FV05-373)) received on June 22, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2366. A communication from the Executive Vice President, Financial Information Group, Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, transmitting, pursuant to law, a copy of the Bank's 2006 management reports; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2367. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Grapeland, Elgin, Burnet, Cameron, Calvert, Junction and Mason, TX" (MB Docket No. 03-149) received on June 25, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2368. A communication from the Assistant Bureau Chief, Enforcement Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 1.80(b)-(1) of the Commission's Rules; Increase of Forfeiture Maxima for Obscene, Indecent, and Profane Broadcasts to Implement the Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2005" (FCC 07-94) received on June 25, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2369. A communication from the Acting Legal Advisor to the Chief, Mobility Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Part 90 of the Commission's Rules" ((WP Docket No. 07-100)(FCC 07-85)) received on June 25, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2370. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Idaho and Washington; Interstate Transport of Pollution" (FRL No. 8330-9) received on

June 22, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2371. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Iowa" (FRL No. 8330-7) received on June 22, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2372. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Buprofezin; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8133-1) received on June 22, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2373. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tobacco Mild Green Mosaic Tobamovirus; Temporary Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8134-5) received on June 22, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2374. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Active Conduct of a Trade or Business" (Rev. Rul. 2007-42) received on June 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2375. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of the Model 1471/APX-119 Airborne IFF Transponder for Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2376. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Petition to Request an Exemption from 100 Percent Identity Testing of Dietary Ingredients; Current Good Manufacturing Practice in Manufacturing, Packaging, Labeling, or Holding Operations for Dietary Supplements" ((RIN0910-AB88)(Docket No. 2007N-0186)) received on June 22, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2377. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Current

Good Manufacturing Practice in Manufacturing, Packaging, Labeling, or Holding Operations for Dietary Supplementary" ((RIN0910-AB88)(Docket No. 1996N-0417)) received on June 22, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 185. A bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States (Rept. No. 110-90).

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1696. An original bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-91).

By Mr. LEVIN, from the Committee on Armed Services, with amendments:

S. 1538. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-92).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 126. A bill to modify the boundary of Mesa Verde National Park, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-93).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 553. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Eightmile River in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-94).

S. 580. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to update the feasibility and suitability studies of four national historic trails, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-95).

S. 686. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historical Trail (Rept. No. 110-96).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 890. A bill to provide for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial

Commission, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-97).

S. 797. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Star-Spangled Banner Trail in the States of Maryland and Virginia and the District of Columbia as a National Historic Trail (Rept. No. 110-98).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 1152. A bill to promote wildland firefighter safety (Rept. No. 110-99).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Con. Res. 6. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located in Jackson, Wyoming, should be designated as the "National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States" (Rept. No. 110-100).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

H.R. 161. A bill to adjust the boundary of the Minidoka Internment National Monument to include the Nidoto Nai Yoni Memorial in Bainbridge Island, Washington, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-101).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 376. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the battlefields and related sites of the First and Second Battles of Newtonia, Missouri, during the Civil War as part of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield or designating the battlefields and related sites as a separate unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-102).

H.R. 497. A bill to authorize the Marion Park Project, a committee of the Palmetto Conservation Foundation, to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia, and its environs to honor Brigadier General Francis Marion (Rept. No. 110-103).

H.R. 512. A bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of the National Museum of the American Latino to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance of a National Museum of the American Latino in Washington, DC, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-104).

H.R. 658. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements to protect natural resources of units of the National Park System through collaborative efforts on land inside and outside of units of the National Park System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-105).

H.R. 1047. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum located in St. Louis, Missouri, as a unit of the National Park System (Rept. No. 110-106).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. HATCH, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. GREGG, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BURR, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 1693. A bill to enhance the adoption of a nationwide interoperable health information technology system and to improve the quality and reduce the costs of health care in the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1694. A bill to authorize resources for sustained research and analysis to address colony collapse disorder and the decline of North American pollinators; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1695. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a pathway for the licensure of biosimilar biological products, to promote innovation in the life sciences, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1696. An original bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. SUNUNU (for himself, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 1697. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for residential biomass fuel property expenditures; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. 1698. A bill to provide that no funds appropriated or otherwise made available by any Act for contributions for international organizations may be made available to support the United Nations Human Rights Council; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 1700. A bill to amend the provisions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding school library media specialists, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS:

S. 1700. A bill to support the establishment of an international regime for the assured supply of nuclear fuel for peaceful means and to authorize voluntary contributions to the International Atomic Energy Agency to support the establishment of an international nuclear fuel bank; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. ISAKSON:

S. Res. 255. A resolution recognizing and supporting the long distance runs that will take place in the People's Republic of China in 2007 and the United States in 2008 to promote friendship between the peoples of China and the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. Res. 256. A resolution designating June 2007 as "National Aphasia Awareness Month" and supporting efforts to increase awareness of aphasia; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Res. 257. A resolution congratulating the University of California at Los Angeles for becoming the first university to win 100 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I team titles; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 67

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 67, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit former members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces are entitled to travel on such aircraft.

S. 156

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 156, a bill to make the moratorium on Internet access taxes

and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce permanent.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States.

S. 335

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 335, a bill to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from using private debt collection companies, and for other purposes.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

S. 450

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 469

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

S. 545

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 545, a bill to improve consumer access to passenger vehicle loss data held by insurers.

S. 793

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] were added as cosponsors of S. 793, a bill to provide for the expansion and improvement of traumatic brain injury programs.

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 793, supra.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 805, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa in the effort to achieve internationally

recognized goals in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other major diseases and the reduction of maternal and child mortality by improving human health care capacity and improving retention of medical health professionals in sub-Saharan Africa, and for other purposes.

S. 860

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 860, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States the option to provide Medicaid coverage for low-income individuals infected with HIV.

S. 903

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 903, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Muhammad Yunus, in recognition of his contributions to the fight against global poverty.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] were added as cosponsors of S. 911, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 932

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 932, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize physical therapists to evaluate and treat Medicare beneficiaries without a requirement for a physician referral, and for other purposes.

S. 935

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 935, a bill to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 968

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 968, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide increased assistance for the prevention, treatment, and control of tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 999, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

S. 1096

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] and the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] were added as cosponsors of S. 1096, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide certain housing benefits to disabled members of the Armed Forces, to expand certain benefits for disabled veterans with severe burns, and for other purposes.

S. 1166

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1166, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income certain zone compensation of civilian employees of the United States.

S. 1175

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1175, a bill to end the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, and for other purposes.

S. 1190

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1190, a bill to promote the deployment and adoption of telecommunications services and information technologies, and for other purposes.

S. 1219

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1219, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide taxpayer protection and assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 1310

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1310, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act

to provide for an extension of increased payments for ground ambulance services under the Medicare program.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1349, a bill to ensure that the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs provide to members of the Armed Forces and veterans with traumatic brain injury the services that best meet their individual needs, and for other purposes.

S. 1415

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1415, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Social Security Act to improve screening and treatment of cancers, provide for survivorship services, and for other purposes.

S. 1430

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1430, a bill to authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000,000 or more in Iran's energy sector, and for other purposes.

S. 1457

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] were added as cosponsors of S. 1457, a bill to provide for the protection of mail delivery on certain postal routes, and for other purposes.

S. 1509

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1509, a bill to improve United States hurricane forecasting, monitoring, and warning capabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1593

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1593, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief and protections to military personnel, and for other purposes.

S. 1603

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1603, a bill to authorize Congress to award a gold medal to Jerry Lewis, in recognition of his outstanding service to the Nation.

S. 1606

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] were added as

cosponsors of S. 1606, a bill to provide for the establishment of a comprehensive policy on the care and management of wounded warriors in order to facilitate and enhance their care, rehabilitation, physical evaluation, transition from care by the Department of Defense to care by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and transition from military service to civilian life, and for other purposes.

S. 1607

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1607, a bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes.

S. 1661

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1661, a bill to communicate United States travel policies and improve marketing and other activities designed to increase travel in the United States from abroad.

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1661, *supra*.

S. 1675

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1675, a bill to implement the recommendations of the Federal Communications Commission report to the Congress regarding low-power FM service.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 39

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 39, a concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a world day of remembrance for road crash victims.

SENATE RESOLUTION 203

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 203, a resolution calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to use its unique influence and economic leverage to stop genocide and violence in Darfur, Sudan.

SENATE RESOLUTION 224

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 224, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

SENATE RESOLUTION 252

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 252, a resolution recognizing the increasingly mutually beneficial relationship between the United States of America and the Republic of Indonesia.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 26, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 26, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 26, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 26, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate at 10 a.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 26, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 26, 2007, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 4:55 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 366. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the "Ernest

Childers Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic".

H.R. 1065. An act to streamline the regulation of nonadmitted insurance and reinsurance, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1281. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain deceptive practices in Federal elections, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2011. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 100 East 8th Avenue in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, as the "George Howard, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

H.R. 2139. An act to modernize the manufactured housing loan insurance program under title I of the National Housing Act.

H.R. 2286. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, and the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure with respect to bail bond forfeitures.

H.R. 2546. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Asheville, North Carolina, as the "Charles George Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

H.R. 2602. An act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility in Iron Mountain, Michigan, as the "Oscar G. Johnson Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility".

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 142. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that there should be established a National Pet Week.

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

S. 229. An act to redesignate a Federal building in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the "Raymond G. Murphy Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

S. 801. An act to designate a United States courthouse located in Fresno, California, as the "Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse".

The message also announced that pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 4303, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University: Mr. WOOLSEY of California and Mr. LAHOOD of Illinois.

The message further announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 6968(a), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy: Mr. RUPPERSBERGER of Maryland, Mr. CUMMINGS of Maryland, Mr. KLINE of Minnesota, and Mr. WICKER of Mississippi.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that on today, June 26, 2007, he had signed the following enrolled bill, previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

S. 1352. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 127 East Locust Street in Fairbury, Illinois, as the "Dr. Francis Townsend Post Office Building".

HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

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

H.R. 366. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the "Ernest Childers Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1065. An act to streamline the regulation of nonadmitted insurance and reinsurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1281. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain deceptive practices in Federal elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 2011. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 100 East 8th Avenue in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, as the "George Howard, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2139. An act to modernize the manufactured housing loan insurance program under title I of the National Housing Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 2286. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, and the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure with respect to bail bond forfeitures; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 2546. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Asheville, North Carolina, as the "Charles George Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2602. An act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility in Iron Mountain, Michigan, as the "Oscar G. Johnson Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 142. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that there should be established a National Pet

Week; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR

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

H.R. 923. To provide for the investigation of certain unsolved civil rights crimes, and for other purposes.

CONDEMNING THE VIOLENT
ACTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT
OF ZIMBABWE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 25) condemning the recent violent actions of the Government of Zimbabwe against peaceful opposition party activists and members of civil society.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY
ECONOMIC POWERS
ENHANCEMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1612) to amend the penalty provisions in the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. SALAZAR (for Mr. DODD) to amend the bill by striking subsection (b), and inserting other words (being amendment No. 1947).

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN
RESOLUTIONS ON THE CALENDAR
EN BLOC

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

Ordered, That, the Senate proceed to consider the following resolutions on the Senate calendar:

S. Res. 225. A resolution designating the month of August 2007 as "National Medicine Abuse Awareness Month".

S. Res. 230. A resolution designating the month of July 2007, as "National Teen Safe Driver Month".

S. Res. 235. A resolution designating July 1, 2007, as "National Boating Day".

Ordered further, That the resolutions be agreed to; that the preambles be agreed to; and that the motion to reconsider be agreed to, en bloc.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL
APHASIA AWARENESS MONTH"

On the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MENENDEZ in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 256) designating June 2007 as "National Aphasia Awareness Month" and supporting efforts to increase awareness of aphasia, submitted today by Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT
LOS ANGELES

On the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 257) congratulating the University of California at Los Angeles for becoming the first university to win 100 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I team titles, submitted today by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be

deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of bill S. 1639.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:06 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 27, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

PROVIDING FOR COMPREHENSIVE
IMMIGRATION REFORM

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1639) to provide for

comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1934, proposed by Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. SPECTER), to the bill.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the time until 11:30 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two managers; that Mr. DEMINT be recognized to speak for 10 minutes of the time of the minority therein; and that, at 11:30 a.m., Mr. REID be recognized to speak.

Mr. DEMINT objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1934 to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the time until 11:30 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate as in morning business; that Mr. DEMINT be recognized to speak for 10 minutes; and that, at 11:30 a.m., Mr. REID be recognized to speak.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1934 to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. DEMINT asked unanimous consent that it be in order to request the yeas and nays on the pending amendment.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1934 to the bill.

Mr. DEMINT asked unanimous consent that, if the pending amendment is modified, said modification be read.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1934 to the bill.

Mr. DEMINT asked unanimous consent that, if the pending amendment is modified, he be recognized in order to request the yeas and nays on the pending amendment.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1934 to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. DEMINT asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and that all submitted amendments be proposed en bloc.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1934 to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that, if the pending amendment is modified, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business for 5 hours.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1934 to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that, if the pending amendment is modified, the

Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business for 5 hours.

Mr. REID objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1934 to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID raised a question as to the presence of a quorum.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WEBB in the chair) directed the roll to be called to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

Pending the ascertainment of the presence of a quorum,

Mr. DEMINT asked unanimous consent that the quorum call be withdrawn.

Mr. REID objected.

Pending the further ascertainment of the presence of a quorum,

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that the quorum call be withdrawn.

Mr. REID objected.

Pending the further ascertainment of the presence of a quorum,

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that the quorum call be withdrawn.

Mr. REID objected.

Pending the further ascertainment of the presence of a quorum,

Mr. SESSIONS asked unanimous consent that the quorum call be withdrawn.

Mr. REID objected.

Pending the further ascertainment of the presence of a quorum,

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the quorum call be withdrawn.

Mr. VITTER objected.

Pending the further ascertainment of the presence of a quorum,

When,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum call be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1934 to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That DEMINT be recognized for 7 minutes.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1934 to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that, if the pending amendment is modified, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business for 5 hours.

Mr. REID objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1934 to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 1934, as modified, to the bill.

Mr. REID demanded a division of the pending amendment, as follows: page 1, line

1 through line 9, page 115, being designated as Division I; page 116, line 1 through line 17, page 120, being designated as Division II, page 121, lines 1 through 10, being designated as Division III; page 122, line 1 through line 23, page 128, being designated as Division IV; page 129, lines 1 through 17, being designated as Division V; page 130, lines 1 through 8, being designated as Division VI; page 131, lines 1 through 14, being designated as Division VII; page 132, line 1 through line 15, page 199, being designated as Division VIII; page 200, line 1 through line 9, page 205, being designated as Division IX; page 206, line 1 through line 16, page 212, being designated as Division X; page 213, line 1 through line 22, page 246, being designated as Division XI; page 247, line 1 through page 261, being designated as Division XII; page 262, line 1 through line 8, page 272, being designated as Division XIII; page 272, line 9 through line 3, page 273, being designated as Division XIV; page 274, line 1 through line 17, page 275, being designated as Division XV; page 276, lines 1 through 5, being designated as Division XVI; page 277, lines 1 through 25, being designated as Division XVII; page 278, line 1 through line 16, page 290, being designated as Division XVIII; page 291, line 1 through line 12, page 293, being designated as Division XIX; page 294, line 1 through line 10, page 295, being designated as Division XX; page 296, line 1 through line 15, page 297, being designated as Division XXI; page 298, line 1 through line 15, page 303, being designated as Division XXII; page 304, line 6, page 306, being designated as Division XXIII; page 307, line 1 through line 16, page 309, being designated as Division XXIV; page 310, line 1 through line 19, page 322, being designated as Division XXV; page 323, lines 1 through 26, being designated as Division XXVI; page 324, line 1 through line 8, page 373, being designated as Division XXVII.

The amendment was so divided; and

The question being on agreeing to Division I of the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN to amend the pending Division of the amendment, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1957).

Pending debate,

Mrs. FEINSTEIN asked unanimous consent that, following remarks by Mrs. HUTCHISON, she be recognized to speak for 5 minutes.

Mrs. BOXER objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1957 to Division I.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that Mr. VITTER and Mr. DEMINT be recognized for 5 minutes each for debate only.

Mr. DEMINT objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1957 to Division I.

On motion by Mr. REID to lay Division I of amendment No. 1934, as modified, on the table.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 53, nays... 45

[Rollcall Vote No. 229 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Akaka, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Craig, Dodd, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Martinez, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Specter, Stabenow, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 45

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Lott, McCaskill, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Rockefeller, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

So the motion to table Division I of amendment No. 1934, as modified, was agreed to (taking with it amendment No. 1957 thereto).

The question being on agreeing to Division II of amendment No. 1934, as modified.

On motion by Mr. SPECTER to amend the pending Division of the amendment, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1958).

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that there be 1 hour, equally divided and controlled, for debate only, between the proponents and opponents; and that Mr. WEBB be recognized for 10 minutes of the time of the majority therein.

Mr. VITTER objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1958 to Division II of amendment No. 1934, as modified.

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that there be 1 hour, equally divided and controlled, for debate only, between the proponents and opponents; that Mr. WEBB be recognized to speak for 10 minutes of the time of the majority therein; and that Mr. VITTER be recognized to speak for 5 minutes of the time of the minority therein.

Mr. REID objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1958 to Division II of amendment No. 1934, as modified.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID questioned the presence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER directed the roll to be called.

Pending the ascertainment of a quorum,

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the quorum call be withdrawn.

Mr. DEMINT objected.

Pending further ascertainment of a quorum, When

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum call be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1958 to Division II of amendment No. 1934, as modified.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That Mr. SPECTER be recognized to make a motion; that, following the vote, Mr. SESSIONS be recognized to speak in morning business until 2:30 p.m.; that the time consumed therein be counted against the 2 hours for debate on today for Mr. SESSIONS, as pursuant to the previous order; and that, at 2:30 p.m., Mr. REID be recognized to speak.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1958 to Division II of amendment No. 1934, as modified.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that Mr. WEBB be recognized to speak for 1 minute prior to Mr. SPECTER making his motion.

Mr. VITTER objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1958 to Division II of amendment No. 1934, as modified.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. SPECTER to lay the pending Division of the amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. SPECTER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 79, nays... 18

[Rollcall Vote No. 230 Leg.]

YEAS --- 79

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, Dodd, Domenici, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Voinovich, Warner, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 18

Baucus, Bayh, Brown, DeMint, Dole, Dorgan, Gregg, Hagel, Lincoln, McCaskill, McConnell, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Rockefeller, Sessions, Tester, Vitter, Webb.

So the motion to table Division II of amendment No. 1934, as modified, was agreed to (taking with it amendment No. 1958 thereto).

The question being on agreeing to Division III of amendment No. 1934, as modified.

FIRST HIGHER EDUCATION
EXTENSION ACT

On the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MENENDEZ in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1704) to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes, introduced on today by Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. ENZI), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

On motion by Ms. KLOBUCHAR to reconsider the vote on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR COMPREHENSIVE
IMMIGRATION REFORM

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1639.

The question being on agreeing to Division III of amendment No. 1934, as modified.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That there be a period of 20 minutes for debate only; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two managers; and that, upon conclusion of debate, Mr. REID be recognized to speak.

The question being on agreeing to Division III of amendment No. 1934, as modified.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. REID to lay the pending Division of the amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 56, nays... 41

[Rollcall Vote No. 231 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Akaka, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Collins, Conrad, Craig, Crapo, Dodd, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Martinez, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 41

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Landrieu, Lott, Lugar, McCaskill, McConnell, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Rockefeller, Sessions, Shelby, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Subsequently (on June 28, 2007):

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LUGAR,

Ordered, That, on rollcall Vote No. 231, his vote be changed from "nay" to "yea", thus making the result yeas 57, nays 40.

The question being on agreeing to Division IV of amendment No. 1934, as modified.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that there be 1 hour, equally divided and controlled, for debate on the pending Division; and that, upon conclusion of said debate, Mr. REID be recognized to speak.

Mr. DEMINT objected.

The question being on agreeing to Division IV of amendment No. 1934, as modified.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DEMINT,

Ordered, That he be recognized to speak for 2 minutes to read a letter from Mr. REID.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that there be 1 hour, equally divided and controlled, for debate on the pending Division; and that, upon conclusion of said debate, Mr. REID be recognized to speak.

Mr. DEMINT objected.

The question being on agreeing to Division IV of amendment No. 1934, as modified.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that Mr. DODD be recognized to speak for 5 minutes; that Mr. KYL then be recognized to

speak for 5 minutes; and that Mr. SPECTER then be recognized.

Mr. VITTER objected.

The question being on agreeing to Division IV of amendment No. 1934, as modified.

On motion by Mr. SPECTER to lay the pending Division of the amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. SPECTER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 56, nays... 41

[Rollcall Vote No. 232 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kennedy, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Roberts, Salazar, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 41

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Durbin, Feingold, Harkin, Inouye, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to Division V of amendment No. 1934, as modified.

Mr. REID withdrew the pending Division of the amendment.

The question being on agreeing to Division VI of amendment No. 1934, as modified.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. REID to lay the pending Division of the amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 55, nays... 40

[Rollcall Vote No. 233 Leg.]

YEAS --- 55

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Carper, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kennedy, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Pryor,

Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 40

Akaka, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Harkin, Inouye, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Schumer, Stabenow, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to Division VII of amendment No. 1934, as modified.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. SPECTER to lay the pending Division of the amendment on the table.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the second and third votes in "stacked" sequence be 10 minutes in duration.

Mr. VITTER objected.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to lay Division VII of the amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 45, nays... 52

[Rollcall Vote No. 234 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Allard, Bennett, Bond, Boxer, Brownback, Burr, Byrd, Carper, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Dodd, Domenici, Durbin, Ensign, Feinstein, Graham, Gregg, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Lieberman, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (FL), Reid, Roberts, Salazar, Schumer, Smith, Specter, Stevens, Thune, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 52

Akaka, Alexander, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Brown, Bunning, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Coburn, Collins, Conrad, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Dorgan, Enzi, Feingold, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Inhofe, Kerry, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Rockefeller, Sanders, Sessions, Shelby, Snowe, Stabenow, Sununu, Tester, Vitter, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden

So the motion was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to Division VII of amendment No. 1934, as modified.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY to amend the pending Division of the amendment, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 1978).

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1710. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-107).

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2007" (Rept. No. 110-108).

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 966. A bill to enable the Department of State to respond to a critical shortage of passport processing personnel, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-109).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1701. A bill to provide for the extension of transitional medical assistance (TMA) and the abstinence education program through the end of fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1702. A bill to promote employment of individuals with severe disabilities through Federal Government contracting and procurement processes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. COBURN):

S. 1703. A bill to prevent and reduce trafficking in persons; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1704. A bill to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of

1965, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 1705. A bill to prevent nuclear terrorism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1706. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to consider variations in the national average market price for different classes of wheat when determining the eligibility of wheat producers for counter-cyclical payments for the 2007 crop year; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1707. A bill to reduce the duty on certain golf club components; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1708. A bill to provide for the expansion of Federal efforts concerning the prevention, education, treatment, and research activities related to Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, including the establishment of a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 1709. A bill to amend the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act of 1998 to provide additional staff and oversight of funds to carry out the Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 1710. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. 1711. A bill to target cocaine kingpins and address sentencing disparity between crack and powder cocaine; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 1712. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve newborn screening activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BAYH, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mrs. BOXER, Mr.

BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. REID):

S. 1713. A bill to provide for the issuance of a commemorative postage stamp in honor of Rosa Parks; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1714. A bill to establish a multiagency nationwide campaign to educate small business concerns about health insurance options available to children; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. REED):

S. 1715. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate discriminatory copayment rates for outpatient psychiatric services under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 1716. A bill to amend the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007, to strike a requirement relating to forage producers; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LEVIN, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1717. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Deputy Chief of State and Private Forestry organization, to provide loans to eligible units of local government to finance purchases of authorized equipment to monitor, remove, dispose of, and replace infested trees that are located on land under the jurisdiction of the eligible units of local government and within the borders of quarantine areas infested by the emerald ash borer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 1718. A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for reimbursement to servicemembers of tuition for programs of education interrupted by military service, for deferment of students loans and reduced interest rates for servicemembers during periods of military service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 1719. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide additional educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill to veterans pursuing a degree in

science, technology, engineering, or math; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 1720. A bill to amend title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish a Federal Supplemental Loan Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1721. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to promote growth and opportunity for the dairy industry in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1722. A bill to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to determine the price of all milk used for manufactured purposes, which shall be classified as Class II milk, by using the national average cost of production, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. Res. 258. A resolution recognizing the historical and educational significance of the Atlantic Freedom Tour of the Freedom Schooner Amistad, and expressing the sense of the Senate that preserving the legacy of the Amistad story is important in promoting multicultural dialogue, education, and cooperation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. SMITH):

S. Res. 259. A resolution commending the Oregon State University baseball team for winning the 2007 College World Series; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 22, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 39

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] and

the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] were added as cosponsors of S. 39, a bill to establish a coordinated national ocean exploration program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 163

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 163, a bill to improve the disaster loan program of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States.

S. 234

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 234, a bill to require the FCC to issue a final order regarding television white spaces.

S. 399

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 399, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include podiatrists as physicians for purposes of covering physicians services under the Medicaid program.

S. 432

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 432, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for kidney disease education services under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, supra.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 582, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to classify automatic fire sprinkler systems as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 691

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, a bill to

amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the benefits under the Medicare program for beneficiaries with kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 713

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to ensure dignity in care for members of the Armed Forces recovering from injuries.

S. 771

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 771, a bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to improve the nutrition and health of schoolchildren by updating the definition of "food of minimal nutritional value" to conform to current nutrition science and to protect the Federal investment in the national school lunch and breakfast programs.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 793

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 793, a bill to provide for the expansion and improvement of traumatic brain injury programs.

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 793, supra.

S. 831

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 831, a bill to authorize States and local governments to prohibit the investment of State assets in any company that has a qualifying business relationship with Sudan.

S. 881

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] were added as cosponsors of S. 881, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 912

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 912, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the incentives for the construction and renovation of public schools.

S. 963

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 963, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to educational organizations to carry out educational programs about the Holocaust.

S. 966

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 966, a bill to enable the Department of State to respond to a critical shortage of passport processing personnel, and for other purposes.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 979

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 979, a bill to establish a Vote by Mail grant program.

S. 1010

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1010, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage guaranteed lifetime income payments from annuities and similar payments of life insurance proceeds at dates later than death by excluding from income a portion of such payments.

S. 1138

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1138, a bill to enhance nuclear safeguards and to provide assurances of nuclear fuel supply to countries that forgo certain fuel cycle activities.

S. 1154

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1154, a bill to promote biogas production, and for other purposes.

S. 1204

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1204, a bill to enhance Federal efforts focused on public awareness and education about the risks and dangers associated with Shaken Baby Syndrome.

S. 1246

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1246, a bill to establish and maintain a wildlife global animal information network for surveillance internationally to combat the

growing threat of emerging diseases that involve wild animals, such as bird flu, and for other purposes.

S. 1257

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1257, a bill to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives.

S. 1322

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1322, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the operation of employee stock ownership plans, and for other purposes.

S. 1338

At the request of Mr. VITTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1338, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a two-year moratorium on certain Medicare physician payment reductions for imaging services.

S. 1353

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1353, a bill to nullify the determinations of the Copyright Royalty Judges with respect to webcasting, to modify the basis for making such a determination, and for other purposes.

S. 1372

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1372, a bill to provide for a Center for Nanotechnology Research and Engineering.

S. 1373

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1373, a bill to provide grants and loan guarantees for the development and construction of science parks to promote the clustering of innovation through high technology activities.

S. 1394

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1394, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, to exclude from gross income of individual taxpayers discharges of indebtedness attributable to certain forgiven residential mortgage obligations.

S. 1395

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1395, a bill to prevent unfair practices in credit card accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 1406

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of

1972 to strengthen polar bear conservation efforts, and for other purposes.

S. 1416

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1416, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the deduction for mortgage insurance premiums.

S. 1481

At the request of Mr. VITTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1481, a bill to restore fairness and reliability to the medical justice system and promote patient safety by fostering alternatives to current medical tort litigation, and for other purposes.

S. 1487

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1487, a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require an individual, durable, voter-verified paper record under title III of such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1500

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1500, a bill to support democracy and human rights in Zimbabwe, and for other purposes.

S. 1529

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1529, a bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to end benefit erosion, support working families with child care expenses, encourage retirement and education savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1545

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1545, a bill to implement the recommendations of the Iraq Study Group.

S. 1553

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1553, a bill to provide additional assistance to combat HIV/AIDS among young people, and for other purposes.

S. 1565

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1565, a bill to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients.

S. 1588

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1588, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage for treatment of a minor child's congenital or developmental

deformity or disorder due to trauma, infection, tumor, or disease.

S. 1603

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1603, a bill to authorize Congress to award a gold medal to Jerry Lewis, in recognition of his outstanding service to the Nation.

S. 1650

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1650, a bill to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes.

S. 1668

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1668, a bill to assist in providing affordable housing to those affected by the 2005 hurricanes.

S. 1695

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1695, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a pathway for the licensure of biosimilar biological products, to promote innovation in the life sciences, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 82

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 82, a resolution designating August 16, 2007 as "National Airborne Day".

SENATE RESOLUTION 231

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 231, a resolution recognizing the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day and expressing the sense of the Senate that history should be regarded as a means for understanding the past and solving the challenges of the future.

SENATE RESOLUTION 253

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 253, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the establishment of a Museum of the History of American Diplomacy through private donations is a worthy endeavor.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SPECTER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 27, 2007, at 2 p.m. in SR-328A, Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a business meeting during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 27, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 27, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 27, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "The Stealth Tax that's no longer a Wealth Tax: How to stop the AMT from Sneaking up on unsuspecting taxpayers."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 27, 2007, at 11:15 a.m. to hold a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 27, 2007 at 10 a.m. in SD-628.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, June 27, 2007, at 11:30 a.m. in order to conduct a hearing entitled "Violent Islamist Extremism: The European Experience."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION

The Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Oversight of the Federal Death Penalty" on Wednesday, June 27, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building, room 226.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 27, 2007 to conduct a mark up on pending legislation before the Committee. The markup will begin at 9:30 a.m. in room 562 of the Dirksen Building.

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

The Joint Economic Committee be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing entitled, "Investing in Young Children Pays Dividends: The Economic Case for Early Care and Education", in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, on Wednesday, June 27, 2007, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet on Wednesday, June 27, 2007 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in Dirksen 106 for the purpose of conducting a hearing on the relationship between doctors and the drug industry.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION SAFETY, INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY, AND WATER QUALITY

The Subcommittee on Transportation Safety, Infrastructure Security, and Water Quality be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 27, 2007 at 10 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled, "Protecting Water Quality at America's Beaches."

NOTICES OF INTENT TO MOVE TO SUSPEND RULE XVI

Mr. COBURN submitted notice in writing of his intent, pursuant to the provisions of rule V of the Standing Rules of the Senate, to suspend paragraph 4 of rule XVI for proposing amendments numbered 1890, 1904, 1891, 1892, 1886, 1865, 1929, 1930, 1927, and 1959 to bill S. 1639.

OBJECTION TO DISCHARGE AND CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 1

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1) to provide for the implementation of the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States; that the Senate immediately proceed to its consideration; that all after the enacting clause be stricken, and the text of bill S. 4, as passed by the Senate on March 13, 2007, be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment in the nature of a substitute); that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, without intervening action or debate.

Mr. LOTT objected.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL H.R. 1585

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider bill H.R. 1585 on Monday, July 9, 2007, following a period of morning business.

Mr. LOTT objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL H.R. 1585

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 1585) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 1585, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 1585: HARRY REID, RICHARD J. DURBIN, D.K. INOUE, BYRON L. DORGAN, TED KENNEDY, JOE BIDEN, PATTY MURRAY, BILL NELSON, JACK REED, DEBBIE STABENOW, JIM WEBB, BEN NELSON, RON WYDEN, PATRICK J. LEAHY, H.R. CLINTON, CLAIRE McCASKILL, CARL LEVIN.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

Mr. REID thereupon withdrew the motion to proceed.

PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION
OF TRANSITIONAL MEDICAL
ASSISTANCE AND THE
ABSTINENCE EDUCATION
PROGRAM

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1701) to provide for the extension of transitional medical assistance (TMA) and the abstinence education program through the end of fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes, introduced on today by Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMENDING THE OREGON
STATE UNIVERSITY BASEBALL
TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2007
COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 259) commending the Oregon State University baseball team for winning the 2007 College World Series, submitted today by Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. SMITH), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

REQUESTING THE RETURN OF
S. 1612

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to request the House of Representatives to return the official papers on the bill S. 1612; and that the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to correct the engrossment of said bill upon receipt.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then resume consideration of bill S. 1639; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled, for debate only, between Mr. KENNEDY and Mr. SPECTER, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of said debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the bill, without further intervening action or debate; that Senators be authorized to "file" germane second-degree amendments

until 10 a.m.; and that the quorum under the rule be waived.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT
ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. SESSIONS.

ORDER FOR FURTHER PROGRAM
ON TOMORROW

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, on tomorrow, there be 20 additional minutes for debate prior to the vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1639; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled between the majority and minority leaders; and that the majority leader control the final 10 minutes therein.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, Mr. SESSIONS be given 5 minutes from the time under the control of Mr. SPECTER, and 5 minutes from the time under the control of Mr. KENNEDY.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today, At 8:10 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SALAZAR in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2007

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. TESTER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 28, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator

from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. TESTER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The morning hour being deemed expired,
and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

PROVIDING FOR COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1639) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; and
The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1978, proposed by Mr. KENNEDY, to Division VII of amendment No. 1934, as modified, proposed by Mr. KENNEDY, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. OBAMA in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Tuesday, June 26, 2007, to bring to a close debate on the pending bill S. 1639.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 46, nays... 53

[Rollcall Vote No. 235 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Akaka, Bennett, Biden, Boxer, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Craig, Dodd, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Reed, Reid, Salazar, Schumer, Snowe, Specter, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 53

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Bond, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Landrieu, McCaskill, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Roberts, Rockefeller, Sanders, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 1978 to Division VII of amendment No. 1934, as modified, to the bill.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that Mr. BYRD be recognized to speak for 20 minutes.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Thursday, June 28, 2007, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 229. A bill to redesignate a Federal building in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the "Raymond G. Murphy Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

S. 801. A bill to designate a United States courthouse located in Fresno, California, as the "Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse".

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2378. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Air Force, case number 04-02; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2379. A communication from the Directors of Defense Research and Engineering and the Joint IED Defeat Organization, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the results of the survey of research and technology that would be

supportive of the combating IED mission; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2380. A communication from the Director, Education Activity, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of a decision to implement performance by contract for the Logistics Support in the Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2381. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2006 Annual Report for the Department's STARBASE Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2382. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Dennis R. Larsen, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2383. A communication from the Assistant Inspector General (Communications and Congressional Liaison), Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the inventory of commercial and inherently governmental activities for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2384. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions and Clarification of Export and Reexport Controls for the People's Republic of China; New Authorization Validated End-User; Revision of Import Certificate and PRC End-User Statement Requirement" (RIN0694-AD75) received on June 26, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2385. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement the Pacific Tuna Fisheries 2007 Restrictions in the Eastern Tropical Pacific Ocean for Purse Seine and Longline" (RIN0648-AU79) received on June 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2386. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (RIN0648-XA45) received on June 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2387. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Shallow-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XA68) received on June 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2388. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Trips to the Closed Area II Yellowtail Flounder Special Access Program" (RIN0648-AV50) received on June 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2389. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Modify Swordfish Retention Limits and HMS Limited Access Vessel Upgrading Restrictions" ((RIN0648-AU86)-(I.D. 110206A)) received on June 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2390. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Highly Migratory Species Fisheries" (RIN0648-AS89) received on June 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2391. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure of Tilefish Permit Category B to Directed Tilefish Fishing" (RIN0648-XA54) received on June 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2392. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report relative to its use of Category Rating; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2393. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Strategic Plan for fiscal year 2007-2012; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2394. A communication from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, annual reports relative to several of the Department's programs; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2395. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States - Jordan Free Trade Agreement" (RIN1505-AB75) received on June 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2396. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mentor-Protege Program" (RIN0412-AA58) received on June 26, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2397. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Various Administrative Changes to the USAID Acquisition Regulations" (RIN0412-AA60) received on June 26, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2398. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles and defense services associated with the production of tactical computers, data processing, and communications systems for Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2399. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to post-liberation Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2400. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the articles, materials, or supplies manufactured outside the United States that were purchased by the Department during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2401. A communication from the Acting Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Organization's Inspector General for the period ended March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2402. A communication from the Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Commission's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2403. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Reports of two of the Department's Inspector Generals for the period ended March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2404. A communication from the Chairman and General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Board's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2405. A communication from the Inspector General, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector's Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2406. A communication from the Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Administration's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2407. A communication from the Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Commission's Inspector General for the period ended March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2408. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Report to Congress on the Social and Economic Conditions of Native Americans: Fiscal Years 1995-2000"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2409. A communication from the Rules Administrator, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Searching and Detaining or Arresting Non-Inmates" (RIN1120-AB28) received on June 26, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2410. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exclusions from Gross Income of Foreign Corporations" ((RIN1545-BG00)(TD 9332)) received on June 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2411. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Brazil including the sale of up to twenty-eight (28) Boeing 737-

800 aircraft; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2412. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Ireland including the sale of up to sixty (60) Boeing 737-800 aircraft; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

EC-2413. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, the report of two draft bills that seek to reduce the loss of public funds associated with improper Federal payments and collections, and increase the collection of delinquent Federal debt; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2414. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards for Business Practices of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines; Standards for Business Practices for Public Utilities" (Docket Nos. RM96-1-027 and RM05-5-001) received on June 27, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2415. A communication from the Acting Director, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Royalty in Kind Operation for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2416. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a review of previous findings by the Chief of Engineers in a study of the Mississippi River between Coons Rapids Dam, Minnesota and the mouth of the Ohio River; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2417. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States - Morocco Free Trade Agreement" (RIN1505-AB76) received on June 27, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-142. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to fulfill the commitment to the citizens of Louisiana to fully fund recovery from damages resulting from hurricanes Katrina and Rita; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 53

Whereas, as a result of these devastating events, the President's Office of Gulf Coast Rebuilding estimated that over one hundred twenty-seven thousand owner-occupied homes received major or severe damage based on the criteria used by the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and

Whereas, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, President George W. Bush made a commitment to the people of Louisiana, in a nationally-covered statement that the federal government would do what was necessary to provide for the recovery of the state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the state of Louisiana has always proposed that the Road Home Program pay for owner-occupied uninsured or underinsured wind damage as well as flood damage within the parameters of the program; and

Whereas, in Action Plan Amendment No.1 proposed by the Louisiana Recovery Authority, captioned Action Plan Amendment for Disaster Recovery Funds for the Road Home Housing Programs, which, according to news releases, was approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Affairs in May 2006, it was clearly stated the program proposed to provide "the full proposed assistance to all of the Louisiana homeowners who suffered major or severe damage" and stated that "It is the State's policy that participants in the Homeowner Assistance Program deserve a fair and independent estimate or projection of damages from the storm, regardless of the cause of damage"; and

Whereas, according to federal sources, 43,298 homeowners experienced no major flooding but major or severe wind damage; and

Whereas, since the adoption of Action Plan Amendment No. 1, the state has experienced increased costs in the program, resulting in a current three billion dollar shortfall, duly from a combination of factors, including an increase in the number of eligible claimants from the original estimates by approximately eleven thousand, more homes severely damaged than originally estimated, increased costs per eligible claimant than originally estimated, lower than anticipated homeowner property insurance claim benefits received from private insurers, and higher than estimated costs of repair and construction. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States and urges and requests the federal administration to fulfill the commitment to the citizens of Louisiana to fully fund recovery from damages resulting from hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the

United States House of Representatives, to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress, and to the President of the United States.

POM-143. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to take such actions as are necessary to prevent the taxation of rebuilding grants from the state's Road Home program; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

Whereas, Louisiana taxpayers have spent countless hours coping with paperwork and bureaucracy that has inconvenienced them since hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated southern Louisiana in 2005; and

Whereas, while the grants themselves are not taxable, the Internal Revenue Service says grant recipients who claimed a storm-related casualty loss would be required to consider all or part of the grant as income; and

Whereas, the average Road Home grant is sixty-five thousand dollars; therefore, some recipients would find themselves bumped up to higher tax brackets and would likely have a higher federal income tax liability; and

Whereas, the Louisiana Department of Revenue has determined that grants would not constitute income for state purposes. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorializes the Congress of the United States and the Internal Revenue Service to take such actions as are necessary to prevent the taxation of rebuilding grants from the state's Road Home program. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America, to the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service, and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-144. A joint resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Colorado urging Congress to pass the federal "Gestational Diabetes Act of 2006"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 07-005

Whereas, gestational diabetes is one of the most common issues facing pregnant women and their health care providers, and the prevalence of gestational diabetes is increasing; and

Whereas, according to the American Diabetes Association, gestational diabetes affects approximately 4-8% of all pregnant women, which is about 135,000 women in the United States each year; and

Whereas, according to the Colorado Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System, gestational diabetes affects

approximately 7.5% of all pregnant women in Colorado, which is about 5,000 women in Colorado each year; and

Whereas, women who are overweight or obese are at an increased risk for developing gestational diabetes, and other risk factors include genetics, ethnicity, and maternal age; and

Whereas, gestational diabetes is associated with more health problems for the mother and child, including an increased risk for birth trauma, induction, and caesarean section; extreme increases in birth weight for children of women who developed gestational diabetes; an increased risk for developing childhood obesity; and putting the mothers and their children at a higher risk of developing Type 2 diabetes; and

Whereas, greater understanding is needed by both patients and health care providers on treating and preventing gestational diabetes, especially as there is disagreement among health care providers about how to treat gestational diabetes and the effectiveness of treatments; and

Whereas, United States Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton introduced the federal "Gestational Diabetes Act of 2006" (GEDI act), which is aimed at lowering the incidence of gestational diabetes, providing funding for research and community education, and preventing women who developed gestational diabetes and their children from developing Type 2 diabetes; and

Whereas, the GEDI act:

Creates a research advisory committee with representatives from federal agencies and health organizations to develop standardizing procedures for gestational diabetes data collection, to set up a method to track mothers who had gestational diabetes and develop methods to prevent these mothers and their children from developing Type 2 diabetes, and to address factors that influence risks for gestational diabetes; and

Provides grants to nonprofit organizations and state health agencies to be used for expanding state-based and community-based prevention activities and training for health care providers in helping to prevent gestational diabetes; and

Expands basic, clinical, and public health research on gestational diabetes, including therapies for detecting and treating gestational diabetes, facilitating enrollment in clinical trials for populations that disproportionately suffer from gestational diabetes, developing diagnostics, and understanding factors that influence gestational diabetes; and

Whereas, the GEDI act is an important step toward a better understanding of gestational diabetes and in lowering the incidence of gestational diabetes in pregnant women. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-sixth General Assembly of the State of Colorado,

the House of Representatives concurring herein, That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, respectfully request the Congress of the United States, including the members of Colorado's Congressional delegation, to support the proposed "Gestational Diabetes Act of 2006". Be it further

Resolved, That copies of this Joint Memorial be sent to the Colorado Chapter of the American Diabetes Association, the Colorado Diabetes Prevention Control Program, Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of Colorado's Congressional delegation.

POM-145. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to support efforts, programs, services and advocacy of organizations, such as the American Stroke Association, that work to enhance public awareness of childhood stroke; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 87

Whereas, a stroke, also known as a "cerebrovascular accident," is an acute neurologic injury that occurs when a blood vessel that carries oxygen and nutrients to the brain is either blocked by a clot or bursts; and

Whereas, a stroke is a medical emergency that can cause permanent neurologic damage or death if not promptly diagnosed and treated; and

Whereas, twenty-six out of every one hundred thousand newborns and almost three out of every one hundred thousand children have a stroke each year; and

Whereas, an individual can have a stroke before birth; and

Whereas, stroke is among the top ten causes of death for children in Louisiana, and twelve percent of all children who experience a stroke die as a result; and

Whereas, the death rate for children who experience a stroke before the age of one year is the highest out of all age groups; and

Whereas, many children who experience a stroke will suffer serious, long-term neurological disabilities, including hemiplegia, which is paralysis of one side of the body, seizures, speech and vision problems, and learning difficulties; and

Whereas, those disabilities may require ongoing physical therapy and surgeries; and

Whereas, the permanent health concerns and treatments resulting from strokes that occur during childhood and young adulthood have a considerable impact on children, families, and society; and

Whereas, very little is known about the cause, treatment, and prevention of childhood stroke; and

Whereas, medical research is the only means by which the citizens of the United States and Louisiana can identify and develop effective treatment and prevention strategies for childhood stroke; and

Whereas, early diagnosis and treatment of childhood stroke greatly improves the chances that the affected child will recover and not experience a recurrence; and

Whereas, all citizens of Louisiana are encouraged to learn more about the impact of childhood stroke on our state. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Congress of the United States to support the efforts, programs, services and advocacy of organizations, such as the American Stroke Association, that work to enhance public awareness of childhood stroke. Be it further

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

POM-146. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Montana repealing, rescinding, canceling, voiding, and superseding any and all extant applications by the Legislature of the State of Montana previously made during any legislative session to the Congress to call a convention pursuant to the terms of Article V of the U.S. Constitution for proposing one or more amendments to it; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38

Whereas, the Legislature of the State of Montana, acting with the best of intentions, has, at various times and during various sessions, previously made applications to the Congress of the United States of America to call one or more conventions to propose either a single amendment concerning a specific subject or to call a general convention to propose an unspecified and unlimited number of amendments to the United States Constitution, pursuant to the provisions of Article V of the United States Constitution; and

Whereas, former Chief Justice of the United States of America Warren E. Burger, former Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court Arthur J. Goldberg, and other leading constitutional scholars agree that such a convention may propose sweeping changes to the Constitution, any limitations or restrictions purportedly imposed by the states in applying for a convention or conventions to the contrary notwithstanding, thereby creating an imminent peril to the well-established rights of the citizens and the duties of various levels of government; and

Whereas, the Constitution of the United States of America has been amended many times in the history of this nation and may be amended many more times, without the need to resort to a constitutional convention, and has been interpreted for more than 200 years and has been found to be a sound document that protects the lives and liberties of the citizens; and

Whereas, there is no need for, and rather there is great danger in, a new Constitution or in opening the Constitution to sweeping changes, the adoption of which would only create legal chaos in this nation and only begin the process of another 2 centuries of litigation over its meaning and interpretation. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana, That the Legislature does hereby repeal, rescind, cancel, nullify, and supersede to the same effect as if they had never been passed any and all extant applications by the Legislature of the State of Montana to the Congress of the United States of America to call a convention to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America, pursuant to the terms of Article V of the Constitution, regardless of when or by which session or sessions of the Montana Legislature the applications were made and regardless of whether the applications were for a limited convention to propose one or more amendments regarding one or more specific subjects and purposes or for a general convention to propose an unlimited number of amendments upon an unlimited number of subjects. Be it further

Resolved, That the following resolutions and memorials are specifically repealed, rescinded, canceled, nullified, and superseded: Joint Concurrent Resolution No. 2, 1901; House Joint Resolution No. 1, 1905; Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, 1907; House Joint Memorial No. 7, 1911; House Joint Resolution No. 13, 1963; and Senate Joint Resolution No. 5, 1965. Be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of the State of Montana urges the Legislatures of each and every state that has applied to Congress to call a convention for either a general or a limited constitutional convention to repeal and rescind the applications. Be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State is directed to send copies of this resolution to the Secretary of State of each state in the Union, to the presiding officers of both houses of the Legislatures of each state in the Union, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to the Montana Congressional Delegation.

POM-147. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Ohio urging Congress to appropriate full funding for the Adam Walsh Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Whereas, the Congress of the United States passed the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (the "Adam Walsh Act") on July 25, 2006, to protect the public from sex offenders and offenders against children, and President George W. Bush signed the Adam Walsh Act into law on July 27, 2006; and

Whereas, the Adam Walsh Act establishes a comprehensive national system for the registration of sex offenders and offenders against children that requires the State of Ohio to amend its Sexual Offender Registration and Notification Act; and

Whereas, the Adam Walsh Act requires the U.S. Attorney General to implement a Sex Offender Management Assistance program through which the U.S. Attorney General may award grants to states to offset the costs of implementing the Adam Walsh Act and may give bonus payments to states that implement the Adam Walsh Act in a specified period of time. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the 127th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the Congress to appropriate full funding for the Adam Walsh Act; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, to the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and to the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

Report to accompany S. 845, A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to expand and intensify programs with respect to research and related activities concerning elder falls (Rept. No. 110-110).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 175. A bill to provide for a feasibility study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District and cities served by the District (Rept. No. 110-111).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 324. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the State of New Mexico (Rept. No. 110-112).

S. 542. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct feasibility studies to address certain water shortages within the

Snake, Boise, and Payette River systems in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-113).

S. 1037. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assist in the planning, design, and construction of the Tumalo Irrigation District Water Conservation Project in Deschutes County, Oregon (Rept. No. 110-114).

S. 1110. A bill to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to provide for the conjunctive use of surface and ground water in Juab County, Utah (Rept. No. 110-115).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1139. A bill to establish the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-116).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 235. A bill to allow for the renegotiation of the payment schedule of contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and the Redwood Valley County Water District, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-117).

H.R. 276. A bill to designate the Piedras Blancas Light Station and the surrounding public land as an Outstanding Natural Area to be administered as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-118).

H.R. 482. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer ownership of the American River Pump Station Project, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-119).

H.R. 839. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the feasibility of enlarging the Arthur V. Watkins Dam Weber Basin Project, Utah, to provide additional water for the Weber Basin Project to fulfill the purposes for which that project was authorized (Rept. No. 110-120).

H.R. 886. A bill to enhance ecosystem protection and the range of outdoor opportunities protected by statute in the Skykomish River valley of the State of Washington by designating certain lower-elevation Federal lands as wilderness, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-121).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 902. A bill to facilitate the use for irrigation and other purposes of water produced in connection with development of energy resources (Rept. No. 110-122).

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

S. 1257. A bill to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives (Rept. No. 110-123).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Appropriations, without recommendation without amendment:

H.R. 2771. A bill making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment and with an amended preamble:

H. Con. Res. 7. Calling on the League of Arab States and each Member State individually to acknowledge the genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan and to step up their efforts to stop the genocide in Darfur.

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 203. A resolution calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to use its unique influence and economic leverage to stop genocide and violence in Darfur, Sudan.

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 253. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the establishment of a Museum of the History of American Diplomacy through private donations is a worthy endeavor.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. McCASKILL:

S. 1723. A bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to enhance the independence of the Inspectors General, to create a Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. 1724. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Nevada to the Las Vegas Motor Speedway, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 1725. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and title 5, United States Code, to improve the protection of pension benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1726. A bill to regulate certain State taxation of interstate commerce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 1727. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a credit against income tax for certain educator expenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 1728. A bill to amend the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 to reauthorize the Na Hoa Pili O Kaloko-Honokohau Advisory Commission; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 1729. A bill to amend titles 18 and 28 of the United States Code to provide incentives for the prompt payments of debts owed to the United States and the victims of crime by imposing surcharges on unpaid judgments owed to the United States and to the victims of crime, to provide for offsets on amounts collected by the Department of Justice for Federal agencies, to increase the amount of special assessments imposed upon convicted persons, to establish an Enhanced Financial Recovery Fund to enhance, supplement, and improve the debt collection activities of the Department of Justice, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide to assistant United States attorneys the same retirement benefits as are afforded to Federal law enforcement officers, and for authorized purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. SNOWE, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1730. A bill to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act, to reward States for engaging individuals with disabilities in work activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 1731. A bill to provide for the continuing review of unauthorized Federal programs and agencies and to establish a bipartisan commission for the purposes of improving oversight and eliminating wasteful Government spending; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 1732. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Boardwalk Drive in Fort Collins, Colorado, as the "Dr. Karl E. Carson Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1733. A bill to authorize funds to prevent housing discrimination through the use of nationwide testing, to increase funds for the Fair Housing Initiatives Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1734. A bill to provide for prostate cancer imaging research and education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1735. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve dispute resolution provisions related to the Federal Aviation Administration personnel management system; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 1736. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that the eligibility requirement for disability insurance benefits under which an individual must have 20 quarters of Social Security coverage in the 40 quarters preceding a disability shall not be applicable in the case of a disabled individual suffering from a covered terminal disease; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SESSIONS:

S. 1737. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a waiver of the 35-mile drive requirement for designations of critical access hospitals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1738. A bill to establish a Special Counsel for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction within the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, to improve the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, to increase resources for regional computer forensic labs, and to make other improvements to increase the ability of law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute predators; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1739. A bill to amend section 35 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the health coverage tax credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 1740. A bill to amend the Act of February 22, 1889, and the Act of July 2, 1862, to provide for the management of public land trust funds in the State of North Dakota; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself and Mr. ALLARD):

S. 1741. A bill to modernize the manufactured housing loan insurance program under title I of the National Housing Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 1742. A bill to prevent the Federal Communications Commission from repromulgating the fairness doctrine; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1743. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the dollar limitation on contributions to funeral trusts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1744. A bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. Res. 260. A resolution strengthening the point of order against matters out of scope in conference reports; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 261. A resolution expressing appreciation for the profound public service and educational contributions of Donald Jeffry Herbert, fondly known as "Mr. Wizard"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 38

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 38, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a program for the provision of readjustment and mental health services to veterans who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.

S. 216

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 216, a bill to provide for the exchange of

certain Federal land in the Santa Fe National Forest and certain non-Federal land in the Pecos National Historical Park in the State of New Mexico.

S. 218

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 218, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the income threshold used to calculate the refundable portion of the child tax credit.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to prohibit the import, export, and sale of goods made with sweatshop labor, and for other purposes.

S. 651

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 651, a bill to help promote the national recommendation of physical activity to kids, families, and communities across the United States.

S. 661

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 661, a bill to establish kinship navigator programs, to establish guardianship assistance payments for children, and for other purposes.

S. 691

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the benefits under the Medicare program for beneficiaries with kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 725

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 725, a bill to amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to reauthorize and improve that Act.

S. 866

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 866, a bill to provide for increased planning and funding for health promotion programs of the Department of Health and Human Services.

S. 881

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 881, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA], the

Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] were added as cosponsors of S. 911, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 968

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 968, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide increased assistance for the prevention, treatment, and control of tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 1026

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1026, a bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia, as the "Charlie Norwood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

S. 1060

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1060, a bill to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, and for other purposes.

S. 1107

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1107, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce cost-sharing under part D of such title for certain non-institutionalized full-benefit dual eligible individuals.

S. 1146

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1146, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans who live in rural areas, and for other purposes.

S. 1147

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1147, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to terminate the administrative freeze on the

enrollment into the health care system of the Department of Veterans Affairs of veterans in the lowest priority category for enrollment (referred to as "Priority 8").

S. 1219

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1219, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide taxpayer protection and assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 1233

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1233, a bill to provide and enhance intervention, rehabilitative treatment, and services to veterans with traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes.

S. 1353

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1353, a bill to nullify the determinations of the Copyright Royalty Judges with respect to webcasting, to modify the basis for making such a determination, and for other purposes.

S. 1356

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1356, a bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to establish industrial bank holding company regulation, and for other purposes.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. DEMINT] were added as cosponsors of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1398

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1398, a bill to expand the research and prevention activities of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to inflammatory bowel disease.

S. 1545

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1545, a bill to implement the recommendations of the Iraq Study Group.

S. 1553

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1553, a bill to provide additional assistance to combat HIV/AIDS among young people, and for other purposes.

S. 1603

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 1603, a bill to authorize Congress to award a gold medal to Jerry Lewis, in recognition of his outstanding service to the Nation.

S. 1607

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1607, a bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes.

S. 1624

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1624, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the exception from the treatment of publicly traded partnerships as corporations for partnerships with passive-type income shall not apply to partnerships directly or indirectly deriving income from providing investment adviser and related asset management services.

S. 1661

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] were added as cosponsors of S. 1661, a bill to communicate United States travel policies and improve marketing and other activities designed to increase travel in the United States from abroad.

S. 1711

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1711, a bill to target cocaine kingpins and address sentencing disparity between crack and powder cocaine.

S. 1713

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1713, a bill to provide for the issuance of a commemorative postage stamp in honor of Rosa Parks.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 28, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 28, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled, "Examining Global Warming Issues in the Power Plant Sector."

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, June 28, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing on discussion draft legislation regarding the regulation of Class III gaming.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, June 28, 2007, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen room 226.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 28, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, FEDERAL SERVICES, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security be authorized to meet on Thursday, June 28, 2007, at 3 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, "Financial Management Systems Modernization at the Department of Homeland Security: Are Missed Opportunities Costing Us Money?"

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 9:33 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1830. An act to extend the authorities of the Andean Trade Preference Act until February 29, 2008.

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

S. 277. An act to modify the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park to include certain land within the GT Park Subdivision, and for other purposes.

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

S. 229. An act to redesignate a Federal building in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the

“Raymond G. Murphy Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.

S. 801. An act to designate a United States courthouse located in Fresno, California, as the “Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse”.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 12:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1704. An act to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

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

H.R. 2643. An act making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 172. Concurrent resolution honoring the life of each of the 9 fallen City of Charleston firefighters who lost their lives in Charleston, South Carolina, on June 18, 2007.

At 6:13 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution:

H. Con. Res. 179. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess of adjournment of the Senate.

HOUSE BILL AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 2643. An act making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and placed on the calendar:

H. Con. Res. 172. Concurrent resolution honoring the life of each of the 9 fallen City of Charleston firefighters who lost their lives in Charleston, South Carolina, on June 18, 2007.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

As in executive session

Ordered, That, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Lt. General Douglas E. Lute; that the time until 3 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form, between Mr. LEVIN and Mr. WARNER, or their designees, for debate thereon; and that, upon conclusion of debate on said amendment, the Senate resume its legislative session and the transaction of morning business.

Ordered further, That, at 4 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session; and that the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Lt. General Douglas E. Lute.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER FOR FURTHER EXECUTIVE SESSION ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, following the vote on confirmation of Lt. General Douglas E. Lute, there be 10 minutes, equally divided and controlled between Mr. LEAHY and Mr. SPECTER, or their designees, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in “stacked” sequence on confirmation of the following nominations: Benjamin Hale Settle, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington; Richard Sullivan, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York; and Joseph S. Van Bokkelen, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana; that motions to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate’s action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 2316

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2316) to provide more rigorous requirements with respect to disclosure and enforcement of lobbying laws and regulations, and for other purposes; that all

after the enacting clause be stricken, and the text of bill S. 1, as passed by the Senate on January 18, 2007, be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment in the nature of a substitute); that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, in a ratio of 4 majority- to 3 minority-party Senators, without intervening action or debate.

Mr. DEMINT objected.

OBJECTION TO DISCHARGE AND CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS

Mr. DEMINT asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be discharged from further consideration of the resolutions (S. Res. 123) reforming the congressional earmark process, and (S. Res. 260) strengthening the point of order against matters out of scope in conference reports; that the resolutions be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

ORDER RELATIVE TO VOTE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the executive session, previously ordered to occur at 4 p.m., instead occur at 4:10 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 4:10 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving three rollcall votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

CHANGE OF VOTE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LUGAR,

Ordered, That, on rollcall Vote No. 231 on yesterday, his vote be changed from “nay” to “yea”, thus making the result yeas 57, nays 40.

OBJECTION TO DISCHARGE AND
CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 1

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1) to provide for the implementation of the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States; that the Senate immediately proceed to its consideration; that all after the enacting clause be stricken, and the text of bill S. 4, as passed by the Senate on March 13, 2007, be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment in the nature of a substitute); that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, without intervening action or debate.

Mr. COBURN objected.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL
ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES AND A
CONDITIONAL RECESS OR
ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 179) providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXTENDING THE AUTHORITIES OF
THE ANDEAN TRADE PREFERENCE
ACT

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1830) to extend the authorities of the Andean Trade Preference Act until February 29, 2008, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDER RELATIVE TO BILL
H.R. 1585

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 1585 be withdrawn; that the motion to proceed be agreed to; and that, upon conclusion of a period for the transaction of morning business, the Senate resume consideration of said bill on Monday, July 9, 2007.

NATIONAL DEFENSE
AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2008

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The Senate was deemed to have proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 1585) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pending debate,

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:45 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:45 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of

morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for 10 minutes each.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:04 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:45 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2007

Mr. SHERROD BROWN, from the State of Ohio, called the Senate to order at 9:45 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. BROWN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, June 29, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a Senator from the State of Ohio, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. BROWN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. MIKULSKI, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1745. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, science, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-124).

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Select Committee on Intelligence, with amendments:

S. 1547. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-125).

S. 1548. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. 1745. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, science, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 1746. A bill to provide for the recognition of certain Native communities and the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 1747. A bill to regulate the judicial use of presidential signing statements in the interpretation of Act of Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BOND, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. THUNE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. KYL):

S. 1748. A bill to prevent the Federal Communications Commission from

repromulgating the fairness doctrine; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 1749. A bill to amend the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure to provide adequate protection to the rights of crime victims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. Res. 262. A resolution designating July 2007 as "National Watermelon Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 130

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 130, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend reasonable cost contracts under Medicare.

S. 648

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 648, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the eligibility age for receipt of non-regular military service retired pay for members of the Ready Reserve in active federal status or on active duty for significant periods.

S. 691

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the benefits under the Medicare program for beneficiaries with kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to establish a competitive grant program to build capacity in veterinary medical education and expand the workforce of veterinarians engaged in public health practice and biomedical research.

S. 771

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 771, a bill to amend the Child Nutrition

Act of 1966 to improve the nutrition and health of schoolchildren by updating the definition of "food of minimal nutritional value" to conform to current nutrition science and to protect the Federal investment in the national school lunch and breakfast programs.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 805, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa in the effort to achieve internationally recognized goals in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other major diseases and the reduction of maternal and child mortality by improving human health care capacity and improving retention of medical health professionals in sub-Saharan Africa, and for other purposes.

S. 819

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 819, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes.

S. 902

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 902, a bill to provide support and assistance for families of members of the National Guard and Reserve who are undergoing deployment, and for other purposes.

S. 1175

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1175, a bill to end the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, and for other purposes.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit through 2013, and for other purposes.

S. 1337

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1337, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to provide for equal coverage of mental health

services under the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

S. 1406

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to strengthen polar bear conservation efforts, and for other purposes.

S. 1415

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1415, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Social Security Act to improve screening and treatment of cancers, provide for survivorship services, and for other purposes.

S. 1418

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1418, a bill to provide assistance to improve the health of newborns, children, and mothers in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 1455

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1455, a bill to provide for the establishment of a health information technology and privacy system.

S. 1459

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1459, a bill to strengthen the Nation's research efforts to identify the causes and cure of psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis, expand psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis data collection, study access to and quality of care for people with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis, and for other purposes.

S. 1471

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of S. 1471, a bill to provide for the voluntary development by States of qualifying best practices for health care and to encourage such voluntary development by amending titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to provide differential rates of payment favoring treatment provided consistent with qualifying best practices under the Medicare and Medicaid programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1593

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1593, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief and protections to military personnel, and for other purposes.

S. 1603

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1603, a bill to authorize Congress to award a gold medal to Jerry Lewis, in recognition of his outstanding service to the Nation.

S. 1624

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1624, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the exception from the treatment of publicly traded partnerships as corporations for partnerships with passive-type income shall not apply to partnerships directly or indirectly deriving income from providing investment adviser and related asset management services.

S. 1677

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1677, a bill to amend the Exchange Rates and International Economic Coordination Act of 1988 and for other purposes.

S. 1742

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] were added as cosponsors of S. 1742, a bill to prevent the Federal Communications Commission from repromulgating the fairness doctrine.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 9:59 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2829. An act making appropriations for Financial Services and General Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that, in accordance with the request of the Senate, the bill (S. 1612) entitled "An act to amend the penalty provisions in the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, and for other purposes," and all the accompanying papers were hereby returned to the Senate.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 801(b) of Public Law 101-696 (2 U.S.C. 2081(b)), the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library serve ex officio on the U.S. Capitol Preservation Commission, but each may designate another Member to serve in his or her place; the Vice Chairman

and the Joint Committee for the 110th Congress, ROBERT A. BRADY, hereby designates the following Member to serve on the U.S. Capitol Preservation Commission as Vice Chairman of the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library in lieu of himself, as provided for in section 801(c) of Public Law 101-696 (2 U.S.C. 2081(c)): Mr. CAPUANO of Massachusetts.

At 11 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1830. An act to extend the authorities of the Andean Trade Preference Act until February 29, 2008.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 12:50 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 277. An act to modify the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park to include certain land within the GT Park Subdivision, and for other purposes.

S. 1704. An act to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 2829. An act making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND NATIONAL SECURITY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1610) to ensure national security while promoting foreign investment and the creation and maintenance of jobs, to reform the process by which such investments are examined for any effect they may have on national security, to establish the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2002, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 556) to ensure national security while promoting foreign investment and the creation and maintenance of jobs, to reform the process by which such investments are examined for any effect they may have on national security, to establish the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, and for other purposes; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that all after the enacting clause be stricken, and the text of bill S. 1610, as amended, be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment in the nature of a substitute); that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that motions to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table, without intervening action or debate.

Ordered further, That bill S. 1610 be returned to the calendar.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE CRISIS
RESPONSE ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 966) to enable the Department of State to respond to a critical shortage of passport processing personnel, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS
DURING THE ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointment to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

ORDER FOR RECORD TO REMAIN
OPEN ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding an adjournment of the Senate, the Record remain open until 2 p.m. on today for introduction of legislation, submission of statements, and adding of cosponsors.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO
REPORT DURING ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding an adjournment of the Senate, committees be authorized to report on Tuesday, July 3, 2007 from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, JULY 9,
2007, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 9, 2007; that, on Monday, July 9, 2007, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 3 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for 10 minutes each; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, at 3 p.m., the Senate proceed to consideration of bill H.R. 1585, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 12:51 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, and pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 179, until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 9, 2007.

MONDAY, JULY 9, 2007

Mr. SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 9, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. WHITEHOUSE took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, June 29, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, June 29, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Friday, June 29, 2007,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business until 3 p.m.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED
DURING ADJOURNMENT

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on Monday, July 2, 2007, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 277. A bill to modify the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park to include certain land within the GT Park Subdivision, and for other purposes.

S. 1704. A bill to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2418. A communication from the Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance

Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's annual report for calendar year 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2419. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cold Treatment Regulations" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0050) received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2420. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Asian Longhorned Beetle; Removal of Quarantined Area in Illinois" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0105) received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2421. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Export Certificate for Wood Packaging Material" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0122) received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2422. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Air Force, case number 04-02; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2423. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of the authorization of two officers to wear the authorized insignia of the next higher grade in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2424. A communication from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of significant unresolved issues with the Department's design and construction projects; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2425. A communication from the Director, Education Activity, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the results of the Department's public-private competition for Logistics Support in the Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools at Fort Knox, Kentucky; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2426. A communication from the Acting Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the initiation of a standard competition of the

Central Heat Plant function at Malmstrom Air Force Base; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2427. A communication from the Vice President, National Security Research Division, RAND Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "F-22A Multi-Year Procurement Program: An Assessment of Cost Savings"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2428. A communication from the Vice President, National Security Research Division, RAND Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Thin Green Line: An Assessment of DoD's Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative to Buffer Installation Encroachment"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2429. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the funding of the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2430. A communication from the Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension" (RIN0790-AH97) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2431. A communication from the Director, Education Activity, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the results of its public-private competition for bus services in the Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools at Camp Lejeune; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2432. A communication from the Acting Assistant Director for Licensing, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Republication of Appendix A to 31 CFR Chapter V" (5 USC 553) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DORGAN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 835. A bill to reauthorize the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians (Rept. No. 110-126).

By Mr. DORGAN, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1751. An original bill making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending

September 30, 2008, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-127).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1750. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve access to community cancer care by Medicare beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DORGAN:

S. 1751. An original bill making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1752. A bill to establish the policy of the United States with respect to deployment of missile defense systems capable of defending allies of the United States against ballistic missile attack; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. SMITH):

S. 1753. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit to employers for the costs of implementing wellness programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. SMITH):

S. 1754. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a workplace wellness education campaign and an evaluation of employer-based wellness programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 263. A resolution to authorize testimony and legal representation in State of Iowa v. Chester Guinn, Brian David Terrell, Dixie Jenness Webb, Kathleen McQuillen, and Elton Lloyd Davis; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. Res. 264. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate upon the 50-year anniversary of Hurricane Audrey; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. Res. 265. A resolution congratulating the St. Mary's College of Maryland sailing team for winning the 2007 Inter-collegiate Sailing Association (ICSA) Women's National Championship and the 2007 ICSA Team Race National Championship; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 35

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 35, a bill to amend section 7209 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 and for other purposes.

S. 41

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 41, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to improve America's research competitiveness, and for other purposes.

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] were added as cosponsors of S. 185, a bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States.

S. 335

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 335, a bill to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from using private debt collection companies, and for other purposes.

S. 399

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 399, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include podiatrists as physicians for purposes of covering physicians services under the Medicaid program.

S. 456

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 456, a bill to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, and for other purposes.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 638

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 638, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 644

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 644, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recodify as part of that title certain educational assistance programs for members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces, to improve such programs, and for other purposes.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 774

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 774, a bill to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to permit States to determine State residency for higher education purposes and to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children, and for other purposes.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] were added as cosponsors of S. 803, a bill to repeal a provision enacted to end Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 805, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa in the effort to achieve internationally recognized goals in the treatment and

prevention of HIV/AIDS and other major diseases and the reduction of maternal and child mortality by improving human health care capacity and improving retention of medical health professionals in sub-Saharan Africa, and for other purposes.

S. 819

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 819, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes.

S. 849

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 849, a bill to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes.

S. 871

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 871, a bill to establish and provide for the treatment of Individual Development Accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 915

At the request of Mrs. DOLE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 915, a bill to establish a pilot program to provide grants to encourage eligible institutions of higher education to establish and operate pregnant and parenting student services offices for pregnant students, parenting students, prospective parenting students who are anticipating a birth or adoption, and students who are placing or have placed a child for adoption.

S. 958

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 958, a bill to establish an adolescent literacy program.

S. 1012

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1012, a bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 1070

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1070, a bill to

amend the Social Security Act to enhance the social security of the Nation by ensuring adequate public-private infrastructure and to resolve to prevent, detect, treat, intervene in, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes.

S. 1164

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1164, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve patient access to, and utilization of, the colorectal cancer screening benefit under the Medicare Program.

S. 1175

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1175, a bill to end the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, and for other purposes.

S. 1177

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1177, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish a national uniform multiple air pollutant regulatory program for the electric generating sector.

S. 1276

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1276, a bill to establish a grant program to facilitate the creation of methamphetamine precursor electronic logbook systems, and for other purposes.

S. 1277

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1277, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify the treatment of payment under the Medicare program for clinical laboratory tests furnished by critical access hospitals.

S. 1337

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1337, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to provide for equal coverage of mental health services under the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

S. 1342

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1342, a bill to improve the health of Americans and reduce health care costs by reorienting the Nation's health care system toward prevention, wellness, and self care.

S. 1369

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1369, a bill to grant immunity from civil liability to any

person who voluntarily notifies appropriate security personnel of suspicious activity believed to threaten transportation safety or security or takes reasonable action to mitigate such activity.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1394

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1394, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, to exclude from gross income of individual taxpayers discharges of indebtedness attributable to certain forgiven residential mortgage obligations.

S. 1418

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1418, a bill to provide assistance to improve the health of newborns, children, and mothers in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 1469

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1469, a bill to require the closure of the Department of Defense detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes.

S. 1484

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1484, a bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restore the Medicare treatment of ownership of oxygen equipment to that in effect before enactment of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.

S. 1494

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1494, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the special diabetes programs for Type I diabetes and Indians under that Act.

S. 1518

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1518, a bill to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1556

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1556, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage to

designated plan beneficiaries of employees, and for other purposes.

S. 1563

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1563, a bill to require the disclosure of certain activities relating to the petroleum industry of Sudan, to increase the penalties for violations of sanctions provisions, and for other purposes.

S. 1605

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1605, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect and preserve access of Medicare beneficiaries in rural areas to health care providers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1607

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1607, a bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes.

S. 1626

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1626, a bill to amend title XIV of the Social Security Act to ensure funding for grants to promote responsible fatherhood and strengthen low-income families, and for other purposes.

S. 1651

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1651, a bill to assist certain Iraqis who have worked directly with, or are threatened by their association with, the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1703

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1703, a bill to prevent and reduce trafficking in persons.

S. 1715

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1715, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate discriminatory copayment rates for outpatient psychiatric services under the Medicare program.

S. 1733

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1733, a bill to authorize funds to prevent housing discrimination through the use of nationwide testing, to increase funds for the Fair Housing Initiatives Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1742

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] was

added as a cosponsor of S. 1742, a bill to prevent the Federal Communications Commission from repromulgating the fairness doctrine.

S. 1747

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1747, a bill to regulate the judicial use of presidential signing statements in the interpretation of Act of Congress.

S. 1748

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1748, a bill to prevent the Federal Communications Commission from repromulgating the fairness doctrine.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 4, a joint resolution to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the United States Government regarding Indian tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 87

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 87, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should declare lung cancer a public health priority and should implement a comprehensive interagency program to reduce the lung cancer mortality rate by at least 50 percent by 2015.

SENATE RESOLUTION 203

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 203, a resolution calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to use its unique influence and economic leverage to stop genocide and violence in Darfur, Sudan.

SENATE RESOLUTION 215

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 215, a resolution designating September 25, 2007, as "National First Responder Appreciation Day".

AUTHORIZING TESTIMONY AND LEGAL REPRESENTATION

On the request of Mr. REID,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 263) to authorize testimony and legal representation in State of Iowa v. Chester

Guinn, Brian David Terrell, Dixie Jenness Webb, Kathleen McQuillen, and Elton Lloyd Davis, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

IMPLEMENTING THE 9/11 COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1) to provide for the implementation of the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that all after the enacting clause be stricken, and the text of bill S. 4 (as passed the Senate on March 13, 2007) be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment in the nature of a substitute); that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Ordered further, That the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

Ordered further, That it not be in order to consider said conference report if it contains certain collective bargaining provisions.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS AND BILL H.R. 2316

Mr. DEMINT asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be discharged from further consideration of the resolutions (S. Res. 123) reforming the congressional earmark process and (S. Res. 260) strengthening the point of order against matters out of scope in conference reports; that the Senate proceed to consider the resolutions, en bloc; that the resolutions be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Mr. DEMINT asked further consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2316) to provide more rigorous requirements with respect to disclosure and enforcement of lobbying laws and regulations, and for other purposes; that all after the enacting clause be stricken and the

text of bill S. 1 (as passed the Senate) be inserted in lieu thereof; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time and passed; that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on with a ratio of 4 majority- to 3 minority-party Senators.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 2316

Mr. DURBIN asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2316) to provide more rigorous requirements with respect to disclosure and enforcement of lobbying laws and regulations, and for other purposes; that all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of bill S. 1 (as passed the Senate) be inserted in lieu thereof; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time and passed; that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on with a ratio of 4 majority- to 3 minority-party Senators.

Mr. HAGEL objected.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

Pursuant to the order of Friday, June 29, 2007,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WEBB in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1585) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON (for Mr. LEVIN) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2011, in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. WEBB (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. REID, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. BYRD, Mr. TESTER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DODD, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. STABENOW, and Ms.

LANDRIEU) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in subtitle C of title X, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2012).

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION
ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BILL NELSON,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 4:30 p.m. today, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Liam O’Grady, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia; that there be 1 hour, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon between the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on the Judiciary, or their designees; that, at 5:30 p.m., the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; that, following said vote, the Senate proceed to consider the nomination of Janet T. Neff, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan, that there be 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon between Mr. BROWNBACK and Mr. LEAHY; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the confirmation of the nomination, that, if said nomination is confirmed, the Senate vote in “stacked” sequence on confirmation of the nominations of Paul Lewis Maloney, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan and Robert James Jonker, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate’s action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

NATIONAL DEFENSE
AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2008

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1585.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2012 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BILL NELSON,

Ordered, That Mr. HAGEL be added as a cosponsor to amendment No. 2000.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2012 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BILL NELSON to amend the pending amendment, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2013).

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 4:30 p.m. having passed, Pursuant to the order of today, as modified, The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration executive business (involving two rollcall votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today, The Senate resumed its legislative session.

NATIONAL DEFENSE
AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2008

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1585.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2013 to amendment No. 2012 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that, on tomorrow, when the Senate resumes consideration of bill H.R. 1585, amendment No. 2013 to amendment No. 2012 be withdrawn; that there be 4 hours, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on amendment No. 2012; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said amendment, without intervening action.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2013 to amendment No. 2012 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, if a motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2012 is presented on tomorrow, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said motion on Wednesday, July 11, 2007.

CHARLIE W. NORWOOD LIVING
ORGAN DONATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 710) to amend the National Organ Transplant Act to provide that criminal penalties do not apply to paired donations of human kidneys, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. LEVIN) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2025, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL
WATERMELON MONTH"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 262) designating July 2007 as "National Watermelon Month".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE ST.
MARY’S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND
SAILING TEAM

On the request of Mr. REID,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 265) congratulating the St. Mary’s College of Maryland sailing team for winning the 2007 Inter-collegiate Sailing Association (ICSA) Women’s National Championship and the 2007 ICSA Team Race National Championship, submitted today by Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. CARDIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON
BILL H.R. 1

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore, as authorized, appointed the following as conferees on the part of the Senate to the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to the bill H.R. 1: Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. CARPER, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. COBURN; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Mr. DODD, Mr. SHELBY; from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Mr. INOUE, Mr. STEVENS; and from the

Committee on Foreign Relations, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LUGAR.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the first half of the time therein be controlled by the minority, and the second half of the time therein be controlled by the majority; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1585.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:14 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2007

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. TESTER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, July 10, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator

from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. TESTER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business. Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2433. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Uninsured Secondary Capital" (12 C.F.R. Parts 701 and 741) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2434. A communication from the Staff Attorney, Office of General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments" (RIN3133-AD36) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2435. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (Docket No. FEMA-B-7716) received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2436. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 31463) received on

July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2437. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 31461) received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2438. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 31460) received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2439. A communication from the Assistant to the Board, Federal Reserve Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation E (Electronic Fund Transfers)" (Docket No. R-1270) received on June 28, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2440. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Corporation Finance and Office of the Chief Accountant, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Rules Regarding Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting; and Commission Guidance Regarding Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Under Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934" (RIN3235-AJ58) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2441. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Market Regulation, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rule 10a-1; Rule 200 of Regulation SHO; Rule 201 of Regulations SHO" (RIN3235-AJ76) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2442. A communication from the First Vice President and Controller, Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2006 management report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2443. A communication from the Controller, Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2006 management report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2444. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month report on the national emergency with respect to the threat to the U.S. economy caused by the lapse of

the Export Administration Act of 1979 that was declared in Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2445. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month report on the national emergency with respect to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor that was declared in Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2446. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, proposed legislation intended to reauthorize the American Dream Down Payment Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2447. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Yellowfin Sole by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XA75) received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2448. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Less than 60 Feet LOA Using Pot or Hook-and-Line Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XA70) received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2449. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's decision to enter into a contract with a private security screening company to provide screening services; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2450. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule Implementing Amendment 13 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan" (RIN0648-AV39) received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2451. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic

Bluefin Tuna Quota Specifications and Effort Controls" ((RIN0648-AU87)(I.D. 030507A)) received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2452. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, (3) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2453. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "International Energy Outlook 2007"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2454. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Virginia Regulatory Program" (Docket No. VA-123-FOR) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2455. A communication from the Assistant Director, Fisheries and Habitat Conservation, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Injurious Wildlife Species; Silver Carp and Largescale Silver Carp" (RIN1018-AT29) received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2456. A communication from the Acting Chair, Federal Subsistence Board, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska, Subpart C: Nonrural Determinations" (RIN1018-AT99) received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2457. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's position on budgeting for the Unalaska, Alaska Navigation Improvement Project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2458. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System - Suspension of Regulations Establishing Requirements for Cooling Water Intake Structures at Phase II Existing Facilities" ((RIN2040-AD62)(FRL No. 8336-9)) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2459. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator,

Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Withdrawal of Federal Marine Aquatic Life Water Quality Criteria for Toxic Pollutants Applicable to Washington State" (FRL No. 8337-2) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2460. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Redesignation of the Hampton Roads Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Area's Maintenance Plan and 2002 Base-Year Inventory; Correction" (FRL No. 8335-1) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2461. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio Rules to Control Emissions from Hospital, Medical, and Infectious Waste Management" (FRL No. 8335-5) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2462. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Kentucky: Redesignation of the Kentucky Portion of the Louisville 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment for Ozone" (FRL No. 8335-4) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2463. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment, Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Ohio; Correction" (FRL No. 8335-6) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2464. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a copy of a document recently issued by the Agency entitled "Estimation of

Relative Bioavailability of Lead in Soil and Soil-Like Materials Using In Vivo and In Vitro Methods"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2465. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Primary Copper Smelting and Secondary Copper Smelting Area Sources" ((RIN2060-AO46)(FRL No. 8334-4)) received on June 28, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2466. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Redesignation of the Lancaster 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Area's Maintenance Plan and 2002 Base-Year Inventory" (FRL No. 8333-6) received on June 28, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2467. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Redesignation of the Tioga County Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Area's Maintenance Plan and 2002 Base Year Inventory" (FRL No. 8333-7) received on June 28, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2468. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of the Deferred Effective Date for 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards for the Denver Early Action Compact" (FRL No. 8332-2) received on June 28, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2469. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticide Tolerance Nomenclature Changes; Technical Amendment" (FRL No. 8131-3)) received on June 28, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2470. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a document recently issued by the Agency entitled "Interpretation of 'Ambient Air' in Situations Involving Leased Land Under the Regulations for Prevention of Significant Deterioration"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2471. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safe Harbor Method of Accounting for Advance Trade Discounts" (Rev. Proc. 2007-53) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2472. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Elimination of Schedule P from Form 5500 Series" (Announcement 2007-63) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2473. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Ruling on Nonexempt Employees' Trusts" (Rev. Rul. 2007-48) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2474. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fortuity and Insurance" (Rev. Rul. 2007-47) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2475. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Research Agreements" (Rev. Proc. 2007-47) received on June 28, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2476. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rotable Spare Parts" (Rev. Proc. 2007-48) received on June 28, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2477. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of Section 83 When Post-Grant Restrictions are Imposed on Vested Stock" (Rev. Rul. 2007-49) received on July 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2478. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch,

Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Regulations Under Section 6033(a)(2) Relating to Disclosure Obligations With Respect to Prohibited Tax Shelter Transactions" ((RIN1545-BG19)(TD 9335)) received on July 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2479. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final and Temporary Regulations Relating to the Requirement of a Return to Accompany Payment of Excise Taxes Under Section 4695" ((RIN1545-BG20)(TD 9334)) received on July 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2480. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Employee Plans Compliance Resolution System" (Rev. Proc. 2007-49) received on July 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2481. A communication from the Acting Social Security Regulations Officer, Office of Disability and Income Security Programs, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of the Expiration Date for Several Body System Listings" (RIN0960-AG51) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2482. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continued compliance by certain countries with the 1974 Trade Act; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2483. A communication from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to the Congress: Promoting Greater Efficiency in Medicare"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2484. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the waiver of the application of subsections 402(a) and (b) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Turkmenistan; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2485. A communication from the Chairman, United States International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2486. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the use and effectiveness of funds appropriated to the Medicaid Integrity

Program during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2487. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2007-135 - 2007-142); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2488. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2007-126 - 2007-134); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2489. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2007-118 - 2007-125); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2490. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, reports relative to agreements entered into with Taiwan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2491. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles and defense services relative to the co-development of the Galaxy Express space launch vehicle upgrade program with Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2492. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the sale of materials related to F-5E/F fighter aircraft from the Government of Jordan to the Government of Kenya; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2493. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles and defense services relative to the launch of satellites from the Pacific Ocean utilizing a modified oil platform to Russia, Ukraine, and Norway; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2494. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report of a rule entitled "Orthopedic Devices; Reclassification of the Intervertebral Body Fusion Device" (Docket No. 2006N-0019) received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2495. A communication from the Administrator, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Senior Community Service Employment Program; Performance Accountability; Interim Rule" (RIN1205-AB47) received on July 6, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2496. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing of Color Additives Subject to Certification" (Docket No. 1995C-0286) received on July 6, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2497. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Human Cells, Tissue, and Cellular and Tissue-Based Products; Donor Screening and Testing, and Related Labeling" (Docket No. 1997N-0484T) received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2498. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Letter Report: Responses to Specific Questions Regarding the District's Ballpark"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2499. A communication from the Director for Acquisition Management and Financial Assistance, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's fiscal year 2006 inventory; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2500. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Letter Report: Auditor's Preliminary Findings from Examination of Contract Between the Office of Contracting and Procurement and Venable, Baetjer and Howard, LLP"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2501. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-63, "Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Support Act of 2007" received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2502. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Office of OMB Guidance on Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension" (45 CFR Parts 74 and 76) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2503. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-62, "District of Columbia School Reform Property Disposition Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on June 28, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2504. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, a legislative proposal entitled "Lump-Sum Payments for Annual Levee Simplification Act of 2007"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2505. A communication from the Deputy White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, (11) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 2764. A bill making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-128).

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1642. A bill to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. 1762. An original bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 602 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008 (S. Con. Res. 21).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 1755. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to make permanent the summer food service pilot project for rural areas of Pennsylvania and apply the program to rural areas of every State; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. AKAKA, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) (by request):

S. 1756. A bill to provide supplemental ex gratia compensation to the Republic of the Marshall Islands for impacts of the nuclear testing program of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. AKAKA (by request):

S. 1757. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend or make permanent certain authorities for veterans' benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. DODD):

S. 1758. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to help individuals with functional impairments and their families pay for services and supports that they need to maximize their functionality and independence and have choices about community participation, education, and employment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 1759. A bill to provide for the review of agricultural mergers and acquisitions by the Department of Justice, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. 1760. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Healthy Start Initiative; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1761. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to contract with an independent engineer to review the construction methods of certain Federal highway projects, to require States to submit a project management plan for each highway project financed with Federal funds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 1762. An original bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 602 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008 (S. Con. Res. 21); from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; placed on the calendar.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. McCONNELL:

S. Res. 266. A resolution making minority party appointments for the 110th Congress; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. Res. 267. A resolution honoring the life of renowned painter and writer Tom Lea on the 100th anniversary of his birth and commending the City of El Paso for recognizing July 2007 as "Tom Lea Month"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 329

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 396

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 396, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat controlled foreign corporations in tax havens as domestic corporations.

S. 399

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 399, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include podiatrists as physicians for purposes of covering physicians services under the Medicaid program.

S. 404

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 404, a bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to require the implementation of country of origin labeling requirements by September 30, 2007.

S. 456

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 456, a bill to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, and for other purposes.

S. 458

At the request of Mr. VITTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 458, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act

to provide for the treatment of certain physician pathology services under the Medicare program.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 651

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 651, a bill to help promote the national recommendation of physical activity to kids, families, and communities across the United States.

S. 742

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 742, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reduce the health risks posed by asbestos-containing products, and for other purposes.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to establish a competitive grant program to build capacity in veterinary medical education and expand the workforce of veterinarians engaged in public health practice and biomedical research.

S. 860

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 860, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States the option to provide Medicaid coverage for low-income individuals infected with HIV.

S. 881

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 881, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 921

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 921, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 960

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 960, a bill to establish the United States Public Service Academy.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 1038

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1038, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand workplace health incentives by equalizing the tax consequences of employee athletic facility use.

S. 1070

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1070, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to enhance the social security of the Nation by ensuring adequate public-private infrastructure and to resolve to prevent, detect, treat, intervene in, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes.

S. 1213

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1213, a bill to give States the flexibility to reduce bureaucracy by streamlining enrollment processes for the Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Programs through better linkages with programs providing nutrition and related assistance to low-income families.

S. 1233

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1233, a bill to provide and enhance intervention, rehabilitative treatment, and services to veterans with traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes.

S. 1258

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1258, a bill to amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 to authorize improvements for the security of dams and other facilities.

S. 1322

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1322, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the operation of employee stock ownership plans, and for other purposes.

S. 1450

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1450, a bill to authorize appropriations for the Housing Assistance Council.

S. 1451

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1451, a bill to encourage the development of coordinated quality reforms to improve health care delivery and reduce the cost of care in the health care system.

S. 1478

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1478, a bill to provide lasting protection for inventoried roadless areas within the National Forest System.

S. 1494

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1494, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the special diabetes programs for Type I diabetes and Indians under that Act.

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1494, supra.

S. 1545

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1545, a bill to implement the recommendations of the Iraq Study Group.

S. 1555

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1555, a bill to establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of Food and Drug Administration-approved contraception, and for other purposes.

S. 1603

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 1603, a bill to authorize Congress to award a gold medal to Jerry Lewis, in recognition of his outstanding service to the Nation.

S. 1607

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1607, a bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes.

S. 1649

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1649, a bill to provide for 2 programs to authorize the use of leave by caregivers for family members of certain individuals performing military service, and for other purposes.

S. 1705

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1705, a bill to prevent nuclear terrorism, and for other purposes.

S. 1711

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1711, a bill to target cocaine kingpins and address sentencing disparity between crack and powder cocaine.

S. 1714

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1714, a bill to establish a multiagency nationwide campaign to educate small business concerns about health insurance options available to children.

S. 1717

At the request of Mr. CASEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1717, a bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Deputy Chief of State and Private Forestry organization, to provide loans to eligible units of local government to finance purchases of authorized equipment to monitor, remove, dispose of, and replace infested trees that are located on land under the jurisdiction of the eligible units of local government and within the borders of quarantine areas infested by the emerald ash borer, and for other purposes.

S. 1747

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1747, a bill to regulate the judicial use of presidential signing statements in the interpretation of Act of Congress.

S. 1749

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] were added as cosponsors of

S. 1748, a bill to prevent the Federal Communications Commission from repromulgating the fairness doctrine.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. AKAKA,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISASTER RECOVERY

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, July 10, 2007, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing titled "FEMA's Project Worksheets: addressing a prominent obstacle to the gulf coast rebuilding."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet to hold a hearing on community services and supports for people with disabilities during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 10, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room 106 of the Dirksen Senate office building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet on Tuesday, July 10, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, "From Warehouse to Warfighter: an update on supply chain management at DoD."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION SAFETY, INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY, AND WATER QUALITY

The Subcommittee on Transportation Safety, Infrastructure Security, and Water Quality be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 10, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled, "Lessons Learned from Chemical Safety Board (CSB) Investigations including Texas City, TX."

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1585) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for

defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2013, proposed by Mr. BILL NELSON, to amendment No. 2012, proposed by Mr. WEBB (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. REID, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. BYRD, Mr. TESTER, Mrs. McCASKILL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DODD, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. MENENDEZ), to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), to the bill.

Pending debate,

DISTURBANCE IN THE GALLERY

A disturbance in the gallery occurred when certain individuals began applauding loudly.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. KLOBUCHAR in the chair) directed the Sergeant at Arms to restore order in the gallery (No. 8).

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1585.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2013 to amendment No. 2012 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 1:06 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. BOXER in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1585.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2013 to amendment No.

2012 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. LEAHY asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; that he be recognized to propose an amendment (for himself and Mr. SPECTER); that, following debate thereon, the amendment be laid aside; and that the question then recur on agreeing to amendment No. 2013.

Mr. BROWNBACK objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2013 to amendment No. 2012 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be withdrawn; that there be 4 hours, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for concurrent debate on amendment No. 2012 and on an amendment to be proposed by Mr. GRAHAM; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 2012; and that, following said vote, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the amendment to be proposed by Mr. GRAHAM.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2013 to amendment No. 2012 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending amendment No. 2012, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2012 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill H.R. 1585:

JIM WEBB, RICHARD J. DURBIN, DANIEL K. AKAKA, JACK REED, CARL LEVIN, H.R. CLINTON, RUSSELL D. FEINGOLD, JEFF BINGAMAN, CHRISTOPHER DODD, FRANK R. LAUTENBERG, JOHN KERRY, PATTY MURRAY, JON TESTER, SHERROD BROWN, KEN SALAZAR, B.A. MIKULSKI, JOE BIDEN, HARRY REID.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2013 to amendment No. 2012 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

MAKING MINORITY PARTY APPOINTMENTS FOR THE 110TH CONGRESS

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MENENDEZ in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 266) making minority party appointments for the 110th Congress, submitted today by Mr. MCCONNELL, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
RENOWNED PAINTER AND WRITER
TOM LEA ON THE 100TH
ANNIVERSARY OF HIS BIRTH

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 267) honoring the life of renowned painter and writer Tom Lea on the 100th anniversary of his birth and commending the City of El Paso for recognizing July 2007 as "Tom Lea Month", submitted today by Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. BINGAMAN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein, until 10:30 a.m.; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the first half of the time therein be controlled by the majority, and the second half of the time therein be controlled by the minority; that, at 10:30 a.m., the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1585; that the time until 11:30 a.m. be equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking member of

the Committee on Armed Services, or their designees, for debate only; that the last 20 minutes be equally divided and controlled between the majority and minority leaders; that the majority leader control the final 10 minutes therein; and that, at 11:30 a.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2012, with no intervening action or debate.

Ordered further, That, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, Senators be authorized to "file" germane second-degree amendments to amendment No. 2012 until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

At 7:26 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, July 11, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business until 10:30 a.m.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2506. A communication from the Acting Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Television Stations Digital Transition Grant Program" (RIN0572-AC02), received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2507. A communication from the Acting Deputy Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act that occurred in the Capital Investment Fund; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2508. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the authorization of the Secretary of the Air Force to enter into multiyear contracts for the procurement of up to 60 F-22 aircraft beginning with the 2007 program year; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2509. A communication from the Assistant Director, Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, (3) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2510. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the operations of the National Defense Stockpile during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2511. A communication from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Plutonium Storage at the Department of Energy's

Savannah River Site; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2512. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, proposed legislation intended to ensure that the Federal Housing Administration continues to play a key role in serving low- and moderate-income homebuyers; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2513. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to its system of internal controls for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2514. A communication from the Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's management report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2515. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Bank's system of internal controls for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2516. A communication from the Senior Vice President for Resource Management, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Buy American Act for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2517. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2007 through 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2518. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Award Fee Administrative Changes" (RIN2700-AD33), received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2519. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's position on budgeting for the Cedar Bayou, Texas Navigation Improvement Project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2520. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 8336-1), received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2521. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Air Quality Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Delaware, and West Virginia; Control of Emissions from Existing Other Solid Waste Incinerator Units" (FRL No. 8338-7), received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2522. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Chlorpropham, Linuron, Pebulate, Asulam, and Thiophanate-methyl; Tolerance Actions" (FRL No. 8131-6), received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2523. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Criteria for the Safe and Environmentally Protective Use of Granular Mine Tailings Known as 'Chat'" ((RIN2050-AG27)(FRL No. 8326-1)), received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2524. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cymoxanil; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8130-5), received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2525. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indoxacarb; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8137-8), received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2526. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Arizona State Implementation Plan, Pinal County Air Quality Control District" (FRL No. 8439-2),

received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2527. A communication from the Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in the Insular Possessions Watch, Watch Movement and Jewelry Programs" (RIN0625-AA72), received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2528. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program; Citizenship Documentation Requirements" (RIN0938-AO51), received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2529. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program; Prescription Drugs" (RIN0938-AO20), received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2530. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Evaluation of Phase I of Medicare Health Support Pilot Program Under Traditional Fee-for-Service Medicare"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2531. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Coverage Determinations"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2532. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for Europe and Eurasia, received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2533. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for Africa, received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2534. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2535. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for

International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Administrator, received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2536. A communication from the Acting Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2537. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a certification regarding the proposed transfer of aircraft, with an original acquisition value of more than \$14,000,000, including the F-16 AM to Jordan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2538. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Department of State Acquisition Regulation - Technical Amendments" (RIN1400-AC34), received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2539. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Policy Objectives and U.S. Policy Regarding Iran"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2540. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Promising Strategies to End Youth Homelessness"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2541. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program: Calculation of Average Cost of a Health Insurance Policy" (RIN0905-AA68), received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2542. A communication from the Deputy Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044), received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2543. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the designation

of an acting officer for the position of Chief Financial Officer, received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2544. A communication from the Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the federal work force for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2545. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a petition filed by a class of workers from W.R. Grace in Erwin, Tennessee, to be added to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2546. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a petition filed by a class of workers from the Dow Chemical Company site in Madison, Illinois, to be added to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2547. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a petition filed by a class of workers from Los Alamos National Laboratory to be added to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2548. A communication from the Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, the report of a draft bill intended to authorize automatic enrollment of all newly hired Federal employees and members of the uniformed services into the Thrift Savings Plan; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2549. A communication from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Commission's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2550. A communication from the Chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Board's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2551. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Department's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2552. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the use of the Physicians' Comparability Allowance Program by federal agencies; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2553. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report entitled "Report to the Congress on the Refugee Resettlement Program"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2554. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to pattern-based data-mining technology; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2555. A communication from the General Counsel, National Tropical Botanical Garden, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an audit of the Garden for the period from January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2556. A communication from the President, American Academy of Arts and Letters, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Academy's activities during calendar year 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2557. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, (2) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 1763. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the award of a military service medal to members of the Armed Forces who served honorably during the Cold War era; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 1764. A bill to improve the use of a grant of a parcel of land to the State of Idaho for use as an agricultural college, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 1765. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to expedite the prompt return of the remains of deceased members of the Armed Forces to their loved ones for burial; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. STEVENS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 1766. A bill to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the production and use of energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. LOTT, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1767. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide an exception to the 60-day limit on Medicare reciprocal billing arrangements between two physicians during the period in which one of the physicians is ordered to active duty as a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. LOTT, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1768. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide an exception to the 60-day limit on Medicare reciprocal billing arrangements between two physicians during the period in which one of the physicians is ordered to active duty as a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Mr. INOUE):

S. 1769. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to facilitate number portability in order to increase consumer choice of voice service provider; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1770. A bill to provide for the establishment of emergency wildland fire suppression funds; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. STEVENS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WARNER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 1771. A bill to increase the safety of swimming pools and spas by requiring the use of proper anti-entrapment drain covers and pool and spa drainage systems, to educate the public about pool and spa safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BUNNING, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. Res. 268. A resolution designating July 12, 2007, as "National Summer Learning Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 185

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States.

S. 280

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 280, a bill to provide for a program to accelerate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States by establishing a market-driven system of greenhouse gas tradeable allowances, to support the deployment of new climate change-related technologies, and to ensure benefits to consumers from the trading in such allowances, and for other purposes.

S. 415

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 415, a bill to amend the Revised Statutes of the United States to prevent the use of the legal system in a manner that extorts money from State and local governments, and the Federal Government, and inhibits such governments' constitutional actions under the first, tenth, and fourteenth amendments.

S. 446

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 446, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize capitation grants to increase the number of nursing faculty and students, and for other purposes.

S. 456

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 456, a bill to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, and for other purposes.

S. 522

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 522, a bill to safeguard the economic health of the United States and the health and safety of the United States citizens by improving the management, coordination, and effectiveness of domestic and international intellectual property rights enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 627

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 627, a bill to

amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to improve the health and well-being of maltreated infants and toddlers through the creation of a National Court Teams Resource Center, to assist local Court Teams, and for other purposes.

S. 681

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 681, a bill to restrict the use of offshore tax havens and abusive tax shelters to inappropriately avoid Federal taxation, and for other purposes.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 849

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 849, a bill to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 911, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN]

was added as a cosponsor of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 1160

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1160, a bill to ensure an abundant and affordable supply of highly nutritious fruits, vegetables, and other specialty crops for American consumers and international markets by enhancing the competitiveness of United States-grown specialty crops.

S. 1172

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1172, a bill to reduce hunger in the United States.

S. 1223

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1223, a bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to support efforts by local or regional television or radio broadcasters to provide essential public information programming in the event of a major disaster, and for other purposes.

S. 1257

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1257, a bill to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives.

S. 1310

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1310, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of increased payments for ground ambulance services under the Medicare program.

S. 1338

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1338, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a two-year moratorium on certain Medicare physician payment reductions for imaging services.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1410, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to

allow a credit against income tax for the purchase of hearing aids.

S. 1514

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1514, a bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

S. 1518

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1518, a bill to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1576

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1576, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health and healthcare of racial and ethnic minority groups.

S. 1606

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] and the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1606, a bill to provide for the establishment of a comprehensive policy on the care and management of wounded warriors in order to facilitate and enhance their care, rehabilitation, physical evaluation, transition from care by the Department of Defense to care by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and transition from military service to civilian life, and for other purposes.

S. 1607

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1607, a bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes.

S. 1638

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1638, a bill to adjust the salaries of Federal justices and judges, and for other purposes.

S. 1709

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1709, a bill to amend the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act of 1998 to provide additional staff and oversight of funds to carry out the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1744

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1744, a bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

S. 1748

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT], the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] and the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1748, a bill to prevent the Federal Communications Commission from re promulgating the fairness doctrine.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 11, 2007, at 9 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 11, 2007, at 10 a.m. room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 11, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Carried Interest, Part 1."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on Wednesday, July 11, 2007, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Strengthening the Unique Role of the Nation's Inspectors General."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a hearing entitled "Preserving Prosecutorial Independence: Is the Department of Justice Politicizing the Hiring and Firing of U.S. Attorneys?—Part VI" on Wednesday, July 11, 2007, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building, room 226.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 11, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CLEAN AIR AND NUCLEAR SAFETY

The Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July

11, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled, "Review of EPA's Proposed Revision to the Ozone NAAQS."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 3:36 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 359. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement.

H.R. 660. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1725. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Rancho California Water District Southern Riverside County Recycled/Non-Potable Distribution Facilities and Demineralization/Desalination Recycled Water Treatment and Reclamation Facility Project.

H.R. 1904. An act to provide assistance to the State of New Mexico for the development of comprehensive State water plans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1979. An act to require any Federal or State court to recognize any notarization made by a notary public licensed by a State other than the State where the court is located when such notarization occurs in or affects interstate commerce.

H.R. 2121. An act to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior.

H.R. 2381. An act to promote Department of the Interior efforts to provide a scientific basis for the management of sediment and nutrient loss in the Upper Mississippi River Basin, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2501, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 359. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource

study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1725. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Rancho California Water District Southern Riverside County Recycled Non-Potable Distribution Facilities and Demineralization Desalination Recycled Water Treatment and Reclamation Facility Project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1979. To require any Federal or State court to recognize any notarization made by a notary public licensed by a State other than the State where the court is located when such notarization occurs in or affects interstate commerce; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 2121. An act to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2381. An act to promote Department of the Interior efforts to provide a scientific basis for the management of sediment and nutrient loss in the Upper Mississippi River Basin, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 1904. An act to provide assistance to the State of New Mexico for the development of comprehensive State water plans, and for other purposes.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1585) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2013, proposed by Mr. BILL NELSON, to amendment No. 2012, proposed by Mr. WEBB (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. REID, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. BYRD, Mr. TESTER, Mrs.

MCCASKILL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DODD, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. INOUE, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. CARPER), to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), proposed by Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON (for Mr. LEVIN), to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on yesterday, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2012 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute) to bill H.R. 1585.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 56, nays... 41

[Rollcall Vote No. 241 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Stabenow, Sununu, Tester, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 41

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lieberman, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Specter, Stevens, Thune, Voinovich.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2013 to amendment No. 2012 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Mr. WEBB withdrew his amendment No. 2012 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill (taking with it amendment No. 2013 thereto).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. SMITH, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. KERRY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. OBAMA, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. DURBIN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title XV, subtitle C, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2087).

On motion by Mr. REED to amend the pending amendment, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2088).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCAIN,

Ordered, That Mr. LIEBERMAN be recognized to propose an amendment; and that, upon conclusion of remarks by Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KENNEDY be recognized.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. KYL, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. CRAIG) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title XV, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2073).

Pending debate,

Mr. LIEBERMAN modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2073, as modified, to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That the time until 4:10 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between Mr. LIEBERMAN and Mr. LEVIN, or their designees, on the pending amendment, as modified; that no amendments be in order thereto prior to the vote; and that, at 4:10 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to the amendment, as modified, without further intervening action or debate.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2073, as modified, to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 97, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 242 Leg.]

YEAS --- 97

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2088 to amendment No. 2087 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. WEBB, and Mr. REID) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title XV, subtitle C, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2032).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That there be 90 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for concurrent debate on amendment No. 2032 and an amendment to be proposed by Mr. GRAHAM relative to troop readiness; that the time therein be controlled by Mr. HAGEL and Mr. GRAHAM, or their designees; and that no amendment be in order to either amendment prior to votes thereon.

Ordered further, That, upon the conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 2032; that, upon conclusion of said vote, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment to be proposed by Mr. GRAHAM; and that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to the second vote in "stacked" sequence.

Ordered further, That each amendment be agreed to with a minimum of 60 "yea" votes; that if either amendment receives fewer than 60 "yea" votes, said amendment be withdrawn; and that if either amendment is agreed to with a minimum of 60 "yea" votes, a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of the amendment to be proposed by Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. MCCAIN be recognized to propose a relevant first-degree amendment; that, upon conclusion of remarks by him, Mr. LEVIN be recognized to propose a relevant second-degree amendment; and that the time consumed in debate since 4:50 p.m. be counted against the 90 minute limitation for debate.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2032 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The pending amendments were laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. KYL) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title X, subtitle C, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2078).

Mr. GRAHAM, by unanimous consent, modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2078, as modified, to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2032, as modified, to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. HAGEL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 52, nays... 45

[Rollcall Vote No. 243 Leg.]

YEAS --- 52

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 45

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lieberman, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts,

Sessions, Shelby, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Voinovich, Warner.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yeas votes, as pursuant to the order of today).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment was withdrawn.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2078, as modified, to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 41, nays... 55

[Rollcall Vote No. 244 Leg.]

YEAS --- 41

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lieberman, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Shelby, Specter, Stevens, Thune, Warner.

NAYS --- 55

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Smith, Snowe, Stabenow, Sununu, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yeas votes, as pursuant to the order of today).

On motion by Mr. LEVIN to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment was withdrawn.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2088 to amendment No. 2087 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That the minority leader be recognized to speak on an amendment to be proposed; and that, following remarks by

him, Mr. ALLARD and Mr. SALAZAR each be recognized to speak for 10 minutes thereon.

Ordered further, That, upon conclusion of said debate, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that Mr. SALAZAR first be recognized therein; and that he control 60 minutes therein.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2088 to amendment No. 2087 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

RECOGNIZING "NATIONAL HOMELESS YOUTH AWARENESS MONTH"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 226) recognizing the month of November as "National Homeless Youth Awareness Month".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. LAUTENBERG) to amend the pending resolution on page 3 by striking the period on line 5, and inserting in lieu thereof "2007." (being amendment No. 2128).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

The title was amended, on motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. LAUTENBERG), so as to read: "A resolution recognizing the month of November 2007 as 'National Homeless Youth Awareness Month'."

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL SAVE FOR RETIREMENT WEEK"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 240) designating October 21 through October 27, 2007, as "National Save for Retirement Week".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 30 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders, or their designees; that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1585; and that Mr. MCCAIN, or his designee, then be recognized to propose an amendment, as pursuant to the order of today.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, upon conclusion of the time for debate to be controlled by Mr. SALAZAR on today, Mr. WARNER be recognized to speak for 10 minutes; and that, following his remarks, the Senate adjourn, as pursuant to the order of today.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 9:12 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PRYOR in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2007

Mr. ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Reverend Rajan Zed, of India Association of Northern Nevada, offered a prayer (during the prayer, a disturbance in gallery 7 occurred when multiple persons began yelling loudly, and thereupon were removed at the direction of the Chair), and Mr. CASEY led the Senate in

reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 12, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., a Senator from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CASEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business. Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries:

INITIAL ASSESSMENT REPORT
RELATIVE TO THE IRAQI BENCHMARKS
-- PM 20

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

Consistent with section 1314 of the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007 (Public Law 110-28) (the "Act"), attached is the report that assesses the status of each of the 18 Iraqi benchmarks contained in the Act and declares

whether satisfactory progress toward meeting these benchmarks is, or is not, being achieved.

This report has been prepared in consultation with the Secretaries of State and Defense; Commander, Multi-National Forces-Iraq; the United States Ambassador to Iraq; and the Commander of United States Central Command.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, *July 12, 2007.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2558. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, the report of a draft bill entitled, "Preserve America and Save America's Treasures Act"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2559. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a flood damage reduction project for the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers, Des Moines, Iowa; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2560. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partial Termination and Turnover Rate" (Rev. Rul. 2007-43), received on July 11, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2561. A communication from the Director, Office of Labor-Management Standards, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Labor Organization Officer and Employee Report, Form LM-30" (RIN1215-AB49), received on July 11, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2562. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-70, "Safe and Stable Homes for Children and Youth Amendment Act of 2007" received on July 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-148. A resolution adopted by the City Council for the City of Okeechobee of the State of Florida urging Congress to appropriate the funds necessary to bring the

Herbert Hoover Dike into compliance with current levee safety standards; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-149. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of North Miami of the State of Florida urging Congress to appropriate the funds necessary to bring the Herbert Hoover dike into compliance with current levee protection safety standards; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-150. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Utah expressing opposition to the Divine Strake explosive test that is to be conducted in Nevada in 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

Whereas, "Divine Strake" is the code name for a large high-explosive test to be conducted by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency;

Whereas, the Pentagon has stated the purpose of the test is to "determine the potential for future non-nuclear concepts," such as high-energy weapons or the simultaneous use of multiple conventional bombs to destroy deeply buried and fortified military targets, as an alternative to detonating a nuclear device;

Whereas, the test was originally planned to take place June 2, 2006 at the site of an existing underground tunnel in the United States Department of Energy Nevada Test Site, but was postponed several times due to legal action, then later delayed until 2007;

Whereas, the test is scheduled to utilize 700 tons of an ammonium nitrate combined with fuel oil explosive, which is equivalent to 593 tons of TNT;

Whereas, there is concern that the explosion could stir up nuclear particles, left from previous tests conducted decades earlier at the Nevada test site, into the atmosphere;

Whereas, in December 2006, the revision to the Environmental Assessment was released, and although the study concluded that there are no health risks to persons outside the blast area, it stated, "Since suspended natural radionuclides and resuspended fallout radionuclides from the detonation have potential to be transported off of the NTS by wind, they may contribute a radiological dose to the public";

Whereas, on January 22, 2006, the Washington County Commission issued a statement opposing the federal government's plan to conduct the test which reads in part, "The City of St. George has a unique history due to its proximity to the Nevada Nuclear Test Site during the atomic age. . . thousands of early deaths of those living in southern Utah and the surrounding areas have been attributed to nuclear testing during the 1950s and 1960s at the site. Many St. George residents and others have suffered incalculable loss as a result of radioactive

fallout exposure from the detonations at the site”;

Whereas, the Commission added, “To assure the safety and well-being of our citizenry, these concerns must be carefully studied and evaluated before a decision is made to proceed with the proposed detonation”; and

Whereas, much more needs to be done to assure that there is never a repeat of the immense suffering endured by citizens of Utah and nearby states due to the nuclear fallout from past tests at the Nevada Test Site. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, express opposition to the Divine Strake high-explosive test to be conducted by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency at the United States Department of Energy Nevada Test Site in 2007. Be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, the United States Department of Defense, the United States Department of Energy Nevada Test Site, the Washington County Commission, and to the members of Utah’s congressional delegation.

POM-151. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging Congress to enact H.R. 1619 or S. 587 to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins to commemorate the Ford Model T; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 78

Whereas, Michigan’s integral role as the heart of the automobile industry in our country and around the world is well established. Nearly 100 years ago, an especially meaningful chapter in this long history began with the opening of the Highland Park Ford Plant that is acknowledged to be the birthplace of the assembly line. In addition, the more than 15 million Model T Fords that were built between 1908 and 1927 reshaped the American landscape and our way of life; and

Whereas, The new age in manufacturing that was born in Michigan and the Model T Ford set in motion changes in how Americans live and how people travel around the world. The rise in the American middle class, the ability to prevail in defense of our nation in world wars, and subsequent technological advances all can be traced in significant measure to the automobile industry that began with the vision and hard work of the pioneer mechanics in Michigan; and

Whereas, Congress has before it legislation that would require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint not more than 500,000 coins to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Model T Ford automobile. Under this

legislation, these dollar coins, which would be public tender, would be comprised of 90 percent silver and 10 percent copper. The legislation also provides that the money raised by a surcharge above the face value would be distributed to the Motor Cities National Heritage Area through the Automobile National Heritage Partnership and to the Edison Institute. This money would create endowments to support the celebration of the Model T and the preservation of its story through educational programs and displays; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact H.R. 1619 or S. 587, to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Model T Ford; and be it further

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

POM-152. A joint resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Tennessee urging Congress to address the economic impact of interchange fees and merchant discount charges and develop clear and concise disclosure to consumers and retailers; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 361

Whereas, consumers are increasingly using credit and debit cards and other electronic transactions to make purchases, and the number of credit and debit card transactions each year now exceeds the number of check transactions; and

Whereas, payment system networks and technology provide significant economic benefits to merchants and consumers; and

Whereas, merchants and retailers pay merchant discount fees, including interchange fees, to access payment system networks for credit and debit transactions; and

Whereas, the fees, policies, and practices of credit card organizations have social and economic consequences for merchants and consumers; and

Whereas, interchange costs have risen dramatically in recent years and the number of transactions involving interchange fees has grown in volume in recent years due to consumer preference to use credit and debit cards and the expansions in technology facilitating the use of credit card systems; and

Whereas, American consumers and retailers pay the highest credit card fees in the world, with rates averaging close to 2 percent and debit card fees averaging close to 1 percent; and

Whereas, merchants are required to pay merchant discount fees, including interchange fees, to banks to access credit and debit card payment system networks; and

Whereas, interchange fees are ultimately passed on to consumers, including those who pay by cash or check, in the form of higher prices; and

Whereas, it is advantageous to have competitive economic models that assure a highly competitive marketplace; and

Whereas, with more and more consumers using electronic payment methods, the United States Congress needs to assure a highly competitive and vibrant market that promotes an economic playing field that is fair to consumers, merchants, and card providers alike. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, the House of Representatives concurring, that this General Assembly hereby urges the Congress of the United States of America to act expeditiously to address the economic impact of interchange fees and other merchant discount fees and develop clear and concise disclosure to consumers and retailers. Be it further

Resolved, That this General Assembly strongly urges each member of the Tennessee congressional delegation to utilize the full measure of his or her influence to assess the economic impact of interchange fees and other merchant discount fees. Be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate; the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives; and to each member of the Tennessee congressional delegation.

POM-153. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Pennsylvania urging Congress to provide equitable funding to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the operation of quality affordable housing; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 292

Whereas, Pennsylvania’s public housing authorities are essential in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania is home to 90 public housing authorities serving an estimated 245,819 residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania’s public housing authorities provide high-quality affordable housing to the residents in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the use of Federal resources and programs; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania’s public housing authorities have successfully assisted

residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with moving to work programs and preapprenticeship training, resulting in greater self-sufficiency and a reduced burden on Commonwealth resources; and

Whereas, developments built by Pennsylvania's public housing authorities have in some instances increased the values of neighboring properties and communities in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by 142%; and

Whereas, new funding guidelines developed by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development have resulted in reduced funding for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, its public housing authorities and the Pennsylvanians who rely on these services; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania's public housing authorities are a major employer in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and funding cuts from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development have resulted in drastic layoffs and diminished services to the residents of public housing; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognize the importance of the quality services, support and housing provided by Pennsylvania's public housing authorities and respectfully urge the Congress to provide equitable funding to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the operation of quality affordable housing; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-154. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Utah expressing support for acquiring a second airport surveillance radar facility for the Salt Lake International Airport; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

Whereas, Salt Lake City International Airport (SLCIA) is one of the nation's primary hub airports, is the second largest hub airport for Delta Air Lines and processed over 455,000 aircraft operations during 2005 making it the 18th busiest airport in the world, and conservative forecasts project operations to grow to over 634,000 operations by 2025;

Whereas, the Provo Airport is the second busiest airport in Utah with over 175,000 operations a year and was recently designated as the primary reliever to SLCIA by major commercial airlines including Delta, Frontier, and Southwest, a designation that significantly increases the demand on Provo Airport;

Whereas, the Salt Lake City Terminal/TRACON (terminal radar approach control) facility has responsibility for coordinating the safe and efficient movement of aircraft within the regional airspace but experiences important limitations in the regulation of aircraft using the Provo Airport and airports in surrounding communities;

Whereas, coordinating air traffic activity within the region is complicated significantly because the mountainous terrain along the Wasatch Front creates a sizeable radar shadow which prevents air traffic controllers from seeing aircraft below 8,000 feet, above ground level, in Utah Valley, while aircraft operating below 500 feet, above ground level, at the Salt Lake City Airport II cannot be seen;

Whereas, aircraft arriving or departing the Provo Airport and surrounding airports regularly interact with commercial aircraft using SLCIA; when aircraft operating at these airports request entry into SLCIA airspace, air traffic controllers are not able to determine the precise location of the aircraft due to lack of radar coverage; the slower speeds of these aircraft combined with airspace congestion can present safety concerns for commercial airline operations as well as for general aviation;

Whereas, the lack of ASR-11 (automated surveillance radar) at Provo Airport causes significant delays to take-off and landing operations during poor weather conditions, resulting in a real and significant threat to air safety;

Whereas, there is no backup radar equipment to provide continuous radar coverage to the surface when existing radar becomes inoperable, and the volume of activity generated by the Delta Air Line hub is closely linked to the efficiency of the entire national air transportation system;

Whereas, ASR-11 would provide essential redundancy to assure that adequate safety is maintained at all times; and

Whereas, the radar shadow and the limitations it creates can be corrected by installing a second ASR-11 facility that would be fully integrated with the existing radar at SLCIA and would be optimally located at the Point of the Mountain, providing major safety and efficiency benefits to all of the airports previously mentioned: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, support the critical need to acquire ASR-11 (automated surveillance radar) to provide radar redundancy for the Salt Lake City International Airport, and to achieve full radar coverage for Provo Airport and other general aviation airports. Be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature and the Governor request that Utah's Congressional Delegation seek the appropriation of funds in the 2008 FAA Facilities and Equipment

budget needed to acquire ASR-11, as well as to finalize site selection and to acquire property to the extent needed for the installation of the system. Be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to the city of Provo, the Provo Airport, Delta Air Lines, Frontier Air Lines, Southwest Air Lines, and to the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

POM-155. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Utah urging Congress to take action to help stop children and employees from accessing Internet pornography; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

Whereas, the Internet has become an extremely important and popular means of exchanging information, and is relied upon in Utah for business, education, recreation, and other uses;

Whereas, many Internet sites contain material that is pornographic, either obscene or inappropriate for children, and a majority of these sites originate within the United States but outside of the state of Utah;

Whereas, the availability of Internet pornography on the job costs Utah employers significant numbers of work hours, strains employers' computer equipment, reduces productivity, and leads to potentially hostile work environments for men and women;

Whereas, while the custody, care, and nurturing of children resides primarily with parents, the widespread availability of Internet pornography and the ability of children to circumvent existing filtering technology defeat the best attempts at parental supervision or control;

Whereas, Internet pornographers use evolving techniques to lure Utah children and others into viewing and purchasing pornographic material, defying existing technology designed to block adult content;

Whereas, current methods for protecting computers and computer networks from unwanted Internet content are expensive, block more than the intended content, and are easily circumvented;

Whereas, because children, employees, and others may seek out pornography, warnings and other labels meant to help avoid inadvertent hits on pornographic sites may simply increase the likelihood that these sites will be visited;

Whereas, credit card verification systems burden credit card companies, are expensive and time consuming to establish and maintain, and inhibit legal speech;

Whereas, other forms of age verification have not been practicable;

Whereas, prior Congressional attempts to address children's access to Internet pornography have been held unconstitutional

or otherwise have not passed constitutional scrutiny;

Whereas, prior Congressional attempts to address children's access to Internet pornography have not been based on technology that allows individual Internet users to select what kind of Internet content enters their homes and work spaces;

Whereas, protecting the physical and psychological well-being of Utah's children by shielding them from inappropriate materials is a compelling interest of the Legislature of the State of Utah;

Whereas, protecting the right of Utah's citizens to control what materials enter their homes and other private property is a compelling interest of the Legislature of the State of Utah;

Whereas, although the State of Utah has taken rigorous action in an attempt to shield Utah's children from obscenity and other inappropriate adult content, it cannot effectively curb the problems with Internet pornography within its borders without the support of the United States government;

Whereas, the United States remains in control of the Internet through the Department of Commerce, and the National Telecommunication and Information Association; and

Whereas, the United States has the ability to create appropriate policies and enforcement tools to effectively deal with these issues: *Now, therefore, be it*

Resolved, that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, strongly urges the United States Congress to take action to help stop children and employees from accessing Internet pornography; *be it further*

Resolved, that the Legislature and the Governor strongly urge the United States Congress to seriously consider enacting legislation to facilitate a technology-based solution that allows parents and employers to subscribe to Internet access services that exclude adult content; *be it further*

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

POM-156. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging Congress to encourage expansion of existing or the construction of new petroleum refineries to meet increasing energy needs; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 121

Whereas, The price of petroleum products has been unpredictable. Between December 2006 and the end of February 2007, the price of crude oil fluctuated between 62 dollars a

barrel and 50 dollars several times. Currently, the world crude oil price exceeds 66 dollars a barrel. Recently, oil futures leapt above 72 dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange due to shrinking gasoline supplies and international tensions. Increased refinery capacity would buffer the United States from some of the more volatile price swings that occur during periods of global conflict and which are often outside of our national control; and

Whereas, There has not been a new oil refinery built in the United States in nearly 30 years. Yet, in the intervening years, the total energy demand in the United States has grown by about 40 percent. According to the United States Energy Information Administration, the projected petroleum demand between 2003 and 2025 will increase by 30 percent. We must plan for our future energy needs by incorporating new petroleum refineries into the overall energy policy of the United States; and

Whereas, Recent major investments in the Marathon Refinery located in the city of Detroit, Michigan's only refinery, will increase the output by about 28 percent, from 74,000 barrels per day to over 102,000 barrels per day. Marathon's investment of \$300 million was made possible through the collaborative efforts of Marathon, the city of Detroit, and the state of Michigan. Marathon's commitment to Michigan and its collaboration with the city and state to create a renaissance zone encompassing the refinery illustrates the type of creative solutions that can be used to promote increased capacity or the construction of new refineries; and

Whereas, Constructing new refineries or expanding current facilities would also create new jobs and increase gasoline, fuels, and distillate output—all vital components of strengthening our economy, Michigan is well placed to locate a new refinery due to our proximity with Canada, this country's largest source of imported petroleum. Moreover, Michigan's highly skilled labor force could adapt to employment in the refinery industry; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to establish a national energy policy that promotes the expansion of existing or construction of new petroleum refineries in the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the members of the Michigan congressional delegation, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the United States Department of Energy, the American Petroleum Institute, and the American Petroleum Industries of Michigan.

POM-157. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to pass the Non-Market Economy Trade Remedy Act of 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 119

Whereas, H.R. 1229, the "Non-Market Economy Trade Remedy Act of 2007," will ensure that the United States countervailing duty law applies to imports from non-market economies; and

Whereas, the purpose of the countervailing duty law is to offset any unfair competitive advantage that foreign manufacturers or exporters have as a result of subsidies; and

Whereas, manufacturing is a vital part of the American economy; and

Whereas, each American manufacturing job results in the creation of approximately four additional jobs; and

Whereas, since 1997, Louisiana has lost over thirty-nine thousand manufacturing jobs due to unfair trade practices; and

Whereas, Louisiana's coastal area is home to some of the nation's premiere commercial fisheries, accounting for 30% of the commercial fisheries production of the lower 48 states; and

Whereas, the Louisiana seafood industry provides an annual economic impact of approximately two billion eight hundred million dollars and over thirty-one thousand jobs; and

Whereas, the Louisiana seafood industry has lost over eleven thousand jobs and millions of dollars due to illegally subsidized seafood imports and dumping from foreign nations; and

Whereas, industries that once were the pride of their communities and employed generations of the same family have been shut down resulting from jobs being shifted to foreign nations where labor is cheap and environmental standards are not enforced; and

Whereas, billions of dollars in wages and millions of jobs are expected to move from the United States to low-cost nations by 2015; and

Whereas, H.R. 1229, the "Non-Market Economy Trade Remedy Act of 2007," is being considered in Congress to correct the longstanding inequity of trade law, and requires the Department of Commerce to take action in countervailing duty cases in support of American businesses:

Now therefore, be it Resolved, that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to vote in favor of H.R. 1229, the "Non-Market Economy Trade Remedy Act of 2007." and; *be it further Resolved*, that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of

Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-158. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging Congress to oppose the South Korea Free Trade Agreement; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 101

Whereas, the Bush Administration has negotiated a new free trade agreement with South Korea that fails to protect worker rights and will jeopardize tens of thousands of automotive jobs in the United States; and

Whereas, this flawed agreement is the largest since the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and it contains no enforceable protections for workers' rights and will undermine the ability of the government to protect food safety, the environment, and public health; and

Whereas, this agreement will exacerbate and accelerate the loss of good jobs in the United States manufacturing sector, especially in automobiles, apparel, and electronics. The United States already has a massive trade deficit with South Korea, with a large portion of that deficit in automobiles and automobile parts; and

Whereas, the agreement will jeopardize thousands of automobile jobs because it opens the United States automobile market further while failing to address the barriers to the sale of United States automobiles in South Korea; and

Whereas, the United States Trade Representative rejected a very sensible proposal put forward by a bipartisan group of members of Congress to tie any opening of the United States automobile market to concrete benchmarks in United States sales in Korea. Until such benchmarks are set, we do not have confidence that the South Korea Free Trade Agreement is in the best interests of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the United States Congress to oppose the South Korea Free Trade Agreement; and be it further

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

POM-159. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Utah urging Congress to pass legislation to resolve federal identity theft and fraud issues; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Whereas, identity theft and fraud includes the theft of a person's Social Security number for the purpose of obtaining employment,

avoiding child support payments, or for other personal gain;

Whereas, contributing to the problems are companies that do not have the tools or resources necessary to adequately verify whether or not a Social Security number is fraudulent and companies that are notified of fraudulent Social Security numbers of employees but take no corrective action; and

Whereas, identity theft and fraud are national problems that must be addressed with additional countermeasure: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, urge the United States Congress to support, work to pass, and vote for legislation that prevents the misuse of a person's Social Security number, whether by an individual or a company. Be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature and Governor urge that the legislation include increased and effective verification requirements by companies, accompanied by the tools and resources necessary to adequately verify whether or not a Social Security number is fraudulent, and increased penalties for individuals who intentionally use fraudulent Social Security numbers to obtain employment, avoid child support obligations, or for other personal gain. Be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature and the Governor urge that the legislation include increased penalties for companies who repeatedly report wages on employees with fraudulent Social Security numbers. Be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Social Security Administration, the Utah Department of Workforce Services, and to the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

POM-160. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Utah urging Congress to pass the Children's Health Insurance Program; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

Whereas, the health of Utah's children is of paramount importance to Utah's families;

Whereas, poor child health is a threat to the educational achievement, social, and psychological well-being of Utah's children;

Whereas, protecting the health of our children is essential to the well-being of our youngest citizens and the quality of life in our state;

Whereas, the Utah's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), which has enrolled 112,119 uninsured children since its inception in 1998, is an integral part of the

arrangements for health benefits for the children of Utah;

Whereas, Utah's CHIP is of great value in preserving child wellness, preventing and treating childhood disease, improving health outcomes, and reducing overall health costs; and

Whereas, the federal funding available for Utah's CHIP is indispensable to providing health benefits for children of modest means: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of the state of Utah urges the state's congressional delegation to work with the United States Congress to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in a timely manner to ensure federal funding for CHIP in Utah. Be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature urges the Governor to work with Utah's congressional delegation to ensure that CHIP is reauthorized in a timely manner. Be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature urges all components of state government to work together with educators, health care providers, social workers, and parents to ensure that all available public and private assistance for providing health benefits to uninsured children in Utah be used to the maximum extent possible. Be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature urges the Governor to ensure that children who qualify for Medicaid or Utah's CHIP are identified and enrolled. Be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Huntsman, the Utah Department of Health, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, and to the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

POM-161. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Utah urging support for Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Whereas, the World Health Organization's (WHO) Constitution states that "The objective of the World Health Organization shall be the attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of health";

Whereas, this position demonstrates that the WHO is obligated to reach all peoples throughout the world, regardless of state or national boundaries;

Whereas, the WHO Constitution permits a wide variety of entities, including nonmember states, international organizations, national organizations, and nongovernmental organizations, to participate in the activities of the WHO;

Whereas, five entities, for example, have acquired the status of observer of the World Health Assembly (WHA) and are routinely invited to its assemblies;

Whereas, both the WHO Constitution and the International Covenant of Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights declare that health is an essential element of human rights and that no signatory shall impede on the health rights of others;

Whereas, Taiwan seeks to be invited to participate in the work of the WHA simply as an observer, instead of as a full member, in order to allow the work of the WHO to proceed without creating political frictions and to demonstrate Taiwan's willingness to put aside political controversies for the common good of global health;

Whereas, this request is fundamentally based on professional health grounds and has nothing to do with the political issues of sovereignty and statehood;

Whereas, Taiwan currently participates as a full member in organizations like the World Trade Organization, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, and several other international organizations that count the People's Republic of China among their membership;

Whereas, Taiwan has become an asset to all these institutions because of a flexible interpretation of the terms of membership;

Whereas, closing the gap between the WHO and Taiwan is an urgent global health imperative;

Whereas, the health administration of Taiwan is the only competent body possessing and managing all the information on any outbreak in Taiwan of epidemics that could potentially threaten global health;

Whereas, excluding Taiwan from the WHO's Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network, for example, is dangerous and self-defeating from a professional perspective;

Whereas, good health is a basic right for every citizen of the world and access to the highest standard of health information and services is necessary to help guarantee this right;

Whereas, direct and unobstructed participation in international health cooperation forums and programs is therefore crucial, especially with today's greater potential for the cross-border spread of various infectious diseases through increased trade and travel;

Whereas, the WHO sets forth in the first chapter of its charter the objectives of attaining the highest possible level of health for all people;

Whereas, Taiwan's population of 23 million people is larger than that of three quarters of the member states already in the WHO and shares the noble goals of the organization;

Whereas, Taiwan's achievements in the field of health are substantial, including one of the highest life expectancy levels in Asia, maternal and infant mortality rates comparable to those in western countries, the eradication of such infectious diseases as cholera, smallpox, and the plague, and the

first country in the world to provide children with free hepatitis B vaccinations;

Whereas, Taiwan is not allowed to participate in any WHO-organized forums and workshops concerning the latest technologies in the diagnosis, monitoring, and control of diseases;

Whereas, in recent years, both the Taiwanese Government and individual Taiwanese experts have expressed a willingness to assist financially or technically in WHO-supported international aid and health activities, but have ultimately been unable to render assistance;

Whereas, the WHO does allow observers to participate in the activities of the organization; and

Whereas, in light of all the benefits that participation could bring to the state of health of people not only in Taiwan, but also regionally and globally, it seems appropriate, if not imperative, for Taiwan to be involved with the WHO: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, urges the Bush Administration to support Taiwan and its 23 million people in obtaining appropriate and meaningful participation in the World Health Organization. Be it further resolved that the Legislature and the Governor urges that United States' policy should include the pursuit of some initiative in the World Health Organization which would give Taiwan meaningful participation in a manner that is consistent with the organization's requirements. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of State, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the majority leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the members of Utah's congressional delegation, the Government of Taiwan, and the World Health Organization.

POM-162. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana commending Congress for passing the Federal Minimum Wage Act of 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 61

Whereas, the United States Congress passed the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007 (Minimum Wage Act) by an overwhelming vote by both Republicans and Democrats; and

Whereas, the President of the United States signed the Minimum Wage Act into law on May 27, 2007, as part of the U.S. Troop Readiness Veterans Care, Katrina Recovery and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act; and

Whereas, the new law amends the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and gradually raises the federal minimum wage from \$5.15

per hour to \$7.25 per hour over a two year period; and

Whereas, the Minimum Wage Act was a component of the new Democratic majority's 100-Hour Plan in the United States House of Representatives; and

Whereas, as part of the new law, \$4.8 billion worth of tax breaks are going to be given to small businesses over a ten year period to offset the wage increase; and

Whereas, the Minimum Wage Act is the first national minimum wage increase in over a decade and provides a wage boost for 12.5 million workers nationwide. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend President George W. Bush and the Congress of the United States for passing the Federal Minimum Wage Act of 2007. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the secretary of the United States Senate, and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives.

POM-163. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Pennsylvania urging Congress to enact improvements to the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 345

Whereas NCLB, reauthorizing the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), was signed into law on January 8, 2002; and

Whereas, NCLB significantly increased the Federal Government's role in elementary and secondary education; and

Whereas, NCLB represented the most sweeping changes in Federal education policy in 30 years; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania supports the goals of raising student achievement, closing achievement gaps and ensuring that each child has a qualified teacher; and

Whereas, NCLB, while establishing a rigorous standard for our nation's public schools and a model for assessing school achievement, has produced unintended consequences; and

Whereas, school districts in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have incurred additional costs under NCLB for staff development, certification requirements, testing, data collection, public school choice-related transportation, supplemental education services and other school improvement programs; and

Whereas, NCLB has resulted in overreliance on standardized testing to the exclusion of other recognized indicators of student achievement; and

Whereas, NCLB mandates have prevented teachers and paraprofessionals from delivering a comprehensive curriculum; and

Whereas, the present adequate yearly progress (AYP) structure under NCLB is flawed, resulting in a high AYP failure rate; and

Whereas, smaller class sizes and community/parent involvement are proven methods of increasing student achievement; and

Whereas, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's certification process requires individuals to meet high standards and complete a rigorous, thorough course of study; and

Whereas, federal funding for NCLB Title I (Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged) between 2002 and 2005 fell \$21.4 billion short of statutorily authorized levels. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress to enact NCLB improvements including:

State-level development of a research-based school accountability formula incorporating district-level assessments, school-level assessments, performance or portfolio assessments, high school graduation rates and percentage of students participating in dual enrollment or honors, Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate courses.

(2) Support systems instead of sanctions: increased Federal funding for enhanced Federal and State technical assistance and Federal and State improvement plan assistance.

(3) Differentiated outcomes for schools, with targeted improvement plans for specific subgroups of students.

(4) Transparent growth models, at the State level, with data used exclusively for instructional, curricular and professional development purposes.

(5) Valid, reliable assessments for each child that accurately and fairly reflect student, school and school district performance.

(6) Flexibility relating to test scores of students with disabilities and English Language Learner students: allowing IEP teams to determine appropriate assessment and standards for each child, removing the 1% and 2% limits for alternative assessments and extending to three years the AYP inclusion of test scores of English Language Learner students for whom native language assessments in required core content subjects are not available.

(7) Restoration of the Class Size Reduction program in place prior to NCLB, whose goals were to provide an optimum class size of 15 students and to foster parent and community involvement by funding initiatives such as

adult and family literacy, parenting classes and community engagement programs.

(8) Defining "highly qualified teacher" as any educator who is teaching in his or her assigned area of certification and who has met the licensure/certification requirements set forth in his or her respective state.

(9) Full funding of all NCLB programs at authorized levels; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of Education, to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-164. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Utah urging Congress to suspend or repeal the REAL ID Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2

Whereas the implementation of the REAL ID Act intrudes upon the states' sovereign power to determine their own policies for identification, licensure, and credentialing of individuals residing therein;

Whereas one page of the 428 page 9/11 Commission report that did not give consideration to identification issues, prompted Congress to pass the legislation which created the REAL ID Act, ignoring states' sovereignty and their right to self-governance;

Whereas the REAL ID Act converts the state driver licensing function into federal law enforcement and national security functions that are outside the purpose and core competency of driver licensing bureaus;

Whereas the REAL ID Act constitutes an unfunded mandate by the federal government to the states;

Whereas the REAL ID Act requires states to confirm their processes of issuing driver licenses and identification cards to federal standards by May 2008;

Whereas the National Governor's Association, National Conference of State Legislatures, and American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators predict state compliance with the REAL ID Act provisions will require all of the estimated 245 million current driver license and identification card holders in the United States to renew their current identity documents in person by producing three or four identity documents, thereby increasing processing time and doubling wait time at licensing centers;

Whereas identification-based security provides only limited security benefits because it can be avoided by defrauding or corrupting card issuers and because it gives no protection against people not already known to be planning or committing wrongful acts;

Whereas the REAL ID Act will cost the states over \$11 billion to implement according to a recent survey of 47 state licensing authorities conducted by the National Governor's Association, the National Conference of State Legislatures, and the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators;

Whereas the use of identification-based security cannot be justified as part of a "layered" security system if the costs of the identification "layer"—in dollars, lost privacy, and lost liberty—are greater than the security identification provides;

Whereas the "common machine-readable technology" required by the REAL ID Act would convert state-issued driver licenses and identification cards into tracking devices, allowing computers to note and record people's whereabouts each time they are identified;

Whereas a more secure and flexible system of verifying identity may be achieved by less intrusive means to the individual and to states by employing the free market and private sector ingenuity;

Whereas the requirement that states maintain databases of information about their citizens and residents and then share this personal information with all other states will expose every state to the information security weaknesses of every other state and threaten the privacy of every American;

Whereas the REAL ID Act wrongly coerces states into doing the federal government's bidding by threatening to refuse noncomplying states' citizens the privileges and immunities enjoyed by other states' citizens;

Whereas the REAL ID Act threatens the privacy and liberty of those individuals belonging to unpopular or minority groups, including racial and cultural organizations, firearm owners and collectors, faith-based and religious affiliates, political parties, and social movements;

Whereas Congress passed the REAL ID Act without a single hearing in either house and without an up-or-down vote in either house;

Whereas the REAL ID Act thus imposes a national identification system through the states, premised upon the threat to national security, but without the benefit of public debate and discourse; and

Whereas the REAL ID Act is determined by the Utah State House of Representatives to be in opposition to the Jeffersonian principles of individual liberty, free markets, and limited government: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Utah House of Representatives urges the United States Congress and the United States Department of Homeland Security to suspend implementation of the REAL ID Act; and be it further

Resolved, That the REAL ID Act should be repealed outright by the United States Congress to avoid the significant problems it currently poses to state sovereignty, individual liberty, and limited government; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

POM-165. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Tennessee opposing the implementation of the REAL 10 Act of 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 248

Whereas the State of Tennessee recognizes the Constitution of the United States as our charter of liberty and the Bill of Rights as affirming the fundamental and inalienable rights of Americans, including freedom of privacy and freedom from unreasonable searches; and

Whereas the people of Tennessee recognize that the Constitution of the State of Tennessee affords even greater privacy rights for her citizens than those provided by the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas Tennessee has a diverse population whose contributions are vital to the state's economy, culture and civic character; and

Whereas Tennessee is proud of her tradition of protecting the civil rights and liberties of all her residents, affirming the fundamental rights of all people, and providing more expansive protections than are granted by the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas the federal REAL ID Act of 2005, Public Law 109-12, creates a national identification card by mandating federal standards for state driver's licenses and identification cards and requires states to share their motor vehicle databases; and

Whereas the REAL ID Act mandates the documents that states must require to issue driver's licenses and requires states to place uniform information on every driver's license in a standard, machine-readable format; and

Whereas the REAL ID Act prohibits federal agencies and federally regulated commercial aircraft from accepting a driver's license or identification card issued by a state that has not fully complied with the act; and

Whereas the REAL ID Act places a costly, unfunded mandate on states, with initial estimates for Tennessee of more than one hundred million dollars, plus the additional burden of millions of taxpayers' dollars in ongoing annual expenses, and a national estimate of more than eleven billion dollars over the five years following its implementation; and

Whereas the REAL ID Act requires the creation of a massive public sector database containing information on every American that is accessible to all motor vehicle employees and law enforcement officers nationwide and that can be used to gather and manage information on citizens. Such activities are not the business or responsibility of government; and

Whereas the REAL ID Act enables the creation of additional massive private sector databases, combining both transactional information and driver's license information gained from scanning the machine-readable information contained on every driver's license; and

Whereas these public and private databases are likely to contain numerous errors and false information, creating significant hardship for Americans attempting to verify their identities in order to travel on commercial aircraft, open a bank account, or perform any of the numerous functions required to live in the United States today; and

Whereas the Federal Trade Commission estimates that ten million Americans are victims of identify theft annually, and because identity thieves are increasingly targeting motor vehicle departments, the REAL ID Act will enable the crime of identity theft by making the personal information of all Americans, including date of birth and signature, accessible from tens of thousands of locations; and

Whereas the REAL ID Act requires a driver's license to contain a person's actual home address and makes no exception for individuals in potential danger, such as undercover law enforcement personnel or victims of stalking or criminal harassment; and

Whereas the REAL ID Act contains onerous record verification and retention provisions that place unreasonable burdens on state motor vehicle divisions and on third parties required to verify records; and

Whereas the REAL ID Act will place enormous burdens on citizens seeking new driver's licenses, such as longer lines, increased document requests, higher costs, and a waiting period; and

Whereas the REAL ID Act will place state motor vehicle staff on the front lines of immigration enforcement by forcing state employees to determine federal citizenship and immigration status, excessively burdening both foreign-born applicants and motor vehicle staff; and

Whereas the REAL ID Act passed without sufficient deliberation by Congress and did not receive a hearing by any congressional committee or a vote solely on its own merits, despite opposition from more than six hundred organizations; and

Whereas the REAL ID Act eliminated a process of negotiated rulemaking initiated

under the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, which had convened federal, state and local policymakers, privacy advocates, and industry experts to solve the problem of the misuse of identity documents; and

Whereas the REAL ID Act provides little security benefit and leaves identification systems open to insider fraud, counterfeit documentation, and database failures; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Senate of the one hundred fifth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, the House of Representatives concurring, that we support the government of the United States in its campaign to secure our country, while affirming the commitment that this campaign not be waged at the expense of the essential rights and liberties of the citizens of this country, nor by placing the added burden of a costly mandate upon the taxpayers of each state; and be it further

Resolved, That it is the policy of the State of Tennessee to oppose any portion of the REAL ID Act that violates the rights and liberties guaranteed under the constitutions of the State of Tennessee and the United States, including the Declaration of Rights and the Bill of Rights; and be it further

Resolved, That the Tennessee General Assembly urges the Tennessee congressional delegation to support measures to repeal the REAL ID Act; and be it further

Resolved, That there be no implementation of the REAL ID Act of 2005, unless and until funding for the additional cost associated with same is furnished by the United States government; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Senate be hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, George W. Bush, the United States Attorney General, Alberto Gonzales, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, and the congressional delegation representing the State of Tennessee in the Congress of the United States.

POM-166. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging the approval of the placement of a statue of President Gerald R. Ford in the United States Capitol; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 148

Whereas each state is permitted to have two statues of prominent citizens on display in our nation's capitol as part of the National Statuary Hall Collection, which was created by federal law in 1864. This collection is a strong reminder of the heritage we share and the exceptional men and women who have helped shape our nation. Michigan's two statues are of Lewis Cass and Zachariah

Chandler, leaders who played pivotal roles in the history of our state and nation; and

Whereas the federal law governing the National Statuary Hall Collection also provides a procedure for states to replace an existing statue with a new one. This reflects the continuing growth and development of our country. With the recent passing of Gerald R. Ford, Michigan's only president and a man who devoted his entire life to the service of our state and nation, the people of Michigan wish to acknowledge this native son and commence the process of placing a statue of him in the National Statuary Hall Collection; and

Whereas under the established guidelines, the legislature must adopt a resolution to express formally its support for the statue of the person to be honored and to request the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress to approve the placement of the statue. The governor must also express support; and

Whereas under the procedures that govern the replacement of a statue in the collection, the resolution requesting the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress must identify the entity that will select the sculptor and pay for all aspects of the process; and

Whereas relocating the statue of Zachariah Chandler to Michigan would allow many more Michigan citizens, including young people, to learn more of the life of this exceptional man and his contributions to our state; and

Whereas Gerald Ford's life of honesty, integrity, and service constitutes one of Michigan's most important contributions to our nation. As a veteran of World War II and Grand Rapids congressman for a quarter century, Gerald Ford, a man of abiding principle and a strong sense of duty, came to the highest office in our land under most difficult circumstances. As the 38th president, Gerald Ford took the oath of office as our country faced a crisis in confidence. Acting with little regard for political expediency, President Ford helped the country heal through his own honesty and trustworthiness. These qualities, long known by the people of Grand Rapids and his colleagues in Congress, left a legacy that stands strong; and

Whereas the Gerald R. Ford Foundation is committed to the effort to add an image of President Ford to the National Statuary Hall Collection. The Gerald R. Ford Foundation has agreed to serve as the body selecting a sculptor and to fund all of the costs associated with the placement of the new statue and the relocation of the statue of Zachariah Chandler to Michigan; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we request the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress to approve the placement of a statue of President Gerald R. Ford as part of the National Statuary Hall Collection in

the United States Capitol and to authorize the removal of the statue of Zachariah Chandler and its relocation to Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress, the members of the Michigan congressional delegation, the Office of the Governor, and the Gerald R. Ford Foundation.

POM-167. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging Congress to enact legislation to improve the health programs available to veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 53

Whereas, providing medical care for the men and women who risk their lives in defense of our nation is a most important responsibility. While this is always true, the significance of this task should be eminently clear as our armed forces are engaged in battle; and

Whereas, funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs is determined each year by the Congress as part of discretionary spending. This budget is seriously under funded each year. This chronic under funding has a direct impact on the level of services available to our injured veterans. Currently, nearly 90 percent of federal health care spending is carried out through direct, rather than discretionary funding; and

Whereas, the Department of Veterans Affairs has the nation's largest health care system, with more than 150 hospitals, hundreds of clinics, nursing homes, residential rehabilitation treatment programs, and specialized services to deal with the most horrific and widest range of injuries. Recent rises in demand for health care services have far outpaced spending; and

Whereas, the American people owe our returning veterans proper health care services to address the injuries they sustain in defense of our freedoms. Quality health care for those injured in service to the country should not be subject to the annual fluctuations of a budget process that is often held hostage to politics. Clearly, the care of our wounded must be a top priority; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to increase funding for veterans health programs and to reform budget practices to assure that veterans health care needs are addressed by direct rather than discretionary funding; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United

States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 1772. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 127 South Elm Street in Gardner, Kansas, as the "Private First Class Shane R. Austin Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 1773. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to regulate payroll tax deposit agents; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 1774. A bill to designate the John Krebs Wilderness in the State of California, to add certain land to the Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park Wilderness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. GREGG):

S. 1775. A bill to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that no child is left behind; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1776. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish a user fee program to ensure food safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 1777. A bill to amend title II of the Public Health Service Act to restore the integrity to the office of the Surgeon General; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. LOTT):

S. 1778. A bill to authorize certain activities of the Maritime Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 1779. A bill to establish a program for tribal colleges and universities within the Department of Health and Human Services and to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to authorize the provision of grants and cooperative agreements to tribal colleges and universities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 1780. A bill to require the FCC, in enforcing its regulations concerning the broadcast of indecent programming, to maintain a policy that a single word or image may be considered indecent; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1781. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 118 Minner Avenue in Bakersfield, California, as the "Buck Owens Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 1782. A bill to amend chapter 1 of title 9 of United States Code with respect to arbitration; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENZI:

S. 1783. A bill to provide 10 steps to transform health care in America; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. CANTWELL, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1784. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to improve programs for veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 1785. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish deadlines by which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall issue a decision on whether to grant certain waivers of preemption under that Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. OBAMA, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. DODD, Mrs. BOXER, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. Res. 269. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster General that a commemorative postage stamp be issued in

honor of former United States Representative Barbara Jordan; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself and Mr. DORGAN):

S. Res. 270. A resolution honoring the 75th anniversary of the International Peace Garden; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 160

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 160, a bill to provide for compensation to the Lower Brule and Crow Creek Sioux Tribes of South Dakota for damage to tribal land caused by Pick-Sloan projects along the Missouri River.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 309, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide, and for other purposes.

S. 456

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] were added as cosponsors of S. 456, a bill to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, and for other purposes.

S. 479

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 479, a bill to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.

S. 551

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 551, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit to certain agriculture-related businesses for the cost of protecting certain chemicals.

S. 617

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 617, a bill to make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available at a discount to certain veterans.

S. 625

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 625, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to provide for a research program for remediation of closed methamphetamine production laboratories, and for other purposes.

S. 638

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 638, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 727, a bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education.

S. 771

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] were added as cosponsors of S. 771, a bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to improve the nutrition and health of schoolchildren by updating the definition of "food of minimal nutritional value" to conform to current nutrition science and to protect the Federal investment in the national school lunch and breakfast programs.

S. 819

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 819, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes.

S. 836

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON] were added as cosponsors of

S. 836, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for sewer overflow control grants.

S. 897

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 897, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide more help to Alzheimer's disease caregivers.

S. 898

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 898, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to fund breakthroughs in Alzheimer's disease research while providing more help to caregivers and increasing public education about prevention.

S. 903

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 903, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Muhammad Yunus, in recognition of his contributions to the fight against global poverty.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 1183

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1183, a bill to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit through 2013, and for other purposes.

S. 1310

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1310, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of increased payments for ground ambulance services under the Medicare program.

S. 1353

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1353, a bill to nullify the determinations of the Copyright Royalty Judges with respect to webcasting, to modify the basis for making such a determination, and for other purposes.

S. 1359

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1359, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance public and health professional awareness and understanding of lupus and to strengthen the Nation's research efforts to identify the causes and cure of lupus.

S. 1385

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1385, a bill to designate the United States courthouse facility located at 301 North Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida, as the "C. Clyde Atkins United States Courthouse".

S. 1469

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1469, a bill to require the closure of the Department of Defense detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes.

S. 1529

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1529, a bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to end benefit erosion, support working families with child care expenses, encourage retirement and education savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1624

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1624, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the exception from the treatment of publicly traded partnerships as corporations for partnerships with passive-type income shall not apply to partnerships directly or indirectly deriving income from providing investment adviser and related asset management services.

S. 1742

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1742, a bill to prevent the Federal Communications Commission from repromulgating the fairness doctrine.

S. 1748

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1748, a bill to prevent the Federal Communications Commission from repromulgating the fairness doctrine.

SENATE RESOLUTION 82

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 82, a resolution designating August 16, 2007 as "National Airborne Day".

SENATE RESOLUTION 224

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 224, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON STATE, LOCAL AND PRIVATE SECTOR FOR PREPAREDNESS AND INTEGRATION

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, July 12, 2007, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Private Sector Preparedness, Part II: protecting our critical infrastructure."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 12, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 12, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 12, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Airport Airways Trust Fund: The Future of Aviation Financing."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet to hold a hearing on the nomination of Dr. James W. Holsinger to be Medical Director and Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 12, 2007 at 10 a.m., room G50 of the Dirksen Senate office building.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, July 12, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct an oversight hearing on transportation issues in Indian country.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup session on Thursday, July 12, 2007, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen room 226.

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

The Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, July 12, 2007, at 9 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Dirty Bomb Vulnerabilities: fake companies, fake licenses, real consequences."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 12, 2007 at 2:30 p.m., to hold a closed hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

The Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 12, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITIES, INSURANCE, AND INVESTMENT

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 12, 2007, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "A Global View: Examining Cross-Border Exchange Mergers."

NATIONAL DEFENSE
AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2008

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1585) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2088, proposed by Mr. REED, to amendment No. 2087, proposed by Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. SMITH, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. KERRY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. OBAMA, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. DURBIN), to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, proposed by Mr. LEVIN, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. KYL, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. THUNE) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title XII, subtitle B, chapter 3, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2024).

Mr. SESSIONS modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2024, as modified, to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That the pending amendment No. 2024, as modified, be laid aside; that no amendment to the amendment be in order; that, at 4 p.m., the question recur on agreeing to said amendment; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Mr. SESSIONS and Mr. LEVIN thereon; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment, with no intervening action or debate.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The pending amendment was laid aside.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2088 to amendment No. 2087 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That Mr. DORGAN be recognized for 20 minutes; and that, following remarks by him, Mr. LEVIN be recognized to propose an amendment relative to "wounded warrior".

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2088 to amendment No. 2087 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WEBB, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. OBAMA, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. REED, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. TESTER, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Mr. BAYH, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. PRYOR, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BOND, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LOTT,

Mr. DODD, and Mrs. HUTCHISON) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in division A, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2019).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. LEVIN (for Mr. DURBIN) to amend the pending amendment in section 1631(b), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2131).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. MCCAIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2019, as amended, to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN (for Mr. GRAHAM) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title X, subtitle E, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2154).

Mr. LEVIN, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2154, as modified, to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. MCCAIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2019, as amended, to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN for Mr. CRAIG (for himself and Mr. AKAKA) to further amend the pending amendment on page 47, by striking all beginning on line 15 through line 18, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2115).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. MCCAIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2019, as amended, to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN for Mr. CRAIG (for himself and Mr. AKAKA) to further amend the pending amendment on page 43,

by striking all beginning on line 8 through line 11, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2114).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. MCCAIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2019, as amended, to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN (for Mr. LIEBERMAN) to further amend the pending amendment on page 50, by striking all beginning on line 11 through line 12, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2089).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. MCCAIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2019, as amended, to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN (for Mr. LIEBERMAN) to further amend the pending amendment on page 46, by striking all beginning on line 17 through line 18, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2090).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. MCCAIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2019, as amended, to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN for Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mrs. LINCOLN) to further amend the pending amendment on page 23, after line 6, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2162).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. MCCAIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2019, as amended, to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The hour of 4 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2024, as modified, to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. BILL NELSON,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 90, nays... 5

[Rollcall Vote No. 245 Leg.]

YEAS --- 90

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Voinovich, Warner, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 5

Feinstein, Leahy, Sanders, Tester, Webb.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2019, as amended, to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN for Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BROWN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. WEBB) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in division A, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2132).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. MCCAIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2019, as amended, to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN for Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM) to further amend the pending amendment in title XVI, part II of subtitle B,

at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2160).

Mr. LEVIN modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2160, as modified, to amendment No. 2019, as amended.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. MCCAIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2019, as amended, to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN for Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM) to further amend the pending amendment in title XVI, part I of subtitle B, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2159).

Mr. LEVIN modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2159, as modified, to amendment No. 2019, as amended.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2019, as amended, to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCAIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as amended.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 94, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 246 Leg.]

YEAS --- 94

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2088 to amendment No. 2087 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That Mr. CORNYN be recognized to propose an amendment numbered 2100; that he be recognized to speak for 20 minutes thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the amendment be laid aside; and that Mr. DORGAN then be recognized to propose an amendment (No. 2135).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. BOND) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title XV, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2100).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. SALAZAR, and Ms. LANDRIEU) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title XII, subtitle B, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2135).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. SUNUNU to amend the pending amendment on page 2, by striking all on line 2, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2184).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. BROWN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. BROWN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2135, as amended, to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BILL NELSON in the chair) announced that, pursuant to Public Law 105-83, the majority leader had appointed Mr. WHITEHOUSE to serve as a member of the National Council on the Arts.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

BRITISH-AMERICAN INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, as amended, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the majority leader, had appointed Mr. SANDERS as a delegate of the Senate delegation to the British-American Interparliamentary Group conference during the 110th Congress.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

BRITISH-AMERICAN INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, as amended, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the minority leader, had appointed Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. GREGG as delegates of the Senate delegation to the British-American Interparliamentary Group conference during the 110th Congress.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE VIETNAM EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that pursuant to Public Law 106-554, the PRESIDENT pro tempore had appointed Mr. WEBB to the Board of Directors of the Vietnam Education Foundation.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER

SENATE NATIONAL SECURITY WORKING GROUP

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 105 (agreed to on April 13, 1989), as amended by S. Res. 149 (agreed to on October 5, 1993),

as amended by public Law 105-275, further amended by S. Res. 75 (agreed to on March 25, 1999), as amended by S. Res. 383 (agreed to October 27, 2000), and amended by S. Res. 355 (agreed to November 13, 2002), and further amended by S. Res. 480 (agreed to November 20, 2004), the minority leader had appointed Mr. COLEMAN to serve as a member of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 110th Congress.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then resume consideration of bill H.R. 1585; that the time until 9:30 a.m. be for debate on amendment No. 2135, as amended; that Mr. DORGAN and Mr. SUNUNU control 10 minutes each for debate therein; and that, at 9:30 a.m., the Senate vote in relation to said amendment, without intervening action or debate.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

At 7:06 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, JULY 13, 2007

Mr. SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations called the Senate to order at 9 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 13, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. WHITEHOUSE took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the Secretary of the Senate, on July 13, 2007, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1701. An act to provide for the extension of transitional medical assistance (TMA) and the abstinence education program through the end of fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1585) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2135, as amended, proposed by Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. SALAZAR, and Ms. LANDRIEU), to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. WARNER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on

the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as amended.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 87, nays... 1

[Rollcall Vote No. 247 Leg.]

YEAS --- 87

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Craig, DeMint, Dole, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 1

Bunning.

So the amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. WARNER to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as amended.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2100, proposed by Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. BOND), to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. LEVIN called for the regular order.

Whereupon,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2088, proposed by Mr. REED, to amendment No. 2087, proposed by Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. SMITH, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. KERRY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. OBAMA, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. DURBIN), to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. COLEMAN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose an amendment.

Mr. LEVIN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2088 to amendment No. 2087 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. DURBIN, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 2829. A bill making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-129).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 1786. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to encourage the most polluted areas in the United States to attain clean air standards; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 1787. A bill to conduct 1 or more higher education and career readiness demonstration projects for rural, low-income students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. 1788. A bill to provide for the mandatory revocation of passports of individuals whose child support payments are more than \$2,500 in arrears; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms.

COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 271. A resolution honoring Lady Bird Johnson; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. HAGEL):

S. Res. 272. A resolution praising Muslim-American physicians who condemned recent attempted terrorist acts in the United Kingdom; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 456

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] were added as cosponsors of S. 456, a bill to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, and for other purposes.

S. 627

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 627, a bill to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to improve the health and well-being of maltreated infants and toddlers through the creation of a National Court Teams Resource Center, to assist local Court Teams, and for other purposes.

S. 1175

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1175, a bill to end the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, and for other purposes.

S. 1284

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1284, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the taxation of income of controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property.

S. 1606

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1606, a bill to provide for the establishment of a comprehensive policy on the care and management of wounded warriors in order to facilitate and enhance their care, rehabilitation, physical evaluation, transition from care by the Department of Defense to care by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and transition from military service to civilian life, and for other purposes.

S. 1629

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1629, a bill to request a study by the Federal Communications Commission on the interference caused by broadband Internet transmission over power lines.

S. 1748

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] and the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1748, a bill to prevent the Federal Communications Commission from repromulgating the fairness doctrine.

S. 1785

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1785, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish deadlines by which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall issue a decision on whether to grant certain waivers of preemption under that Act.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL SUMMER LEARNING DAY"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 268)

designating July 12, 2007, as "National Summer Learning Day".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING LADY BIRD JOHNSON

On the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TESTER in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 271) honoring Lady Bird Johnson, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PRaising MUSLIM-AMERICAN PHYSICIANS CONDEMNATION OF TERRORIST ACTS

On the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 272) praising Muslim-American physicians who condemned recent attempted terrorist acts in the United Kingdom, submitted today by Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. HAGEL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO AN INTERSTATE
FOREST FIRE PROTECTION
COMPACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 975) granting the consent and approval of Congress to an interstate forest fire protection compact.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORITY FOR INTRODUCTION
OF LEGISLATION DURING
ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding an adjournment on today, Senators be authorized to introduce legislation, submit statements, and add cosponsors until 1 p.m. on today.

ORDER FOR PRINTING OF
TRIBUTES TO LADY BIRD
JOHNSON

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

Ordered, That tributes to Lady Bird Johnson, former First Lady, be printed as a Senate Document.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, JULY
16, 2007, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 16, 2007; that, on Monday

next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 3 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate by the two leaders, or their designees; and that, at 3 p.m., the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1585.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WARNER,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WARNER,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 12:11 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. KLOBUCHAR in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 16, 2007.

MONDAY, JULY 16, 2007

Mr. JACK REED, from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. REED led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, July 16, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JACK REED, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island and

Providence Plantations, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. REED took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, July 13, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, July 13, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Friday, July 13, 2007,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2563. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dairy Product Mandatory Reporting" (RIN0581-AC66) received on July 12, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2564. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the evolution of improvised explosive device threats; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2565. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the profitability of the credit card operations of depository institutions; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2566. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alachlor, Chlorothalonil, Metribuzin; Denial of Objections" (FRL No. 8135-3) received on July 13, 2007; to the

Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2567. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Minnesota" (FRL No. 8439-7) received on July 13, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2568. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Minnesota" (FRL No. 8439-8) received on July 13, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2569. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment, Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Indiana; Redesignation of the Clark and Floyd Counties 8-hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment" (FRL No. 8440-2) received on July 13, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2570. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment, Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Indiana; Redesignation of LaPorte County to Attainment for Ozone" (FRL No. 8440-4) received on July 13, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2571. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment, Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Indiana; Redesignation of the South Bend-Elkhart 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment" (FRL No. 8440-3) received on July 13, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2572. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Hearings and Submission of Plans" (FRL No. 8439-6) received on July 13, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2573. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Import Restrictions Imposed on Pre-Classical and Classical Archaeological Objects and Byzantine Period Ecclesiastical and Ritual Ethnological Material From Cyprus" (RIN1505-AB80) received on July 12, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2574. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Regulations and Removal of Temporary Regulations Under Section 3402(f)" ((RIN1545-BE20)-(TD 9337)) received on July 13, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2575. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Under Subpart F Relating to Partnerships" ((RIN1545-BE34)(TD 9326)) received on July 13, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2576. A communication from the Chief, Border Security Regulations Branch, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Advance Electronic Presentation of Cargo Information for Truck Carriers Required to be Transmitted Through ACE Truck Manifest at Ports in the States of Maine and Minnesota" (CBP Dec. 07-53) received on July 12, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2577. A communication from the Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2007 Data Mining Report: DHS Privacy Office Response to House Report 109-699"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2578. A communication from the Attorney General, transmitting, a report relative to the implementation of a new national security oversight and compliance effort; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2579. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Import and Production Quotas for Certain List I Chemicals" (RIN1117-AB08) received on July 5, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 392. A bill to ensure payment of United States assessments for United Nations peacekeeping operations for the 2005 through 2008 time period (Rept. No. 110-130).

By Mrs. MURRAY, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1789. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-131).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 1789. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. OBAMA:

S. 1790. A bill to make grants to carry out activities to prevent the incidence of unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections among teens in racial or ethnic minority or immigrant communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 1791. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to reauthorize, and increase funding for, the biodiesel fuel education program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1792. A bill to amend the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act to improve such Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. Res. 273. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States Postal Service should issue a semipostal stamp to support medical research relating to Alzheimer's disease; to the Committee on

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. Con. Res. 41. A concurrent resolution commending the 1st Brigade Combat Team/34th Infantry Division of the Minnesota National Guard upon its completion of the longest continuous deployment of any United States military unit during Operation Iraqi Freedom; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 41

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 41, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to improve America's research competitiveness, and for other purposes.

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 211

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services, volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 435

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 435, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to preserve the essential air service program.

S. 594

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 594, a bill to limit the use, sale, and transfer of cluster munitions.

S. 597

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 597, a bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

S. 609

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 609, a bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

S. 771

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 771, a bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to improve the nutrition and health of schoolchildren by updating the definition of "food of minimal nutritional value" to conform to current nutrition science and to protect the Federal investment in the national school lunch and breakfast programs.

S. 774

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 774, a bill to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to permit States to determine State residency for higher education purposes and to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children, and for other purposes.

S. 814

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 814, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the deduction of attorney-advanced expenses and court costs in contingency fee cases.

S. 881

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of S. 881, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 1107

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1107, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce cost-sharing under part D of such title for certain non-institutionalized full-benefit dual eligible individuals.

S. 1183

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1183, a bill to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1257

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1257, a bill to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah

an additional seat in the House of Representatives.

S. 1261

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1261, a bill to amend title 10 and 38, United States Code, to repeal the 10-year limit on use of Montgomery GI Bill educational assistance benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 1354

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1354, a bill to amend the definition of a law enforcement officer under subchapter III of chapter 83 and chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, respectively, to ensure the inclusion of certain positions.

S. 1356

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1356, a bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to establish industrial bank holding company regulation, and for other purposes.

S. 1359

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1359, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance public and health professional awareness and understanding of lupus and to strengthen the Nation's research efforts to identify the causes and cure of lupus.

S. 1450

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1450, a bill to authorize appropriations for the Housing Assistance Council.

S. 1457

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1457, a bill to provide for the protection of mail delivery on certain postal routes, and for other purposes.

S. 1571

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1571, a bill to reform the essential air service program, and for other purposes.

S. 1592

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1592, a bill to reauthorize the Underground Railroad Educational and Cultural Program.

S. 1708

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1708, a bill to provide for the expansion of Federal efforts concerning the prevention, education, treatment, and research activities related to

Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, including the establishment of a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee.

S. 1718

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1718, a bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for reimbursement to servicemembers of tuition for programs of education interrupted by military service, for deferment of students loans and reduced interest rates for servicemembers during periods of military service, and for other purposes.

S. 1744

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1744, a bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

S. 1747

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1747, a bill to regulate the judicial use of presidential signing statements in the interpretation of Act of Congress.

S. 1784

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1784, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to improve programs for veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1785

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1785, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish deadlines by which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall issue a decision on whether to grant certain waivers of preemption under that Act.

SENATE RESOLUTION 236

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 236, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of the National Anthem Project, which has worked to restore America's voice by re-teaching Americans to sing the national anthem.

SENATE RESOLUTION 269

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 269, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster General that a commemorative postage stamp be issued in

honor of former United States Representative Barbara Jordan.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2608. An act to amend section 402 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to provide, in fiscal years 2008 through 2010, extensions of supplemental security income for refugees, asylees, and certain other humanitarian immigrants, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code to collect unemployment compensation debts resulting from fraud.

H.R. 2669. An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 601 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008.

H.R. 2900. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs and for medical devices, to enhance the postmarket authorities of the Food and Drug Administration with respect to the safety of drugs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2956. An act to require the Secretary of Defense to commence the reduction of the number of United States Armed Forces in Iraq to a limited presence by April 1, 2008, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 556) to ensure national security while promoting foreign investment and the creation and maintenance of jobs, to reform the process by which such investments are examined for any effect they may have on national security, to establish the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 201(b) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431 note), amended by section 681(b) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (22 U.S.C. 2651 note), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker reappoints the following members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on International Religious Freedom: Ms. Felice Gaer of Paramus, New Jersey, for a 2-year term ending May 14, 2009, to succeed herself, and Ms. Nina Shea of Washington, D.C., for a 2-year term ending May 14, 2009, to succeed herself upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, clause 10 of rule I, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the British-American Interparliamentary Group, in addition to Mr. CHANDLER of Kentucky, Chairman, appointed on March 30, 2007: Mr. WU of Oregon, Vice Chairman, Mr. POMEROY of North Dakota, Mr. CLYBURN of South Carolina, Mr. ETHERIDGE of North Carolina, Mr. DAVIS of California, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. PETRI of Wisconsin, Mr. BOOZMAN of Arkansas, Mr. BOUSTANY of Louisiana, Mr. CRENSHAW of Florida, and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina.

At 2:16 p.m., a message from the House, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1851. An act to reform the housing choice voucher program under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937.

At 4:55 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1701. An act to provide for the extension of transitional medical assistance (TMA) and the abstinence education program through the end of fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes.

H.R. 556. An act to ensure national security while promoting foreign investment and the creation and maintenance of jobs, to reform the process by which such investments are examined for any effect they may have on national security, to establish the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 1851. An act to reform the housing choice voucher program under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 2608. An act to amend section 402 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to provide, in fiscal years 2008 through 2010, extensions of supplemental security income for refugees, asylees, and certain other humanitarian immigrants, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code to collect unemployment compensation debts resulting from fraud; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 2956. An act to require the Secretary of Defense to commence the reduction of the number of United States Armed Forces in Iraq to a limited presence by April 1, 2008,

and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE BILLS PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2669. An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 601 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008.

H.R. 2900. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs and for medical devices, to enhance the postmarket authorities of the Food and Drug Administration with respect to the safety of drugs, and for other purposes.

OBJECTION TO WITHDRAWING AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 1585

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the second-degree amendment No. 2088 to amendment No. 2087 to the bill (H.R. 1585) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes, be withdrawn; that there be 6 hours for debate on tomorrow on said amendment No. 2087; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to said amendment; and that no second-degree amendments be in order thereto.

Mr. KYL objected.

OBJECTION TO AGREEING TO REQUEST FOR CONFERENCE ON BILL H.R. 1

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that, if the House of Representatives agrees to an amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1) to provide for the implementation of the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (with the text of H.R. 1401), and asks a conference with the with the Senate thereon, the Senate disagree to the amendment, and agree to the conference asked; and that the chair appoint the conferees previously appointed to the conference on bill H.R. 1.

Mr. KYL objected.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of Friday, July 13, 2007,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SALAZAR in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1585) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military

personnel strengths for fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2088, proposed by Mr. REED, to amendment No. 2087, proposed by Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. SMITH, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. KERRY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. OBAMA, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. DURBIN), to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to amend the language proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2241).

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

Mr. REED objected.

Pending further reading of the amendment; and having concluded.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2241 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment by amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

Mr. REED presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the amendment No. 2087, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2087 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill H.R. 1585:

CARL LEVIN, TED KENNEDY, BYRON L. DORGAN, RUSSELL D. FEINGOLD, B.A. MIKULSKI, DEBBIE STABENOW, BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, AMY KLOBUCHAR, PATRICK J. LEAHY, RICHARD J. DURBIN, JEFF BINGAMAN, JACK REED, RON WYDEN, BARBARA BOXER, PATTY MURRAY, ROBERT MENENDEZ, DANIEL K. AKAKA, CHARLES SCHUMER.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending amendment No. 2241, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2241 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute):

MITCH MCCONNELL, WAYNE ALLARD, PETE V. DOMENICI, JIM BUNNING, JEFF SESSIONS, CHUCK GRASSLEY, C.S. BOND, M. CRAPO, JON KYL, ELIZABETH DOLE, TRENT LOTT, JOHN BARRASSO, JIM INHOFE, LINDSEY GRAHAM, LISA MURKOWSKI, JOHN MCCAIN.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2241 to the language of the

bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to amend the pending amendment, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2252).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That no motion to commit the pending bill be in order prior to the Senate voting on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendments numbered 2087 and 2241.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2252 to amendment No. 2241 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that amendment No. 2252 be withdrawn; that amendment No. 2241 be agreed to; that amendment No. 2100 be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Mr. WARNER objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2252 to amendment No. 2241 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute).

APPOINTMENT BY THE CHAIR PRESIDENT'S EXPORT COUNCIL

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANDERS in the chair) announced that the Chair, pursuant to Executive Order 12131, as amended, had reappointed Mr. ENZI to the President's Export Council.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF "NATIONAL PURPLE HEART RECOGNITION DAY"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REED,

Ordered, That the Committee on Armed Services be discharged from the further consideration of the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 27) supporting the goals and ideals of "National Purple Heart Recognition Day".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

On motion by Mr. REED (for Mrs. CLINTON) to amend the concurrent resolution beginning on page 2, line 8, by striking certain words and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2269).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMENDING THE 1ST BRIGADE
COMBAT TEAM/34TH INFANTRY
DIVISION OF THE MINNESOTA
NATIONAL GUARD

On the request of Mr. REED,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 41) commending the 1st Brigade Combat Team/34th Infantry Division of the Minnesota National Guard upon its completion of the longest continuous deployment of any United States military unit during Operation Iraqi Freedom, submitted today by Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. COLEMAN), and at the desk; and

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REED,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the first 30 minutes therein be controlled by the minority party; and that the second 30 minutes therein be controlled by the majority party.

Ordered further, That upon conclusion of morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1585.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.; and that, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the quorums be waived with respect to the motions to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2087 and amendment No. 2241.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REED,

At 7:50 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2007

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. TESTER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, July 17, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. TESTER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

ORDER FOR FURTHER
CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 1585
ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the time from 2:15 p.m. until 2:45 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate on amendment No. 2100; that no amendments be in order thereto prior to a vote; that, at 2:45 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; and that amendment No. 2241 be withdrawn (taking

with it the motion to bring to a close debate on said amendment, and amendment No. 2252 thereto).

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business. Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Tuesday, July 17, 2007, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1701. A bill to provide for the extension of transitional medical assistance (TMA) and the abstinence education program through the end of fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries:

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE
OF AN EXECUTIVE ORDER BLOCKING
THE PROPERTY OF PERSONS ENGAGED
IN ACTS OF VIOLENCE THREATENING
THE PEACE OR STABILITY OF IRAQ --
PM 21

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, as amended (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) (IEEPA), I hereby report that I have issued an Executive Order blocking property of persons determined to have committed, or to pose a significant risk of committing, an act or acts of violence that have the purpose or effect of threatening the peace or stability of Iraq or the Government of Iraq or undermining efforts to promote economic reconstruction and political reform in Iraq or to provide humanitarian assistance to the Iraqi people. I issued this order to take additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, and expanded in Executive Order 13315 of August 28, 2003, and relied upon for additional steps taken in Executive Order 13350 of July 29, 2004, and Executive Order 13364 of November 29, 2004. In these previous Executive Orders, I ordered various measures to address the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States posed by obstacles to the

orderly reconstruction of Iraq, the restoration and maintenance of peace and security in that country, and the development of political, administrative, and economic institutions in Iraq.

My new order takes additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13303 and expanded in Executive Order 13315 by blocking the property and interests in property of persons determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense, to have committed, or to pose a significant risk of committing, an act or acts of violence that have the purpose or effect of threatening the peace or stability of Iraq or the Government of Iraq or undermining efforts to promote economic reconstruction and political reform in Iraq or to provide humanitarian assistance to the Iraqi people.

The order further authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense, to designate for blocking those persons determined to have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, logistical, or technical support for, or goods or services in support of, such an act or acts of violence or any person designated pursuant to this order, or to be owned or controlled by, or to have acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to this order.

I delegated to the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense, the authority to take such actions, including the promulgation of rules and regulations, and to employ all powers granted to the President by IEEPA as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of my order. I am enclosing a copy of the Executive Order I have issued.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 17, 2007.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2580. A communication from the Regulatory Analyst, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States Standards for Sorghum" (RIN0580-AA91) received on July 16, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2581. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of

the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Management Official Interlocks" (RIN1557-AD01) received on July 16, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2582. A communication from the Director, Office of Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to acquisitions made by the Department with entities that manufacture the articles, materials or supplies outside of the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2583. A communication from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removing the Bald Eagle in the Lower 48 States from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife" (RIN1018-AF21) received on July 16, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2584. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for the Peck's Cave Amphipod, Comal Springs Dryopid Beetle, and Coma; Springs Riffle Beetle" (RIN1018-AU75) received on July 16, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1793. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for property owners who remove lead-based paint hazards; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAYH:

S. 1794. A bill to amend the Federal Direct Loan Program to provide that interest shall not accrue on Federal Direct Loans for active duty service members and their spouses; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1795. A bill to improve access to workers' compensation programs for injured Federal employees; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1796. A bill to provide for the conveyance of the Presque Isle Light Station Fresnel Lens to Presque Isle Township,

Michigan; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself and Mr. ALLARD):

S. 1797. A bill to reduce the risks to Colorado communities and water supplies from severe wildfires, especially in areas affected by insect infestations, to provide model legislation that may be applied to other States experiencing similar insect infestations or other forest-related problems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CORNYN, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1798. A bill to establish grant programs to improve the health of border area residents and for all hazards preparedness in the border area including bioterrorism in the border area including bioterrorism and infectious disease, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. LINCOLN:

S. 1799. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to apply rate parity to the excise tax on small cigars and small cigarettes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. BAYH, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1800. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require emergency contraception to be available at all military health care treatment facilities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 1801. A bill to require a study on the relocation of the Sector Buffalo facilities of the Coast Guard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 1802. A bill to adjust the boundaries of the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness in the State of Idaho; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 1803. A bill to authorize the exchange of certain land located in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1804. A bill to enhance the ability of the United States to prevent, prepare for, detect, and respond to agriculture and food emergencies; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1805. A bill to amend the National Housing Act to increase the mortgage amount limits applicable to housing insured by FHA mortgage insurance; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 1806. A bill to restore to the judiciary the power to decide all trademark and trade name cases arising under the laws and treaties of the United States by repealing the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, and commercial names and impediments to registration of such marks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 1807. A bill to establish the Weather Mitigation Advisory and Research Board, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 1808. A bill to authorize the exchange of certain land in Denali National Park in the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 14

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 14, a bill to repeal the sunset on certain tax rates and other incentives and to repeal the individual alternative minimum tax, and for other purposes.

S. 59

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 59, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve access to advanced practice nurses and physician assistants under the Medicaid Program.

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 116

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 116, a bill to authorize resources to provide students with opportunities for summer learning through summer learning grants.

S. 206

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 206, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 394

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 394, a bill to amend the Humane Methods of Livestock Slaughter Act of 1958 to ensure the humane slaughter of nonambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 456

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 456, a bill to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, and for other purposes.

S. 469

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

S. 617

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 617, a bill to make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available at a discount to certain veterans.

S. 625

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 625, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to establish a competitive grant program to build capacity in veterinary medical education and expand the workforce of veterinarians engaged in public health practice and biomedical research.

S. 771

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 771, a bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to improve the nutrition and health of schoolchildren by updating the definition of "food of minimal nutritional value" to conform to current nutrition science and to protect the Federal investment in the national school lunch and breakfast programs.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS]

was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 774

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 774, a bill to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to permit States to determine State residency for higher education purposes and to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children, and for other purposes.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] were added as cosponsors of S. 803, a bill to repeal a provision enacted to end Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 844

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 844, a bill to provide for the protection of unaccompanied alien children, and for other purposes.

S. 1062

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1062, a bill to establish a congressional commemorative medal for organ donors and their families.

S. 1070

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1070, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to enhance the social security of the Nation by ensuring adequate public-private infrastructure and to resolve to prevent, detect, treat, intervene in, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes.

S. 1075

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1075, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to expand access to contraceptive services for women and men under the Medicaid program, help low income women and couples prevent unintended pregnancies and reduce abortion, and for other purposes.

S. 1090

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1090, a bill to amend the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 to assist the neediest

of senior citizens by modifying the eligibility criteria for supplemental foods provided under the commodity supplemental food program to take into account the extraordinarily high out-of-pocket medical expenses that senior citizens pay, and for other purposes.

S. 1150

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1150, a bill to enhance the State inspection of meat and poultry in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1164

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1164, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve patient access to, and utilization of, the colorectal cancer screening benefit under the Medicare Program.

S. 1183

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] were added as cosponsors of S. 1183, a bill to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1230

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1230, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a refundable credit for contributions to qualified tuition programs.

S. 1339

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1339, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, the Higher Education Act of 1965, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve recruitment, preparation, distribution, and retention of public elementary and secondary school teachers and principals, and for other purposes.

S. 1374

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1374, a bill to assist States in making voluntary high quality full-day prekindergarten programs available and economically affordable for the families of all children for at least 1 year preceding kindergarten.

S. 1428

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1428, a bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to assure access to durable medical equipment under the Medicare program.

S. 1430

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1430, a bill to authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000,000 or more in Iran's energy sector, and for other purposes.

S. 1457

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1457, a bill to provide for the protection of mail delivery on certain postal routes, and for other purposes.

S. 1463

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1463, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to regulate the sale of ammonium nitrate to prevent and deter the acquisition of ammonium nitrate by terrorists, and for other purposes.

S. 1484

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1484, a bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restore the Medicare treatment of ownership of oxygen equipment to that in effect before enactment of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.

S. 1492

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1492, a bill to improve the quality of federal and state data regarding the availability and quality of broadband services and to promote the deployment of affordable broadband services to all parts of the Nation.

S. 1514

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1514, a bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

S. 1577

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1577, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to require screening, including national criminal history background checks, of direct patient access employees of skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, and other long-term care facilities and providers, and to provide for nationwide expansion of the pilot program for national and State background checks on direct patient access employees of long-term care facilities or providers.

S. 1593

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS]

was added as a cosponsor of S. 1593, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief and protections to military personnel, and for other purposes.

S. 1607

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1607, a bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes.

S. 1668

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1668, a bill to assist in providing affordable housing to those affected by the 2005 hurricanes.

S. 1731

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1731, a bill to provide for the continuing review of unauthorized Federal programs and agencies and to establish a bipartisan commission for the purposes of improving oversight and eliminating wasteful Government spending.

S. 1742

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1742, a bill to prevent the Federal Communications Commission from repromulgating the fairness doctrine.

S. 1776

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1776, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish a user fee program to ensure food safety, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 118

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 118, a resolution urging the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WEBB,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE,
AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 17, 2007, at 10 a.m. room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The hearing will focus on creative solutions to improve air service to small and rural communities.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at 10 a.m. Room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building for a hearing to consider pending nominations.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 17, 2007, at 10 a.m. to hold a hearing on democracy in Africa.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 17, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on intellectual property and tax treaties.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY
AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, July 17, 2007, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Federal Acquisition: Ways to Strengthen Competition and Accountability."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing entitled "Hearing to Examine the Prosecution of Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean" on Tuesday, July 17, 2007, at 10 a.m. Dirksen Senate Office Building, room 226.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 17, to conduct a vote on the nomination of Charles L. Hopkins to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Operations, Preparedness, Security and Law Enforcement). The Committee will meet in the Reception Room, off the Senate Floor immediately after the first roll call vote of the Senate on Tuesday, July 17.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 17, 2007, to conduct a hearing on VA and DOD Education Issues. The hearing will begin at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT,
GOVERNMENT INFORMATION,
FEDERAL SERVICES, AND
INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services and International Security be authorized to meet on Tuesday, July 17, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled Preparations for 2010: Is the Census Bureau Ready for the Job Ahead?

SUBCOMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT AND
AGING

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions' Subcommittee on Retirement and Aging be authorized to meet to hold a hearing on the Federal response to the Alzheimer's epidemic during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 17, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in room 628 of the Senate Dirksen office building.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 5:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following act, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 966. An act to enable the Department of State to respond to a critical shortage of passport processing personnel, and for other purposes, with an amendment.

The message also announced that the House disagreed to the Senate amendment to the act (H.R. 1) to provide for the implementation of the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Homeland Security for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. DICKS, Ms. HARMAN, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Messrs. ETHERIDGE, LANGEVIN, CUELLAR, AL GREEN of Texas, PERLMUTTER, KING of New York, SMITH of Texas, SOUDER, TOM DAVIS of Virginia, DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California, ROGERS of Alabama, MCCAUL of Texas, DENT, and Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida.

From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of sections 1202, 1211, 1221, 1232, 1233, and 1241 of the House bill, and section 703 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. SKELTON, SPRATT, and SAXTON.

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of title I, title II, sections 743 and 901 of the House bill, and title III, sections 1002, 1481, 1482, 1484, and title XVII of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. DINGELL, MARKEY, and BARTON of Texas.

From the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for consideration of sections 601, 1202, 1211,

1221, 1222, 1232, 1233, 1241, 1302, 1311, 1312, 1322, 1323, 1331-1333, 1412, 1414, 1422, 1431, and 1441-1443 of the House bill, and sections 502, 1301, title XVIII, sections 1911-1913, and 1951 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. LANTOS, ACKERMAN, and Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of sections 406, 501, 601, 702, and title VIII of the House bill, and sections 123, 501-503, 601-603, 1002, and 1432 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. CONYERS, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, and Mr. SENSENBRENNER.

From the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for consideration of section 408 and subtitle A of title VIII of the House bill, and sections 114, 601, 602, 903, 904, 1203, 1205, and 1601 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. WAXMAN, CLAY, and ISSA.

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of sections 601, 712, 723, 732, 733, 741, 742, and subtitle A of title VIII of the House bill, and sections 111-113, 121, 122, 131, 502, 601, 602, 703, 1201-1203, 1205, 1206, and 1606 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. REYES, CRAMER, and HOEKSTRA.

From the Committee on Science and Technology, for consideration of sections 703, 1301, 1464, 1467, and 1507 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. GORDON of Tennessee, WU, and GINGREY.

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of titles I-III, section 1002, and title XI of the House bill, and sections 202, 301, title IV, sections 801-803, 807, 901, 1001, 1002, 1101-1103, 1422-1424, 1426, 1427, 1429, 1430, 1433, 1436-1438, 1441, 1443, 1444, 1446, 1449, 1464, 1473, 1503, and 1605 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. OBERSTAR, DEFazio, and MICA.

For consideration of title II of the House bill, and title III of subtitle C of title XIV of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.

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

H.R. 781. An act to redesignate Lock and Dam N. 5 of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System near Redfield, Arkansas, authorized by the Rivers and Harbors Act approved July 24, 1946, as the "Colonel Charles D. Maynard Lock and Dam".

H.R. 799. An act to authorize and improve the program authorized by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965.

H.R. 1980. An act to authorize appropriations for the Housing Assistance Council.

H.R. 1982. An act to authorize appropriations for the rural housing and economic development program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

H.R. 2293. An act to require the Secretary of State to submit to Congress a report on efforts to bring to justice the Palestinian terrorists who killed John Branchizio, Mark Parson, and John Marin Linde.

H.R. 2547. An act to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to prevent misrepresentation about deposit insurance coverage, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2570. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Boardwalk Drive in Fort Collins, Colorado, as the "Dr. Karl E. Carson Post Office Building".

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 87. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a world day of remembrance for road crash victims.

The message further announced that pursuant to The National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 955(b) note), the Minority Leader appoints the following Member to the National Council on the Arts: Mr. TIBERI of Ohio.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 730c of the Public Interest Declassification Board, 50 U.S.C. 435 note, the Republican Leader re-appoints the Honorable David Scaggs to the Public Interest Declassification Board as the Minority Leader appointment, with the understanding that he will resign the position effective June 5, 2009.

The message further announced that pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 2004(b), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation: Mr. SKELTON of Missouri and Mr. HULSHOF of Missouri.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that he had signed the following enrolled bills, which had previously been signed by the Speaker of the House:

S. 1701. An act to provide for the extension of transitional medical assistance (TMA) and the abstinence education program through the

end of fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes.

H.R. 556. An act to ensure national security while promoting foreign investment and the creation and maintenance of jobs, to reform the process by which such investments are examined for any effect they may have on national security, to establish the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

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

H.R. 781. An act to redesignate Lock and Dam No. 5 of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System near Redfield, Arkansas, authorized by the Rivers and Harbors Act approved July 24, 1946, as the "Colonel Charles D. Maynard Lock and Dam"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 1980. An act to authorize appropriations for the Housing Assistance Council; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1982. An act to authorize appropriations for the rural housing and economic development program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 2293. An act to require the Secretary of State to submit to Congress a report on efforts to bring to justice the Palestinian terrorists who killed John Branchizio, Mark Parson, and John Marin Linde; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 2547. An act to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to prevent misrepresentation about deposit insurance coverage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 2570. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Boardwalk Drive in Fort Collins, Colorado, as the "Dr. Karl E. Carson Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 87. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a world day of remembrance for road crash victims; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 799. An act to reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965.

OBJECTION TO DISCHARGE AND CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS AND BILL H.R. 2316

Mr. DEMINT asked unanimous consent that the Committees on Rules and Administration be discharged from the further consideration of the resolutions (S. Res. 123) reforming the congressional earmark process, and (S. Res. 260) strengthening the point of order against matters out of scope in conference reports; that the Senate proceed to consider the resolutions, en bloc; that the resolutions be agreed to, en bloc; and that motions to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; that the Senate then proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2316) to provide more rigorous requirements with respect to disclosure and enforcement of lobbying laws and regulations, and for other purposes; that all after the enacting clause of the bill be stricken and the text of bill S. 1 be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment in the nature of a substitute); that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate in a ratio of 4 majority- to 3 minority-party members.

Mr. KERRY objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILLS S. 163 AND H.R. 1361

Mr. KERRY asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 163) to improve the disaster loan program of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; that the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be withdrawn; that an amendment (in the nature of a substitute), be deemed proposed by Mr. KERRY; that an amendment be deemed proposed thereto by Mr. BOND, and agreed to; that the amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as thus amended, be agreed to; that motions to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 1361), of identical title; that all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of bill S. 163, as amended, be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment in the nature of a substitute); that the bill, as thus amended,

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) called the Senate to order.

NATIONAL DEFENSE
AUTHORIZATION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1585.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2100, proposed by Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. BOND), to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. DURBIN asked unanimous consent that the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 2087 at 6 p.m. on today; and that the time between 3:05 p.m. and 6 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate.

Mr. MCCAIN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2100 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 94, nays... 3

[Rollcall Vote No. 248 Leg.]

YEAS --- 94

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 3

Byrd, Feingold, Harkin.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2275 (in the nature of a substitute) to amendment No. 2274 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

be read the third time, and passed; that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate (being the members of the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship); and that bill S. 163, as amended, be returned to the calendar, without intervening action or debate.

Mr. DEMINT objected.

NATIONAL DEFENSE
AUTHORIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1585) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2088, proposed by Mr. REED, to amendment No. 2087, proposed by Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. SMITH, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. KERRY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. OBAMA, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CARDIN, and Mrs. BOXER), to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DODD (for Mr. LEVIN) to amend the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by the pending amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2274).

On motion by Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. SMITH, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. KERRY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. OBAMA, and Mrs. CLINTON) to insert, in lieu of the language proposed to be inserted by the pending amendment, other words (being amendment No. 2275, in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 1:15 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KENNEDY in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that amendment No. 2088 be withdrawn; that the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 2087 at 6:30 p.m. on today; that the time until then be equally divided and controlled in the usual form; and that no second-degree amendments be in order.

Mr. LOTT reserved the right to object, when Mr. REID called for the regular order.

Mr. LOTT thereupon objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2275 (in the nature of a substitute) to amendment No. 2274 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

Mr. LOTT asked unanimous consent that, notwithstanding provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2087 at 5:30 p.m. today, instead of on tomorrow.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2275 (in the nature of a substitute) to amendment No. 2274 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute).

Mr. DURBIN asked unanimous consent that the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 2087 at 6 p.m. on today; and that the time until then be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate thereon.

Mr. LOTT objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2275 (in the nature of a substitute) to amendment No. 2274 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO MEETING OF A
COMMITTEE

Mr. REED asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet at 7 p.m. tonight.

Mrs. HUTCHISON objected.

NATIONAL DEFENSE
AUTHORIZATION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1585.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2275 (in the nature of a substitute) to amendment No. 2274 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

Mrs. BOXER asked unanimous consent that amendment No. 2088 be withdrawn; that, at 7 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 2087; that the time until 7 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate thereon; and that no second-degree amendments be in order prior to the vote.

Mrs. HUTCHISON objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2275 (in the nature of a substitute) to amendment No. 2274 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

Mrs. BOXER asked unanimous consent that amendment No. 2088 be withdrawn; that, at 7:30 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 2087; that the time until 7:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate thereon; and that no second-degree amendments be in order prior to the vote.

Mr. BOND objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2275 (in the nature of a substitute) to amendment No. 2274 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

Mr. DEMINT asked unanimous consent that, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2087 at 8:30 p.m. tonight, instead of on tomorrow.

Mr. LEVIN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2275 to amendment No. 2274 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

Ms. MIKULSKI asked unanimous consent that amendment No. 2088 be withdrawn; that, at 8:30 p.m. today, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 2087; that the time until then be equally divided and controlled in the usual form; and that no second-degree amendments be in order.

Mr. BUNNING objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2275 to amendment No. 2274 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

Ordered, That Mr. BUNNING be recognized to speak until 8:35 p.m.; that, following remarks by him, the majority leader be recognized to speak; and that the following

be the next recognized Senators to speak: Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ALEXANDER.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2275 to amendment No. 2274 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute).

Mr. REID raised a question as to the presence of a quorum.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) directed the roll to be called to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

Pending the ascertainment of a quorum,

When

Twenty-six Senators answered to their names, as follows:

[Quorum No. 4 Leg.]

Alexander, Bennett, Brown, Bunning, Cardin, Casey, Chambliss, Cornyn, Crapo, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Kerry, Kyl, Landrieu, Levin, McCain, McConnell, Mikulski, Murray, Reid, Sanders, Sessions, Stabenow, Tester, Warner.

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that a quorum was not present.

On motion by Mr. REID to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the presence of absent Senators.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to instruct.

The question being taken on agreeing to the motion.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 44, nays... 47

[Rollcall Vote No. 249 Leg.]

YEAS --- 44

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 47

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Isakson, Kyl, Lieberman, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the motion was not agreed to; and, as indicated by the foregoing rollcall, a quorum being present.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2275 to amendment No. 2274 to the language of the bill proposed to

be stricken by amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

Mr. REID raised a question as to the presence of a quorum.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. LINCOLN in the chair) directed the roll to be called to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

Pending the ascertainment of a quorum,

When

Twenty-one Senators answered to their names, as follows:

[Quorum No. 5 Leg.]

Akaka, Cardin, Casey, Coburn, Craig, Dorgan, Durbin, Gregg, Isakson, Lincoln, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Reid, Salazar, Schumer, Stabenow, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Webb.

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that a quorum was not present.

On motion by Mr. REID to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the presence of absent Senators.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to instruct.

The question being taken on agreeing to the motion.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 41, nays... 37

[Rollcall Vote No. 250 Leg.]

YEAS --- 41

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Harkin, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 37

Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Craig, Crapo, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Isakson, Lieberman, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the motion was agreed to; and, as indicated by the foregoing rollcall, a quorum being present.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2275 to amendment No. 2274 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute).

(The following occurred after midnight, being Wednesday, July 18, 2007)

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2087 at 11 a.m.; that, at 10:40 a.m., Mr. McCONNELL be recognized to speak for 10 minutes; and that, following remarks by him, Mr. REID be recognized to speak for 10 minutes.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2275 to amendment No. 2274 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

Mr. REID raised a question as to the presence of a quorum.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore directed the roll to be called to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

Pending the ascertainment of a quorum,

When

Eighteen Senators answered to their names, as follows:

[Quorum No. 6 Leg.]

Barrasso, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Corker, Durbin, Enzi, Gregg, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Leahy, McCaskill, Pryor, Reid, Smith, Sununu, Tester.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that a quorum was not present.

On motion by Mr. REID to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the presence of absent Senators.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to instruct.

The question being taken on agreeing to the motion.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 37, nays... 23

[Rollcall Vote No. 251 Leg.]

YEAS—37

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Clinton, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Tester, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS—23

Allard, Barrasso, Bond, Brownback, Burr, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Enzi, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Lugar, Murkowski, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

So the motion was not agreed to; and, as indicated by the foregoing rollcall, a quorum being present.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2275 to amendment No. 2274 to the language of the bill proposed to

be stricken by amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. McCAIN,

Ordered, That the time from 10:20 a.m. until 10:40 a.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate between Mr. McCAIN and Mr. LEVIN; that the time from 10:40 a.m. until 10:50 a.m. be controlled by the minority leader; and that the time from 10:50 a.m. until 11 a.m. be controlled by the majority leader.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2275 to amendment No. 2274 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That Mr. McCAIN control the time from 10:20 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.; and that Mr. LEVIN control the time from 10:30 a.m. until 10:40 a.m.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2275 to amendment No. 2274 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

PRAYER

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the order of February 29, 1960, the Chaplain immediately offer a prayer.

Pursuant to the order of today, and

The Senate having been in continuous session since the previous calendar day,

Pursuant to the order of February 29, 1960, as modified today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) temporarily suspended the business of the Senate; and the Reverend Dr. Alan Keiran, Chief of Staff of the Office of the Senate Chaplain, offered a prayer.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1585.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REED on Monday, July 16, 2007, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2087 to bill H.R. 1585.

Pursuant to the order of Monday, July 16, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 52, nays... 47

[Rollcall Vote No. 252 Leg.]

YEAS—52

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS—47

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lieberman, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Reid, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. REID, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2087.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2275 to amendment No. 2274 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that, when the Senate considers the following Iraq-related amendments, each be subject to a simple majority vote: amendment No. 2087; an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. BYRD (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON); amendment No. 2208; an amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. SALAZAR (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER), relative to Iraq study group; amendment No. 2124; and an amendment, intended to be proposed by Ms. LANDRIEU, relative to Al Qaeda.

Mr. McCONNELL objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2275 to amendment No. 2274 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 2638

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider bill H.R. 2638.

Mr. McCONNELL objected.

[Rollcall Vote No. 253 Leg.]

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2638

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2638) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2638, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 2638:

DICK DURBIN, HARRY REID, MARY LANDRIEU, DANIEL K. AKAKA, B.A. MIKULSKI, BARBARA BOXER, TED KENNEDY, MAX BAUCUS, PATRICK J. LEAHY, BEN NELSON, BYRON L. DORGAN, DEBBIE STABENOW, JEFF BINGAMAN, CHARLES SCHUMER, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, HERB KOHL, PATTY MURRAY.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

Mr. REID thereupon withdrew the motion to proceed.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL H.R. 2669

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider bill H.R. 2669.

Mr. SPECTER reserved the right to object, when

Mr. REID called for the regular order.

Mr. SPECTER thereupon objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2669

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2669) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 601 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion to proceed.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 49, nays... 48

YEAS—49

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS—48

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Whereupon,

COLLEGE COST REDUCTION ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2669) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 601 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2327, in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That time consumed by him be counted against the time for debate under the Congressional Budget Act.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding there being time remaining for debate on the pending amendment, amendments be in order to be proposed thereto.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Ms. MURKOWSKI to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 55, by striking

“\$25,000,000” on line 23, and inserting in lieu thereof “\$113,000,000” (being amendment No. 2329).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That there be a period of concurrent debate on the pending amendment and on an amendment to be proposed by Mr. KENNEDY; that no amendments be in order to either amendment prior to votes in relations to said amendments; that, at 12 noon on tomorrow, the question recur on agreeing to said amendments; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to the votes in relation to said amendments; and that the first vote in “stacked” sequence be in relation to amendment No. 2329.

Ordered further, That when the Senate resumes consideration of bill H.R. 2669 on tomorrow, there be 10 hours, equally divided and controlled, remaining for debate thereon.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2329 to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2330).

Pending debate,

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY
LEADER

CONGRESSIONAL AWARD BOARD

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. MCCASKILL in the chair) announced that the minority leader, pursuant to Public Law 96-114, as amended, had appointed the following individual to the Congressional Award Board: Mr. Adam Ruiz, of Kentucky.

AUTHORIZING SENATE LEGAL
COUNSEL REPRESENTATION

On the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 274) to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of *Lewis v. Bayh*, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MAKING MINORITY PARTY
APPOINTMENTS FOR THE 110TH
CONGRESS

On the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 275) making minority party appointments for the 110th Congress, submitted today by Mr. MCCONNELL, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO BILL
S. 966

On the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the bill (S. 966) to enable the Department of State to respond to a critical shortage of passport processing personnel, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of bill H.R. 2669.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

At 5:09 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2007

Mr. MARK L. PRYOR, from the State of Arkansas, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. PRYOR led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, July 19, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK L. PRYOR, a Senator from the State of Arkansas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. PRYOR took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

COLLEGE COST REDUCTION ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 2669) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 601 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2330, proposed by Mr. KENNEDY, to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), proposed by Mr. KENNEDY, to the bill.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States, by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries:

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF
THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY AND
RELATED MEASURES DEALING WITH
THE FORMER LIBERIAN REGIME OF
CHARLES TAYLOR—PM 22

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* publication, stating that the national emergency and related measures dealing with the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor are to continue in effect beyond July 22, 2007.

The actions and policies of former Liberian President Charles Taylor and other persons, in particular their unlawful depletion of Liberian resources, their trafficking of illegal arms, and their formation of irregular militia, continue to undermine Liberia's transition to democracy and the orderly development of its political, administrative, and economic institutions and resources. These actions and policies continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, July 19, 2007.

COLLEGE COST REDUCTION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2669.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2330 to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON (for himself and Mr. BURR) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 5, striking all beginning on line 13 through line 18 on page 27, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2337).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That the time until 12 noon be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate on the pending amendment No. 2337; that no amendment be in order to the amendment prior to the vote; that the Senate vote in relation to said amendment following the vote on agreeing to amendment No. 2330, as pursuant to the order of yesterday; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to the vote; and the each vote following the first in "stacked" sequence be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2337 to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. BURR,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2337 to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That it be in order to request the yeas and nays on amendments No. 2329 and 2330 with one show of seconds, notwithstanding the amendments not presently being before the Senate.

Under the authority of the foregoing order,

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 2329 and amendment No. 2330.

The hour of 12 noon having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2329 to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 73, nays... 24

[Rollcall Vote No. 254 Leg.]

YEAS --- 73

Akaka, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 24

Alexander, Allard, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Crapo, DeMint, Ensign, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, Sessions, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2330 to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 52, nays... 45

[Rollcall Vote No. 255 Leg.]

YEAS --- 52

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 45

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Cochran, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2337 to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 36, nays... 61

[Rollcall Vote No. 256 Leg.]

YEAS --- 36

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Graham, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 61

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd,

Dorgan, Durbin, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Gregg, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DOMENICI,

Ordered, That, on rollcall vote No. 256, his vote be changed from "yea" to "nay", thus making the result yeas 35, nays 62.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SESSIONS to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) by striking section 401 (being amendment No. 2333).

The pending amendment was laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SESSIONS to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2342).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SESSIONS,

Ordered, That amendment No. 2342 be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2333 to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1642

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, at 2 p.m. on Monday, July 23, 2007, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1642) to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; and that there be 8 hours, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate between Mr. KENNEDY and Mr. ENZI, or their designees, on the bill and amendments thereto.

Ordered further, That there be 12 relevant first-degree amendments in order to be proposed to said bill; that it be in order for the bill manager to propose six amendments; and that it be in order to propose a managers' amendment.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of all amendments, the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as may be amended, be agreed to; the bill, as amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on the passage of the bill.

COLLEGE COST REDUCTION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2669.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2333 to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

21ST CENTURY COMPETITIVENESS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2272) to invest in innovation through research and development, and to improve the competitiveness of the United States; that all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of bill S. 761 be inserted in lieu thereof; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The PRESIDING OFFICER appointed Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. COLEMAN.

COLLEGE COST REDUCTION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2669.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2333 to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That there be 2 minutes for debate on amendments proposed to bill H.R. 2669; that each vote following the first in "stacked" sequence be 10 minutes in duration; that, at 6:30 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 2333; and that the time until the vote be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 42, nays... 55

[Rollcall Vote No. 257 Leg.]

YEAS --- 42

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 55

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Conrad, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. DORGAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. THUNE, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. GREGG, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. BENNETT, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. BROWNBAC, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CORKER, and Mr. BOND) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2334).

After debate,

Mr. KENNEDY raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates provisions of section 310(e)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. COLEMAN, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. COLEMAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 49, nays... 48

[Rollcall Vote No. 258 Leg.]

YEAS --- 49

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn,

Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 48

Akaka, Baucus, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators, duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on agreeing to the point of order raised by Mr. KENNEDY.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANDERS in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2351).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 94, nays... 3

[Rollcall Vote No. 259 Leg.]

YEAS --- 94

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 3

Byrd, Leahy, Sanders.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2352).

Mr. DEMINT asked unanimous consent that further reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

Pending further reading of the amendment; and having concluded.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2352 to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pending debate,

Mr. KENNEDY raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 310(e)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. DEMINT to waive applicable provisions of the Congressional Budget Act for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 42, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 260 Leg.]

YEAS --- 42

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

NAYS --- 54

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. KENNEDY.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. KYL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. WARNER) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2340).

Pending debate,

On motion by Ms. COLLINS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2340 to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

After debate,

Mr. LEAHY raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 310(e)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Ms. COLLINS, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Ms. COLLINS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 57, nays... 39

[Rollcall Vote No. 261 Leg.]

YEAS --- 57

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Landrieu, Lieberman, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 39

Akaka, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Dodd, Durbin, Feingold, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. LEAHY.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SALAZAR to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2356).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Subsequently (on Friday, July 20, 2007),

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Journal of the Proceedings of the Senate be corrected to conform to the order of yesterday, namely, that the point of order raised by Mr. KYL against the amendment No. 2356 that the amendment violates section 310(e)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act; the subsequent motion made by Mr. SALAZAR to waive the Congressional Budget Act, under section 904; and the resulting rollcall vote on said motion to waive be vitiated and ordered stricken from the Record.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2357).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the amendment No. 2357 be withdrawn.

Under the authority of the foregoing order,

The amendment No. 2357 was withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the only amendments remaining in order be the following:

An amendment, to be proposed by Mr. COLEMAN, relative to innocent child;

An amendment, to be proposed by Mr. GRAHAM, relative to no Pell grants for drug dealers;

An amendment, to be proposed by Mr. CORNYN, relative to HIB;

An amendment, to be proposed by Mr. SUNUNU, relative to tuition tax deductions;

An amendment, to be proposed by Mr. DEMINT, relative to adoption tax permanence;

An amendment, to be proposed by Mr. ENSIGN, relative to social security for illegal immigrants;

An amendment, to be proposed by Mrs. DOLE, relative to voter ID;

An amendment, to be proposed by Mr. KYL, relative to AMT repeal.

Ordered further, That second-degree amendments be in order thereto.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ENSIGN to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2355).

Pending debate,

On motion by Ms. STABENOW to amend the pending amendment on page 1, striking all after line 1, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2358).

Mr. ENSIGN raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment is not germane, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Ms. STABENOW to waive provisions of section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act to waive provisions of the Act for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Ms. STABENOW,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 53, nays... 44

[Rollcall Vote No. 262 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 44

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kennedy, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. ENSIGN.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2355 to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. KENNEDY raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 310(e)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. ENSIGN to waive applicable provisions of the Congressional Budget Act for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. ENSIGN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 57, nays... 40

[Rollcall Vote No. 263 Leg.]

YEAS --- 57

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Klobuchar, Kyl, Landrieu, Lincoln, Lott, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Roberts, Rockefeller, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Warner, Wyden.

NAYS --- 40

Akaka, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Dodd, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Hagel, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Reed, Reid, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Specter, Stabenow, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. KENNEDY.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. GRAHAM to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), by striking section 701 (being amendment No. 2360).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. COLEMAN to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2359).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SUNUNU to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2341).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. SCHUMER to amend (perfect) the pending amendment by striking all after the first word, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2361).

After debate,

Mr. SUNUNU raised a point of order, viz, that the pending (perfecting) amendment violates section 310(e)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. SCHUMER, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act for consideration of the pending (perfecting) amendment.

On motion by Mr. SCHUMER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 48, nays... 48

[Rollcall Vote No. 264 Leg.]

YEAS --- 48

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 48

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. SUNUNU.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2341 to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That remaining votes each be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2341 to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. KENNEDY raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 310(e)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. SUNUNU, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. SUNUNU,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 46, nays... 48

[Rollcall Vote No. 265 Leg.]

YEAS—46

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Sessions, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

NAYS—48

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Subsequently,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SHELBY,

Ordered, That, on rollcall vote 265, he be reflected as having voted "yea".

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. KENNEDY.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GREGG, Mr. SMITH, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. VOINOVICH) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2339).

After debate,

Mr. DURBIN raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 310(e)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 55, nays... 40

[Rollcall Vote No. 266 Leg.]

YEAS --- 55

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Cantwell, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Klobuchar, Kyl, Landrieu, Lieberman, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Schumer, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Warner, Wyden.

NAYS --- 40

Akaka, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Nelson (FL), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Sessions, Stabenow, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. DURBIN.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on agreeing amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by

inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2362).

Pending debate,

On motion by Ms. LANDRIEU to amend the pending amendment by striking all after the first word, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2363).

After debate,

Mr. DEMINT raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 310(e)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Ms. LANDRIEU, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Ms. LANDRIEU,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 48, nays... 48

[Rollcall Vote No. 267 Leg.]

YEAS --- 48

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 48

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. DEMINT.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2362 to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. KENNEDY raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 310(e)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 48, nays... 48

[Rollcall Vote No. 268 Leg.]

YEAS --- 48

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

NAYS --- 48

Akaka, Baucus, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. KENNEDY.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. DOLE (for herself and Mr. MCCONNELL) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2350).

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. DOLE,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2350 to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 310(e)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mrs. DOLE, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mrs. DOLE,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 42, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 269 Leg.]

YEAS --- 42

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Specter, Stevens, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

NAYS --- 54

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Stabenow, Sununu, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mrs. FEINSTEIN.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. KLOBUCHAR in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. KYL to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2353).

Pending debate,

(The following occurred after midnight, being Friday, July 20, 2007)

On motion by Mr. KERRY to further amend the pending amendment by striking all after the first word, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2364).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. KERRY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2364 to amendment No. 2353 to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

Mr. KYL raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 310(e)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. KERRY, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. KERRY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 48, nays... 48

[Rollcall Vote No. 270 Leg.]

YEAS—48

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS—48

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. KYL.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2353 to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. CONRAD raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 310(e)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. KYL, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. KYL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 47, nays... 49

[Rollcall Vote No. 271 Leg.]

YEAS—47

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

NAYS—49

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. CONRAD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ENZI for Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in section 480(d)(1)(B), by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2338).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2327 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That, upon passage of the bill, the Senate insist on its amendment and ask a conference with the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate; that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be appointed as conferees; and that all occur without intervening action or debate.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall the bill, as amended, pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 78, nays... 18

[Rollcall Vote No. 272 Leg.]

YEAS—78

Akaka, Alexander, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS—18

Allard, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Coburn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Ensign, Gregg, Hagel, Inhofe, Kyl, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Roberts, Vitter.

So it was

Resolved, That it pass.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate insisted on its amendment, and asked a conference with the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and the chair, as authorized, appointed the following as conferees on the part of the Senate: Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DODD, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GREGG, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BURR, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. COBURN.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1642

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the order of today, providing for consideration of bill S. 1642, be modified, as follows: that 2 hours of the time previously ordered for consideration of said bill be equally divided and controlled between the two managers, or their designees; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on each first-degree amendment; that there be 15 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on each second-degree amendment; that second-degree amendments be relevant to the first-degree amendment; and that, upon conclusion of debate and disposition of all amendments, the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as may be amended.

Ordered further, That, upon conclusion of debate, no amendments be in order; and that all other provisions of the previous order remain in effect.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries:

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY AND RELATED MEASURES DEALING WITH THE FORMER LIBERIAN REGIME OF CHARLES TAYLOR—PM 22

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United State's, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* publication, stating that the national emergency and related measures dealing with the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor are to continue in effect beyond July 22, 2007.

The actions and policies of former Liberian President Charles Taylor and other persons, in particular their unlawful depletion of Liberian resources, their trafficking of illegal arms, and their formation of irregular militia, continue to undermine Liberia's transition to democracy and the orderly development of its political, administrative, and economic institutions and resources. These actions and policies continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, July 19, 2007.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2592. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, the report of draft legislation entitled, "Healthy Forests Partnership Act"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2593. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the authorization of Colonel Stephen R. Lanza to wear the authorized insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2594. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral David C. Nichols, Jr., United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2595. A communication from the Acting Deputy, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Department's decision to convert certain aircraft line maintenance functions to a contractor; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2596. A communication from the Acting Deputy, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's decision to convert certain aviation weather observer services to a contractor; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2597. A communication from the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2006 Management Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2598. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McCauley Propeller Systems Models 3A32C406/82NDB-X and D3A32A409/82NDB-X Propellers" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NE-10)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2599. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 B4-601, A300 B4-603, A300 B4-605R, A300 C4-605R Variant F, A310-204, and A310-304 Airplanes Equipped with General Electric CF6-80C2 Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2006-NM-188)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2600. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc RB211 Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2003-NE-12)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2601. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330-200, A330-300, A340-200, and A340-300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-236)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2602. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace Regional Aircraft Models HP.137 Jetstream Mk.1, Jetstream Series 200, Jetstream Series 3101, and Jetstream Model 3201 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-003)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2603. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; LATINOAMERICANA DE AVIACION S.A. Models PA-25, PA-25-235, and PA-25-260 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-005)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2604. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 777 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-078)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2605. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Bolivar, MO" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-ACE-5)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2606. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, Weather Takeoff Minimums; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3219)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2607. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3220)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2608. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace Regional Aircraft Jetstream Model 3201 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-68)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2609. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace Regional Aircraft Model HP.137 Jetstream Mk.1, Jetstream Series 200, Jetstream Series 3101, and Jetstream Model 3201 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-012)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2610. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company Models 208 and 208B Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2006-CE-83)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2611. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-400 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No.

2005-NM-132)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2612. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-200, -300, -400, -500, -600, -700, -800, and -900 Series Airplanes; Boeing Model 757-200 and -300 Series Airplanes; and McDonnell Douglas Model DC-10-10, DC-10-10F, DC-10-30, DC-10-30F, DC-10-40, MD-10-30F, MD-11, and MD-11F Airplanes; Equipped with Reinforced Flight Deck Doors Installed in Accordance with Supplemental Type Certificate ST01335LA, STC ST01334LA, and STC ST01381LA, Respectively" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-228)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2613. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model ERJ 170 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-055)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2614. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; EADS SOCATA Model TBM 700 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-041)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2615. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Vulcanair S.p.A. Model P68 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-010)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2616. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; REIMS AVIATION S.A. Model F406 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-088)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2617. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Aircraft Company Models 35-33, 35-A33, 35-B33, 35-C33, E33, F33, G33, 35-C33A, E33A, F33A, E33C, F33C, 35, A35, B35, C35, D35, E35, F35, G35, H35, J35, K35, M35, N35, P35, S35, V35, V35A, V35B, 36, A36, A45, D45, 95-55, 95-A55, 95-B55, 95-B55A, 95-B55B, 95-C55, 95-C55A, D55, D55A, E55, E55A, 56TC, A56TC, 58, 95, B95, B95A, D95A, and E95 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-55)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2618. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330 Airplanes and Model A340-200 and -300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-253)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2619. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Short Brothers Model SD3-60 SHERPA, SD3-SHERPA, SD3-30, and SD3-60 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-055)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2620. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company Models 172R, 172S, 182T, T182T, 206H, and T206H Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-028)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2621. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; MD Helicopters Inc. Model MD600N Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-SW-05)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2622. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model ERJ 170 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-055)) received on July 18, 2007; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2623. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company Models 182H, 182J, 182K, 182L, 182M, 182N, 182P, 182Q, and 182R Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-031)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2624. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fire Penetration Resistance of Thermal/Acoustic Insulation Installed on Transport Category Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AI75)(Docket No. FAA-2006-24277)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2625. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Redmond, OR" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ANM-5)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2626. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Peru, IL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-AGL-1)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2627. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; EADS SOCATA Model TBM 700 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-63)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2628. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Learjet Model 45 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-066)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2629. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic

Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Deep-Water Species Fishery by Catcher Vessels in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XA83) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2630. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Extend the North Pacific Groundfish Observer Program Beyond 2007" (RIN0648-AU58) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2631. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Shallow-Water Species Fishery by Catcher Processors in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XA91) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2632. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Northern Rockfish, Pacific Ocean Perch, and Pelagic Shelf Rockfish for Catcher Vessels Participating in the Rockfish Limited Access Fishery in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XA82) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2633. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inseason Action, Temporary Rule, Closure of the Eastern U.S./Canada Area" (RIN0648-XA92) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2634. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "FMVSS No. 202 Reconsideration of Technical Issues" (RIN2127-AJ96) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2635. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant Program" (RIN0660-ZA17) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2636. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Early Warning Reporting Clarifying Amendments" (RIN2127-AJ94) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2637. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's plan to expand the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to one billion barrels; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2638. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's performance report for fiscal year 2006 relative to the Animal Drug User Fee Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2639. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's performance report for fiscal year 2006 relative to the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2640. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (72 FR 34630) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2641. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Administrator of Grant Programs, received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2642. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Department's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2643. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel and Designated Reporting Official, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Deputy Director of National Drug Control Policy, received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1816. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a commemorative trail in connection with the Women's Rights National Historical Park to link properties that are historically and thematically associated with the struggle for women's suffrage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. BOND, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1817. A bill to ensure proper administration of the discharge of members of the Armed Forces for personality disorder, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. OBAMA:

S. 1818. A bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to phase out the use of mercury in the manufacture of chlorine and caustic soda, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 1819. A bill to amend the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 to modify a deadline relating to a certain election by Indian tribes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1820. A bill to better provide for compensation for certain persons injured in the course of employment at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory in California; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 1821. A bill to prohibit the closure or relocation of any county, local, or field office of the Farm Service Agency or Natural Resources Conservation Service or any office related to the rural development mission of the Department of Agriculture until at least 1 year after the enactment of an Act to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs after fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BAYH:

S. 1822. A bill to amend the Federal Direct Loan Program to provide that interest shall not accrue on Federal Direct Loans for active duty service members and their spouses; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. BOND):

S. 1823. A bill to set the United States on track to ensure children are ready to learn when they begin kindergarten; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. OBAMA:

S. 1824. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Hospital Quality Report Card Initiative under the Medicare program to assess and report on health care quality in hospitals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WEBB (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. TESTER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DODD, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1825. A bill to provide for the study and investigation of wartime contracts and contracting processes in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. McCONNELL:

S. 1826. A bill to add Kentucky State University to the list of schools eligible for assistance under part B of title III of the Higher Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1827. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require prompt payment to pharmacies under part D, to restrict pharmacy co-branding on prescription drug cards issued under such part, and to provide guidelines for Medication Therapy Management Services programs offered by prescription drug plans and MA-PD plans under such part; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 1828. A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study of the feasibility of increasing the consumption in the United States of certain ethanol-blended gasoline; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. SHELBY):

S. 1829. A bill to reauthorize programs under the Missing Children's Assistance Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAYH:

S. 1830. A bill to amend the Federal Direct Loan Program to provide that interest shall

not accrue on Federal Direct Loans for active duty service members and their spouses; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1831. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act, to improve disclosures for private student loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. WARNER, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1832. A bill to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act, the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994, and the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1833. A bill to amend the Consumer Product Safety Act to require third-party verification of compliance of children's products with consumer product safety standards promulgated by the Consumer Product Safety Commission and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ENZI:

S. 1834. A bill to improve the health of Americans through the gradual elimination of tobacco products; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 1835. A bill to require a report and audit on the transfer of personnel and functions from Fort Monmouth, New Jersey; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 1836. A bill to require the Comptroller General to address certain questions in connection with the closure of Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, and the transfer of personnel, functions, and activities from Fort Monmouth to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. 1837. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide loans to eligible agricultural producers of eligible commodities that are used to produce bioenergy to ensure that the capacities of the commodity storage facilities of the agricultural producers are adequate for the storage requirements of the agricultural producers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 1838. A bill to provide for the health care needs of veterans in far South Texas; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1839. A bill to require periodic reports on claims related to acts of terrorism against Americans perpetrated or supported by the Government of Libya; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. Res. 276. A resolution calling for the urgent deployment of a robust and effective multinational peacekeeping mission with sufficient size, resources, leadership, and mandate to protect civilians in Darfur, Sudan, and for efforts to strengthen the renewal of a just and inclusive peace process; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. CASEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 309, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide, and for other purposes.

S. 462

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] were added as cosponsors of S. 462, a bill to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation in Nevada, to require the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the settlement, and for other purposes.

S. 548

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 548, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor.

S. 594

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 594, a bill to limit the use, sale, and transfer of cluster munitions.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 604, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to limit increases in the certain costs of health care services under the health care programs of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 609

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 609, a bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

S. 617

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 617, a bill to make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available at a discount to certain veterans.

S. 667

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 667, a bill to expand programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse and neglect prevention, and early identification of developmental and health delays, including potential mental health concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 678

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 678, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to ensure air passengers have access to necessary services while on a grounded air carrier and are not unnecessarily held on a grounded air carrier before or after a flight, and for other purposes.

S. 725

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 725, a bill to amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to reauthorize and improve that Act.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to establish a competitive grant program to build capacity in veterinary medical education and expand the workforce of veterinarians engaged in public health practice and biomedical research.

S. 774

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN], the

Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 774, a bill to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to permit States to determine State residency for higher education purposes and to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children, and for other purposes.

S. 903

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 903, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Muhammad Yunus, in recognition of his contributions to the fight against global poverty.

S. 994

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 994, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the deductible and change the method of determining the mileage reimbursement rate under the beneficiary travel program administered by the Secretary of Veteran Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1166

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1166, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income certain zone compensation of civilian employees of the United States.

S. 1175

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1175, a bill to end the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, and for other purposes.

S. 1177

At the request of Mr. CASEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1177, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish a national uniform multiple air pollutant regulatory program for the electric generating sector.

S. 1323

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1323, a bill to prevent legislative and regulatory functions from being usurped by civil liability actions brought or continued against food manufacturers, marketers, distributors, advertisers, sellers, and trade associations for claims of injury relating to a person's weight gain, obesity, or any health condition associated with weight gain or obesity.

S. 1386

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1386, a bill to amend the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, to provide better assistance to low- and moderate-income families, and for other purposes.

S. 1430

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1430, a bill to authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000, 000 or more in Iran's energy sector, and for other purposes.

S. 1494

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1494, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the special diabetes programs for Type I diabetes and Indians under that Act.

S. 1502

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1502, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to encourage owners and operators of privately-held farm, ranch, and forest land to voluntarily make their land available for access by the public under programs administered by States and tribal governments.

S. 1576

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1576, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health and healthcare of racial and ethnic minority groups.

S. 1587

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1587, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to allow a special depreciation allowance for reuse and recycling property and to provide for tax-exempt financing of recycling equipment, and for other purposes.

S. 1606

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1606, a bill to provide for the establishment of a comprehensive policy on the care and management of wounded warriors in order to facilitate and enhance their care, rehabilitation, physical evaluation, transition

from care by the Department of Defense to care by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and transition from military service to civilian life, and for other purposes.

S. 1668

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1668, a bill to assist in providing affordable housing to those affected by the 2005 hurricanes.

S. 1694

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1694, a bill to authorize resources for sustained research and analysis to address colony collapse disorder and the decline of North American pollinators.

S. 1748

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1748, a bill to prevent the Federal Communications Commission from repromulgating the fairness doctrine.

S. 1766

At the request of Mr. CASEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1766, a bill to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the production and use of energy, and for other purposes.

S. 1771

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1771, a bill to increase the safety of swimming pools and spas by requiring the use of proper anti-entrapment drain covers and pool and spa drainage systems, to educate the public about pool and spa safety, and for other purposes.

S. 1810

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1810, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the provision of scientifically sound information and support services to patients receiving a positive test diagnosis for Down syndrome or other prenatally and postnatally diagnosed conditions.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 31

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 31, a concurrent resolution expressing support for advancing vital United States interests through increased engagement in health programs that alleviate disease and reduce premature death in developing nations, especially through programs that combat high levels of infectious disease improve children's and women's health, decrease malnutrition, reduce unintended pregnancies, fight the spread of HIV/AIDS, encourage healthy

behaviors, and strengthen health care capacity.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CARDIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 19, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 19, 2007, immediately following the first rollcall vote at 12 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a business meeting during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 19, 2007, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 19, 2007, at 9:45 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 19, 2007, at 2:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 19, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on Iraq.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, July 19, 2007, at 10:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 19, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, July 19, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on judicial nominations on Thursday, July 19, 2007, at 2:45 p.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the

Senate on July 19, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet on Thursday, July 19, 2007, at 2:30 p.m.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2638

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2638) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes be withdrawn; that the motion be agreed to; and that, on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, upon disposition of bill S. 1642, the Senate proceed to consider bill H.R. 2638.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 980) to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, July 18, 2007, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COUNCIL

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 96-138, as amended by Public Law 97-84 and Public Law 106-292, had appointed the following Senators to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council: Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. SANDERS.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TODAY, AND
FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on today; that, at 10 a.m., immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for 15 minutes each therein; and that, during morning business, Mr. DORGAN be recognized to speak therein for 30 minutes.

ORDER CORRECTING JOURNAL OF
THE PROCEEDINGS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Journal of the proceedings be corrected to conform to the agreement of yesterday to vitiate the vote in relation to amendment No. 2356.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 12:52 a.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on today.

FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2007

Mr. SHERROD BROWN, from the State of Ohio, called the Senate to order at 10:01 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. BROWN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 20, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a

Senator from the State of Ohio, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. BROWN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of today,
The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of today,
The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND
TIME AND PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 980) to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, July 18, 2007, and read the first time on yesterday; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 15 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 236. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of the National Anthem Project, which has worked to restore America's voice by re-teaching Americans to sing the national anthem.

S. Res. 248. A resolution honoring the life and achievements of Dame Lois Browne

Evans, Bermuda's first female barrister and Attorney General, and the first female Opposition Leader in the British Commonwealth.

S. Res. 261. A resolution expressing appreciation for the profound public service and educational contributions of Donald Jeffry Herbert, fondly known as "Mr. Wizard".

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 1840. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BENNETT, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. DOLE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 1841. A bill to provide a site for the National Women's History Museum in Washington, District of Columbia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DODD, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. INOUE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. FEINGOLD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1842. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for patient protection by limiting the number of mandatory overtime hours a nurse may be required to work in certain providers of services to which payments are made under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DODD, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. STABENOW, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1843. A bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to clarify that an unlawful practice occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, and for other purposes; to the

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 968

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 968, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide increased assistance for the prevention, treatment, and control of tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

S. 982

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 982, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for integration of mental health services and mental health treatment outreach teams, and for other purposes.

S. 1060

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1060, a bill to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, and for other purposes.

S. 1213

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1213, a bill to give States the flexibility to reduce bureaucracy by streamlining enrollment processes for the Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Programs through better linkages with programs providing nutrition and related assistance to low-income families.

S. 1318

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1318, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an incentive to preserve affordable housing in multifamily housing units which are sold or exchanged.

S. 1338

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1338, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a two-year moratorium on certain Medicare physician payment reductions for imaging services.

S. 1494

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1494, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the special diabetes programs for Type I diabetes and Indians under that Act.

S. 1576

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1576, a bill to

amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health and healthcare of racial and ethnic minority groups.

S. 1607

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1607, a bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes.

S. 1692

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1692, a bill to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated.

S. 1708

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1708, a bill to provide for the expansion of Federal efforts concerning the prevention, education, treatment, and research activities related to Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, including the establishment of a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee.

S. 1739

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1739, a bill to amend section 35 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the health coverage tax credit, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON MONDAY, JULY
23, 2007, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on Monday, July 23, 2007; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to consider bill S. 1642; and that all

other provisions of the previous order remain in effect.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 12:03 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on Monday, July 23, 2007.

MONDAY, JULY 23, 2007

Mr. BYRON L. DORGAN, from the State of North Dakota, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. DORGAN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, July 23, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BYRON L. DORGAN, a Senator from the State of North Dakota, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. DORGAN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, July 20, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, July 20, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HIGHER EDUCATION
AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 19, 2007,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1642) to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. DORGAN to amend the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title VIII, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2366).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT to further amend the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title I, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2367).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY for Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. BILL NELSON) to further amend the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in section 403(c), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2368).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. ENZI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. WEBB) to further amend the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title VIII, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2371).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. ENZI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. AKAKA to further amend the reported amendment (in the nature of a

substitute) in section 403, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2372).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ENZI (for Mr. BURR) to further amend the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 814, by striking all beginning on line 14 through line 23, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2373).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID to further amend the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2328).

Mr. REID, by unanimous consent, modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2328, as modified.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SESSIONS to further amend the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title I, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2374).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2328, as modified, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY.

Ordered, That amendment No. 2372 be the pending question; and that the amendment be agreed to.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. ENZI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2328, as modified, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY.

Ordered, That amendment No. 2373 be the pending question; and that the amendment be agreed to.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. ENZI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2328, as modified, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ENZI (for Mr. BURR) to further amend the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in section 205, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2375).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. ENZI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2328, as modified, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BROWN to further amend the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title IV, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2376).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. BOXER, and Mrs. CLINTON) to further amend the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title IX, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2377).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. COBURN to further amend the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title I, at the end thereof, by

adding certain words (being amendment No. 2369).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. COBURN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That his amendment numbered 2328, as modified, be the pending question; and that it be withdrawn.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2369 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. HARKIN called for the regular order with respect to amendment No. 2377.

Whereupon,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2377 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN to amend the pending amendment, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2380).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That amendment No. 2369 be the pending question.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2369 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY to amend (perfect) the pending amendment by striking all after the first word and inserting in lieu thereof certain words (being amendment No. 2381).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. ENZI) to further amend the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 2382).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That, at 5:41 p.m. today, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 2376; that the time until then be equally divided and controlled; and that no amendment be in order prior to the vote.

The question then recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2376 to the reported

amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. BROWN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 38, nays... 53

[Rollcall Vote No. 273 Leg.]

YEAS --- 38

Akaka, Baucus, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Pryor, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 53

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Carper, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Salazar, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Subsequently (on Tuesday, July 24, 2007),

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. LANDRIEU,

Ordered, That on rollcall vote No. 273, her vote be changed from "yea" to "nay", thus changing the result to yeas 37, nays 54.

The question recurring on agreeing to (perfecting) amendment No. 2381 to amendment No. 2369 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 2377 be the pending question.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2380 to amendment No. 2377 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2377, as amended, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to (perfecting) amendment No. 2381 to amendment No. 2369 to the reported

amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

ORDER FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1642 ON TOMORROW

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That when the Senate resumes consideration of the pending bill S. 1642 on tomorrow, no amendments, except those listed herein, be in order to be proposed; that there be 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Mr. KENNEDY and Mr. ENZI; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 2387; that, if said amendment is agreed to, it be in order for Mr. COBURN to propose a further second-degree amendment, relative to the subject matter of amendment No. 2387; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; that, upon disposition of said amendment, there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate on amendment No. 2369; that, upon disposition of amendment No. 2369, as may be amended, the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, be agreed to; that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, without further intervening action or debate.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of a committee was submitted:

By Mr. AKAKA, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. 479. A bill to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans (Rept. No. 110-132).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1844. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to make technical corrections to

the new border tunnels and passages offense; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1845. A bill to provide for limitations in certain communications between the Department of Justice and the White House Office relating to civil and criminal investigations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BOND:

S. 1846. A bill to improve defense cooperation between the Republic of Korea and the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 1847. A bill to reauthorize the Consumer Product Safety Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. SALAZAR, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 1848. A bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to address the impact of globalization, to reauthorize trade adjustment assistance, to extend trade adjustment assistance to service workers, communities, firms, and farmers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH:

S. 1849. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that wages paid to unauthorized aliens may not be deducted from gross income, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 1850. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the treatment of Indian tribal governments as State governments for purposes of issuing tax-exempt governmental bonds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr. BUNNING):

S. 1851. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow personal exemptions under the individual alternative minimum tax, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 1852. A bill to designate the Friday after Thanksgiving of each year as "Native American Heritage Day" in honor of the achievements and contributions of Native Americans to the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. KERRY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms.

SNOWE, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 1853. A bill to promote competition, to preserve the ability of local governments to provide broadband capability and services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. DODD):

S. 1854. A bill to amend the Social Security Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve elderly suicide early intervention and prevention strategies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 1855. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide relief to individuals from the penalty for failure to pay estimated taxes on amounts attributable to the alternative minimum tax in cases where the taxpayer was not subject to the alternative minimum tax in the preceding year; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1856. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to make technical corrections to the new border tunnels and passages offense; considered and passed.

By Mr. WARNER:

S. 1857. A bill to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1858. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. Res. 277. A resolution commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Archdiocese of New York; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 211

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS]

was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services, volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 326

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special period of limitation when uniformed services retirement pay is reduced as result of award of disability compensation.

S. 329

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 368

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 368, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 406

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 406, a bill to ensure local governments have the flexibility needed to enhance decision-making regarding certain mass transit projects.

S. 456

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 456, a bill to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, and for other purposes.

S. 479

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 479, a bill to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.

S. 588

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 588, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the Medicare caps on graduate medical education positions for States with a shortage of residents.

S. 617

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 617, a bill to

make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available at a discount to certain veterans.

S. 694

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 694, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of light motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 799

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 799, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide individuals with disabilities and older Americans with equal access to community-based attendant services and supports, and for other purposes.

S. 821

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 821, a bill to amend section 402 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to provide for an extension of eligibility for supplemental security income through fiscal year 2010 for refugees, asylees, and certain other humanitarian immigrants.

S. 831

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 831, a bill to authorize States and local governments to prohibit the investment of State assets in any company that has a qualifying business relationship with Sudan.

S. 858

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 858, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the transportation fringe benefit to bicycle commuters.

S. 881

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 881, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 923

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 923, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the New England National Scenic Trail, and for other purposes.

S. 932

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 932, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize physical therapists to evaluate

and treat Medicare beneficiaries without a requirement for a physician referral, and for other purposes.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 969, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the definition of supervisor.

S. 1070

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1070, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to enhance the social security of the Nation by ensuring adequate public-private infrastructure and to resolve to prevent, detect, treat, intervene in, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes.

S. 1175

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1175, a bill to end the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, and for other purposes.

S. 1306

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1306, a bill to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission to classify certain children's products containing lead to be banned hazardous substances.

S. 1354

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1354, a bill to amend the definition of a law enforcement officer under subchapter III of chapter 83 and chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, respectively, to ensure the inclusion of certain positions.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1398

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1398, a bill to expand the research and prevention activities of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to inflammatory bowel disease.

S. 1428

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1428, a bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to assure access to durable

medical equipment under the Medicare program.

S. 1451

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1451, a bill to encourage the development of coordinated quality reforms to improve health care delivery and reduce the cost of care in the health care system.

S. 1476

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1476, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct special resources study of the Tule Lake Segregation Center in Modoc County, California, to determine suitability and feasibility of establishing a unit of the National Park System.

S. 1605

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1605, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect and preserve access of Medicare beneficiaries in rural areas to health care providers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1697

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1697, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for residential biomass fuel property expenditures.

S. 1718

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1718, a bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for reimbursement to servicemembers of tuition for programs of education interrupted by military service, for deferment of students loans and reduced interest rates for servicemembers during periods of military service, and for other purposes.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1738, a bill to establish a Special Counsel for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction within the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, to improve the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, to increase resources for regional computer forensic labs, and to make other improvements to increase the ability of law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute predators.

S. 1792

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and

the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1792, a bill to amend the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act to improve such Act.

S. 1793

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1793, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for property owners who remove lead-based paint hazards.

S. 1843

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1843, a bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to clarify that an unlawful practice occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 221

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 221, a resolution supporting National Peripheral Arterial Disease Awareness Month and efforts to educate people about peripheral arterial disease.

AUTHORITY FOR A COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Monday, July 23, 2007, at 5 p.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to consider S.J. Res. 16, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:28 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3043. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related

agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 955(b) note), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the National Council on the Arts: Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 3043. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 270) honoring the 75th anniversary of the International Peace Garden.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BORDER TUNNELS AND PASSAGES OFFENSE CORRECTIONS

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1856) to amend title 18, United States Code, to make technical corrections to the new border tunnels and passages offense, introduced on today by Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and

at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate resume consideration of S. 1642, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:16 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2007

Mr. SHERROD BROWN, from the State of Ohio, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. BROWN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, July 24, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a Senator from the State of Ohio, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. BROWN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

ORDER FOR MOMENT OF SILENCE ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, at 3:40 p.m., the Senate observe a moment of silence in memory of the deaths of Capitol Police Detective John Gibson and Officer J.J. Chestnut who died in the line of duty on July 24, 1998.

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

HIGHER EDUCATION AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1642) to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2381, proposed by Mr. KENNEDY, to amendment No. 2369, proposed by Mr. COBURN, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. KENNEDY, by unanimous consent, modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2381, as modified, to amendment No. 2369 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, at 12:20 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 2381, as modified; that there be 10 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, prior to said vote; that the second vote in "stacked" sequence be 10 minutes in duration; and that no further amendments be in order to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That it be in order to request the yeas and nays on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 2381, as modified, and passage of bill S. 1642 with one show of seconds; and that the yeas and nays on amendment No. 2369 be vitiated.

Under the authority of the foregoing order,

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 2381, as modified, and on passage of bill S. 1642.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2381, as modified, to amendment No. 2369 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 93, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 274 Leg.]

YEAS --- 93

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2369, as amended, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. LANDRIEU,

Ordered, That on rollcall vote No. 273 (on yesterday), her vote be changed from "yea" to "nay", thus changing the result to yeas 37, nays 54.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2369, as amended, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 95, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 275 Leg.]

YEAS --- 95

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

At 1:01 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Pursuant to the order of Friday, July 20, 2007,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2638) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. BYRD (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2383, in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. VITTER to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 69, after line 24, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2384).

Pending debate,

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,
At 3:38 p.m.,

The Senate observed a moment of silence in remembrance of the deaths of Capitol Police Officers J. J. Chestnut and John Gibson, who died while defending the Capitol against an armed gunman on July 24, 1998.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2638.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2384 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 44

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the chair lay before the Senate the joint resolution H.J. Res 44, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; that the Senate proceed to consider the joint resolution; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that Mr. MCCONNELL be immediately recognized to speak; that, upon conclusion of debate, the joint resolution be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution, without intervening action or debate.

JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED IN THE BURMESE FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY ACT OF 2003

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. MCCASKILL in the chair) laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 44) approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence

on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

The question being on the passage of the joint resolution.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the joint resolution.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution.

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The joint resolution was read the third time.

On the question, Shall the joint resolution pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 93, nays... 1

[Rollcall Vote No. 276 Leg.]

YEAS --- 93

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 1

Enzi.

So it was

Resolved, That the joint resolution do pass.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2638.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2384 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mrs. MURRAY raised a point of order, viz, that the amendment is legislation on appropriations, violates provisions of rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and therefore is not in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that the amendment is not germane, and therefore not in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. SALAZAR) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2388).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. BYRD,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

SECOND HIGHER EDUCATION EXTENSION ACT

On the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1868) to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes, introduced on today by Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. ENZI), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2638.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Tuesday, July 24, 2007, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 966. A bill to enable the Department of State to respond to a critical shortage of passport processing personnel, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2644. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cattle for Export; Removal of Certain Testing Requirements" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0147) received on July 23, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2645. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oriental Fruit Fly; Removal of Quarantined Areas" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0151) received on July 23, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2646. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Brucellosis in Cattle; State and Area Classifications; Idaho" (Docket No. APHIS-2007-0097) received on July 23, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2647. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the development of an alternative process that would allow Service members to request their military identification cards not contain their Social Security Number; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2648. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the conduct of the Defense Acquisition Challenge Program for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2649. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Antiboycott Penalty Guidelines" (RIN0694-AD63) received on July 23, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2650. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Interactive Data Voluntary Reporting Program on the EDGAR System to Include Mutual Fund Risk/Return Summary Information" (RIN3235-AJ59) received on July 23, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2651. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Entities to the Entity List" (RIN0694-AE06) received on July 23, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2652. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 32008) received on July 20, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2653. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its contract with the Trinity Technology Group for security screening services at the Sonoma County Airport in Santa Rosa, California; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2654. A communication from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Board's compliance with the Federal Manager's Financial Integrity Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2655. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NASA Grant and Cooperative Agreement Handbook - Individual Procurement Action" (RIN2700-AD34) received on July 23, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2656. A communication from the Director, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2006 Status of U.S. Fisheries"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2657. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard,

Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coast Guard Sector, Marine Inspection Zone, and Captain of the Port Zone Structure; Technical Amendment" ((RIN1625-AB07)(USCG2006-25556)) received on July 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2658. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones (including 2 regulations beginning with CGD05-07-010)" (RIN1625-AA00) received on July 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2659. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones (including 10 regulations beginning with CGD01-07-03)" (RIN1625-AB00) received on July 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2660. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones (including 9 regulations beginning with CGD01-07-080)" (RIN1625-AB00) received on July 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2661. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, proposed legislation relative to amending certain maritime programs of the Department; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2662. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary, received on July 20, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2663. A communication from the Principal Deputy General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Market-Based Rates for Wholesale Sales of Electric Energy, Capacity and Ancillary Services by Public Utilities" (RIN1902-AC51) received on July 20, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2664. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Louisiana; Clean Air Interstate Rule Sulfur Dioxide Trading

Program" (FRL No. 8442-8) received on July 19, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2665. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation; North Dakota; Revisions to New Source Review Rules" (FRL No. 8441-9) received on July 19, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2666. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Diflufenuron; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL No. 8136-7) received on July 19, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2667. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Glufosinate-Ammonium; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8137-4) received on July 19, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2668. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partial Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule Revising the California State Implementation Plan, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 8444-3) received on July 19, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2669. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Penoxsulam Benzenesulfonamide; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8137-7) received on July 19, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2670. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Compliance Dates Under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Regulations and Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations" (FRL No. 8444-8) received on July 19, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2671. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Evaluation of the Medicare Replacement Drug Demonstration"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2672. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Center for Medicare Management, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Revised Payment System Policies for Services Furnished in Ambulatory Surgical Centers Beginning in Calendar Year 2008" (RIN0938-AO73) received on July 23, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2673. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Correction: Voluntary Reliquidation of Deemed Liquidated Entries" (CBP Dec. 07-62) received on July 20, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2674. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Tacking Rule of Life/Non-Life Consolidated Return Regulations" ((RIN1545-BE85)(TD 9342)) received on July 20, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2675. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's 2006 Performance Report relative to the Prescription Drug User Fee Act; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2676. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - August 2007" (Rev. Rul. 2007-50) received on July 19, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2677. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Treatment of Excess Loss Accounts" ((RIN1545-BE87)(TD 9341)) received on July 19, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2678. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, (18) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on July 20, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2679. A communication from the Acting White House Liaison, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education,

Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the confirmation of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary, received on July 23, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2680. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of an acting officer for the position of Assistant Secretary for Disability Employment Policy, received on July 20, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2681. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research - Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers on Vocational Rehabilitation - Notice of Final Priority" (72 FR 35443) received on July 23, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2682. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Performance Report of the Food and Drug Administration's Office of Combination Products for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2683. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, (2) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on July 23, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2684. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the category rating system; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2685. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination and a change in previously submitted report information for the position of Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, received on July 20, 2007; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-2686. A communication from the Editor, Office of General Counsel, Federal Bureau of Prisons, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Searches of Housing Units, Inmates, and Inmate Work Areas: Electronic Devices" (RIN1120-AA90)

received on July 23, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2687. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, a legislative proposal entitled, "Identity Theft Enforcement and Restitution Act of 2007"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2688. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a supplemental update of the Budget that was previously transmitted earlier in the year; referred jointly to the Committees on Appropriations and Budget.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-169. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Pennsylvania opposing the provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 that preempt the authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to determine land use policies; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 129

Whereas, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPact) was passed by the Congress on July 29, 2005, and signed into law on August 8, 2005; and

Whereas, the EPact was promoted as a comprehensive approach to growing energy needs and designed to guarantee development of domestic fuel production and energy supply, thereby ending United States dependence on foreign oil; and

Whereas, provisions of the omnibus legislation touch on nearly every segment of energy production and use, including nuclear power, electricity, natural gas, fossil fuels, renewable energy and competitive generation; and

Whereas, a provision of Title XII of the EPact, Electricity, however, preempts what have long been fundamental powers of state and local governments; and

Whereas, section 1221, for example, transfers the authority to approve the siting of certain transmission lines from state governments and their political subdivisions to agencies of the Federal Government; and

Whereas, section 1221(a) of EPact directs the United States Secretary of Energy to, in consultation with states, conduct periodic nationwide studies of electric transmission congestion; and

Whereas, the Secretary of Energy released its initial National Electric Transmission Congestion study in August 2006; and

Whereas, based upon the findings of any congestion study, the Secretary of Energy

may designate "any geographical area experiencing electric energy transmission capacity constraints or congestion that adversely affects customers" as "national interest electric transmission corridor" or national corridor; and

Whereas, section 1221(b) further conveys to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) the authority to issue permits for construction or modification of electric transmission facilities situated or proposed to be situated in any Department of Energy designated national interest electric transmission corridor; and

Whereas, the FERC would be able to override the authority of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to issue a certificate of public convenience to approve and locate a transmission line in a Department of Energy designated national interest electric transmission corridor if:

(1) the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission had no authority to approve a specified transmission line proposal or would fail to consider interstate benefits of the proposed transmission line;

(2) the applicant would not qualify for a certificate of public convenience issued by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission because it does not serve end-use customers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;

(3) the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission would fail to act on an application for approval to locate and construct the new transmission line within one year of the filing of an application or one year after designation as a national interest electric transmission corridor, whichever is later; or

(4) the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission would condition its approval in such a manner that the proposed construction or modification would not significantly reduce transmission congestion or would not be economically feasible; and

Whereas, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and its predecessor, the Public Service Commission, have had jurisdictional and regulatory authority over public utilities and public utility service, including the review and approval of applications for the location and construction of transmission lines in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania since 1913, or for 94 years; and

Whereas, the designation of national interest electric transmission corridors in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, coupled with FERC "backstop" authority to issue permits to site a transmission line and thereby override the recommendations of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, would give electric utilities access to Federal eminent domain authority; and

Whereas, if FERC would institute its "backstop" authority, the holder of a FERC-issued permit would be empowered to exercise the right of eminent domain to

condemn and acquire private property to locate and construct the transmission line; and

Whereas, on March 6, 2006, Allegheny Power and the PJM Interconnection, the Regional Transmission Organization that coordinates the movement of wholesale electricity in all or parts of 13 states and the District of Columbia, including the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, filed for early designation as a national interest electric transmission corridor a 240-mile, 500 kV transmission line which would extend from southwestern Pennsylvania, traverse West Virginia and terminate in northern Virginia; and

Whereas, on October 10, 2006, the PJM Interconnection submitted another request to the Department of Energy for early designation of three additional national interest electric transmission corridors that will encompass nearly all of the Mid-Atlantic region; and

Whereas, the early request filed with the United States Department of Energy by Allegheny Power and the PJM Interconnection, if granted, will include significant acreage of land in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, on April 26, 2007, the United States Department of Energy released drafts of two national interest electric transmission corridor designations, including the Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor; and

Whereas, the Mid-Atlantic area National Corridor designation includes counties in Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, Virginia and includes all of New Jersey, Delaware and the District of Columbia; and

Whereas, Fifty of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's 67 counties, or 75% of the land within the Commonwealth's geographic borders, are included in the Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor designation; and

Whereas, in its release announcing the draft national interest electric transmission corridor designations, the Department of Energy revealed that it would convene three public meetings during a 60-day comment period; and

Whereas, in its April 26, 2007, announcement, the Department of Energy revealed that public meetings would be held in New York, Virginia and California during the 60-day comment period; and

Whereas, some local governments, citizens and preservation groups that would be directly impacted by the designation of national interest electric transmission corridors in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and some other affected states contacted the Department of Energy to express their disappointment and concern that no public meetings were planned for Pennsylvania and other affected states during the 60-day comment period; and

Whereas, on May 8, 2007, the Department of Energy announced that it would hold four additional meetings during the 60-day public comment period in some states, including the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that would be impacted by the national interest electric transmission corridor designations; and

Whereas, the Pennsylvania public meeting will be convened in the month of June in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, the 60-day comment period for the Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor designation is scheduled to end on July 6, 2007; and

Whereas, it is alleged that the transmission lines proposed to be located and constructed in the Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor would be used to relieve energy congestion and constraints and improve electric reliability in population centers of the East Coast; and

Whereas, designation of national interest electric transmission corridors in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania could diminish or eliminate the role of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, the administrative agency of the Commonwealth that has regulatory authority over the approval of applications for the location and construction of transmission lines; and

Whereas, designation of national interest electric transmission corridors would also adversely limit or completely eliminate the roles of the Office of Consumer Advocate and the Office of Small Business Advocate; and

Whereas, the Office of Consumer Advocate and the Office of Small Business Advocate are administrative agencies of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that were expressly established by Pennsylvania statute to represent the interests of consumers and small businesses, respectively, in proceedings before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, including certain matters related to the location and construction of transmission lines; and

Whereas, designation of national interest electric transmission corridors and FERC's accompanying "backstop" authority could diminish or even eliminate the roles of other administrative agencies of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that were established for the express purpose of protecting Pennsylvania's economic, natural, historical, cultural and recreational resources, including the Departments of Environmental Protection, Conservation and Natural Resources, Agriculture and Transportation as well as the Game Commission and the Historical and Museum Commission; and

Whereas, designation of national interest electric transmission corridors in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania would undermine and in some cases eliminate the Commonwealth's ability to determinate, manage and control land use policies,

including land use policies on its agricultural lands, forest reserves, recreational areas, game lands and other natural and environmentally sensitive areas: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of Pennsylvania recognize fully the energy and environmental challenges facing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in general and the United States in particular; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate believes that demand for energy continues to be a concern nationwide, especially in major population centers, and that an effective national energy policy must include increased emphasis on conservation, renewable energy, energy-efficient alternatives, demand-side management, innovations and new technologies while simultaneously providing incentives to increase domestic production and supply; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate recognize that an effective energy policy must be addressed nationally but should reflect traditional state and local authority over environmental and energy matters; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate oppose the provisions of EPact which preempt the authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and its political subdivisions to determined land use policies and which usurp the traditional and fundamental authority of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to review and approve applications for the location and construction of transmission lines in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate urge the members of the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation to support legislation to repeal section 1221 of EPact and thereby preserve the fundamental rights of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and its people to determine the future of land use policies; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the residing officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-170. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to review and consider eliminating provisions of federal law which reduce Social Security benefits for those receiving pension benefits from federal, state, or local government retirement systems or funds; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 114

Whereas, the Congress of the United States has enacted both the Government Pension Offset (GPO), reducing the spousal and survivor Social Security benefit, and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), reducing the earned Social Security benefit for any person who also receives a federal,

state, or local retirement or pension benefit; and

Whereas, the intent of Congress in enacting the GPO and the WEP provisions was to address concerns that a public employee who had worked primarily in federal, state, or local government employment might receive a public pension in addition to the same Social Security benefit as a person who had worked only in employment covered by Social Security throughout his career; and

Whereas, the purpose of Congress in enacting these reduction provisions was to provide a disincentive for public employees to receive two pensions; and

Whereas, the GPO negatively affects a spouse or survivor receiving a federal, state, or local government retirement or pension benefit who would also be entitled to a Social Security benefit earned by a spouse; and

Whereas, the GPO formula reduces the spousal or survivor Social Security benefit by two-thirds of the amount of the federal, state, or local government retirement or pension benefit received by the spouse or survivor, in many cases completely eliminating the Social Security benefit; and

Whereas, the WEP applies to those persons who have earned federal, state, or local government retirement benefits, in addition to working in employment covered under Social Security and paying into the Social Security system; and

Whereas, the WEP reduces the earned Social Security benefit using an averaged indexed monthly earnings formula and may reduce Social Security benefits for affected persons by as much as one-half of the retirement benefit earned as a public servant in employment not covered under Social Security; and

Whereas, because of these calculation characteristics, the GPO and the WEP have a disproportionately negative effect on employees working in lower-wage government jobs, like policemen, firefighters, teachers, and state employees; and

Whereas, because the Social Security benefit statements do not calculate the GPO and the WEP, many public employees in Louisiana are unaware that their expected Social Security benefits shown on such statements will be significantly lower or nonexistent due to the service in public employment through which they are members of a Louisiana public retirement or pension system or fund; and

Whereas, these provisions also have a greater adverse effect on women than on men because of the gender differences in salary that continue to plague our nation and the longer life expectancy of women; and

Whereas, Louisiana is making every effort to improve the quality of life of her citizens and to encourage them to live here lifelong: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States to review the GPO and the WEP Social Security benefit reductions and to consider eliminating or reducing them by enacting the Social Security Fairness Act of 2007 (H.R. 82 or S. 206) or a similar instrument. Be it further

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

POM-171. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of New Hampshire urging Congress to amend the No Child Left Behind Act with consideration of the National Conference of State Legislatures' task force recommendations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas, in 2002 the No Child Left Behind Act was enacted on a bipartisan basis, which has as its purpose bringing academic achievement in language arts, mathematics, and science to students who are not presently achieving at proficiency levels; and

Whereas, in 2004 the National Conference of State Legislatures created a bipartisan task force to study the No Child Left Behind Act and the task force suggested specific changes to make the No Child Left Behind Act more workable, more responsive to variations among the states, and more effective in improving education; and

Whereas, a stated goal of the No Child Left Behind Act is to provide flexibility for states to improve academic achievement and to close the achievement gap, the task force found that more flexibility should be granted to states to implement the No Child Left Behind Act; and

Whereas, the New Hampshire general court had representation on the bipartisan task force and concurs with the spirit of the recommendations of the National Conference of State Legislatures; and

Whereas, a well-designed growth model, with multiple forms of assessment, is a more meaningful and accurate measure of student success than the No Child Left Behind Act model of identifying schools in need of improvement; and

Whereas, the No Child Left Behind Act mandates a costly sequence of intervention services, which the task force found to be inflexible and instead recommended states to be allowed to decide the interventions when a school is "in need of improvement": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That the New Hampshire general court urges the Congress

of the United States to amend the No Child Left Behind Act with consideration of the National Conference of State Legislatures' task force recommendations, to allow each state department of education the flexibility to monitor, supervise, and evaluate each school's effectiveness in documenting the physical, personal, social, and academic growth of each child; and

That the New Hampshire general court urges the Congress of the United States to request a Government Accountability Office evaluation of the costs to states and local school districts of complying with the No Child Left Behind Act requirements and of achieving the 100 percent proficiency goals of the No Child Left Behind Act; and

That the senate clerk send copies of this resolution to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the New Hampshire congressional delegation.

POM-172. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Pennsylvania urging Congress to repeal the REAL ID Act or delay its implementation until such time as sufficient funds are available to adequately cover the costs of implementation and amendment is made to preserve essential civil rights; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTION

Whereas, in May 2005 the Congress of the United States passed the REAL ID Act of 2005 (REAL ID Act) as part of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief Act, 2005 (Public Law 109-13), which was signed into law on May 11, 2005, and which becomes fully effective May 11, 2008; and

Whereas, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania denounces terrorism in all its forms and condemns all acts of terrorism by any entity, wherever the acts occur; and

Whereas, any new security measures to protect against terrorist attacks should be carefully designed to enhance public safety without infringing on the civil liberties and rights of citizens; and

Whereas, the REAL ID Act constitutes an unfunded mandate by the Federal Government to the states; and

Whereas, it will cost the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania an estimated \$100 million to implement the REAL ID Act; and

Whereas, the implementation of the REAL ID Act intrudes upon the states' sovereign power to determine their own policies for identification, licensure and credentialing of individuals residing therein; and

Whereas, the REAL ID Act requires the creation of a massive public sector database containing information on every American that is accessible to all motor vehicle agency

employees and law enforcement officers nationwide and that can be used to gather and manage information on citizens, which is neither the business nor the responsibility of government; and

Whereas, the REAL ID Act enables the creation of additional massive private sector databases, combining both transactional information and driver's license information gained from scanning the machine-readable information contained on every driver's license; and

Whereas, these public and private databases are likely to contain numerous errors and false information, creating significant hardship for Americans attempting to verify their identities in order to fly, open a bank account or perform any of the numerous functions required to live in the United States today; and

Whereas, the REAL ID Act requires a driver's license to contain a person's actual home address and makes no exception for individuals in potential danger, such as undercover law enforcement officials or victims of domestic violence, stalking or criminal harassment; and

Whereas, the REAL ID Act contains onerous record verification provisions that place unreasonable burdens on Pennsylvanians renewing their driver's licenses; and

Whereas, some of the intended privacy requirements of the REAL ID Act, such as the use of common machine-readable technology and state maintenance of a database that can be shared with the United States Government and agencies of other states, may actually make it more likely that a federally required driver's license or state identification card, or the information about the bearer on which the license or card is based, will be stolen, sold or otherwise used for purposes that were never intended or that are criminally related than if the REAL ID Act had not been enacted; and

Whereas, these potential breaches in privacy that could result directly from compliance with the REAL ID Act may violate the right to privacy of thousands of Pennsylvanians; and

Whereas, identification-based security provides only limited security benefits because it can be avoided by defrauding or corrupting card issuers and because it gives no protection against people not already known to be planning or committing wrongful acts; and

Whereas, a growing number of states have proposed and passed legislation that opposes the implementation of the REAL ID Act: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania support the intention of the United States Government to prevent terrorism, but not at the expense of

the essential civil rights and liberties of the citizens of this country; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate oppose any portion of the REAL ID Act that violates the rights and liberties guaranteed under the Constitution of Pennsylvania or the Constitution of the United States, including the Bill of Rights; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate urge the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation to support measures to repeal the REAL ID Act or to delay its implementation until such time as sufficient funds are available to adequately cover the costs of implementation and amendment is made to preserve essential civil rights and liberties of the citizens of this country; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2008" (Rept. No. 110-133).

By Mr. KOHL, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1859. An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-134).

By Mr. AKAKA, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. 423. A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2007, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans (Rept. No. 110-135).

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 1500. A bill to support democracy and human rights in Zimbabwe, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-136).

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

S.J. Res. 16. A joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second

times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. KOHL:

S. 1859. An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. KYL):

S. 1860. A bill to control violent crime; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ISAKSON:

S. 1861. A bill to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 1862. A bill to provide for the exchange and conveyance of certain National Forest land and other land in southeast Arizona, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KENNEDY and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1863. A bill to authorize the President to posthumously award a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Robert M. La Follette, Sr., in recognition of his important contributions to the Progressive movement, the State of Wisconsin, and the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KENNEDY and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1864. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Robert M. La Follette, Sr., in recognition of his important contributions to the Progressive movement, the State of Wisconsin, and the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1865. A bill to provide for mandatory availability of life insurance that does not preclude future lawful travel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1866. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to exempt certain local restrictions from review under the airport noise and access restriction review program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1867. A bill to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to conduct a study on the operation of

helicopters over Long Island, New York and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1868. A bill to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. DODD, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. DEMINT):

S. Res. 278. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the announcement of the Russian Federation of its suspension of implementation of the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe Treaty; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. WEBB, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. Res. 279. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 125th anniversary of the 1882 Treaty of Peace, Amity, Commerce and Navigation between the Kingdom and Chosun (Korea) and the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Res. 280. A resolution congratulating the Anaheim Ducks for winning the 2007 Stanley Cup Championship; considered and agreed to

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Con. Res. 42. A concurrent resolution recognizing the need to pursue research into the causes, treatment, and eventual cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, supporting the designation of a National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week, and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 294

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 442

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 442, a bill to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders.

S. 444

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 444, a bill to establish the South Park National Heritage Area in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 573

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 573, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 661

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 661, a bill to establish kinship navigator programs, to establish guardianship assistance payments for children, and for other purposes.

S. 719

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 719, a bill to amend section 10501 of title 49, United States Code, to exclude solid waste disposal from the jurisdiction of the Surface Transportation Board.

S. 737

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 737, a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 in order to measure, compare, and improve the quality of voter access to polls and voter services in the administration of Federal elections in the States.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to establish a competitive grant program to build capacity in veterinary medical education and expand the workforce of veterinarians engaged in public health practice and biomedical research.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 803, a bill to repeal a provision enacted to

end Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 838

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 838, a bill to authorize funding for eligible joint ventures between United States and Israeli businesses and academic persons, to establish the International Energy Advisory Board, and for other purposes.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 972

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 972, a bill to provide for the reduction of adolescent pregnancy, HIV rates, and other sexually transmitted diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 1204

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1204, a bill to enhance Federal efforts focused on public awareness and education about the risks and dangers associated with Shaken Baby Syndrome.

S. 1338

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] were added as cosponsors of S. 1338, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a two-year moratorium on certain Medicare physician payment reductions for imaging services.

S. 1343

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1343, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to prevention and treatment of diabetes, and for other purposes.

S. 1356

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1356, a bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to establish industrial bank holding company regulation, and for other purposes.

S. 1375

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1375, a bill to ensure that new mothers and their families are educated about postpartum depression, screened for symptoms, and provided with

essential services, and to increase research at the National Institutes of Health on postpartum depression.

S. 1428

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1428, a bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to assure access to durable medical equipment under the Medicare program.

S. 1492

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1492, a bill to improve the quality of federal and state data regarding the availability and quality of broadband services and to promote the deployment of affordable broadband services to all parts of the Nation.

S. 1496

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1496, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to include pollinators in certain conservation programs.

S. 1514

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1514, a bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

S. 1576

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1576, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health and healthcare of racial and ethnic minority groups.

S. 1603

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1603, a bill to authorize Congress to award a gold medal to Jerry Lewis, in recognition of his outstanding service to the Nation.

S. 1661

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1661, a bill to communicate United States travel policies and improve marketing and other activities designed to increase travel in the United States from abroad.

S. 1678

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1678, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 1716

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr.

JOHNSON], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1716, a bill to amend the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007, to strike a requirement relating to forage producers.

S. 1755

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1755, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to make permanent the summer food service pilot project for rural areas of Pennsylvania and apply the program to rural areas of every State.

S. 1763

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1763, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the award of a military service medal to members of the Armed Forces who served honorably during the Cold War era.

S. 1780

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1780, a bill to require the FCC, in enforcing its regulations concerning the broadcast of indecent programming, to maintain a policy that a single word or image may be considered indecent.

S. 1801

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1801, a bill to require a study on the relocation of the Sector Buffalo facilities of the Coast Guard, and for other purposes.

S. 1805

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1805, a bill to amend the National Housing Act to increase the mortgage amount limits applicable to housing insured by FHA mortgage insurance.

S. 1812

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1812, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to strengthen mentoring programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1816

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1816, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a commemorative trail in connection with the Women's Rights National Historical Park to link properties that are historically and thematically

associated with the struggle for women's suffrage, and for other purposes.

S. 1842

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of S. 1842, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for patient protection by limiting the number of mandatory overtime hours a nurse may be required to work in certain providers of services to which payments are made under the Medicare Program.

S. 1848

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1848, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to address the impact of globalization, to reauthorize trade adjustment assistance, to extend trade adjustment assistance to service workers, communities, firms, and farmers, and for other purposes.

S. 1852

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1852, a bill to designate the Friday after Thanksgiving of each year as "Native American Heritage Day" in honor of the achievements and contributions of Native Americans to the United States.

S. 1855

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 1855, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide relief to individuals from the penalty for failure to pay estimated taxes on amounts attributable to the alternative minimum tax in cases where the taxpayer was not subject to the alternative minimum tax in the preceding year.

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1855, *supra*.

SENATE RESOLUTION 276

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 276, a resolution calling for the urgent deployment of a robust and effective multinational peacekeeping mission with sufficient size, resources, leadership, and mandate to protect civilians in Darfur, Sudan, and for efforts to strengthen the renewal of a just and inclusive peace process.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 24, 2007 at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on oversight of Government tax policy in farm country.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at 10 a.m. to hold a nomination hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at 2:15 p.m. to hold a nomination hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at 4 p.m. to hold a briefing on the Gulf Security Dialogue.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at 10 a.m. to consider the nomination of the Honorable James A. Nussle to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet order to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of the U.S. Department of Justice" on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in the Hart Senate Office Building room 216.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 24, to conduct a vote on the nomination of Charles L. Hopkins to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Operations, Preparedness, Security and Law Enforcement). The Committee will meet in the Reception Room, off the Senate Floor, immediately after the first roll call vote that occurs after 2 p.m. of the Senate on Tuesday, July 17.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON
INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 24, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PRIVATE SECTOR
AND CONSUMER SOLUTIONS TO
GLOBAL WARMING AND WILDLIFE
PROTECTION

The Subcommittee on Private Sector and Consumer Solutions to Global Warming and Wildlife Protection be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in order to conduct a hearing entitled "Economic and International Issues in Global Warming Policy."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:04 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 44. Joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, and for other purposes.

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

S. 966. An act to enable the Department of State to respond to a critical shortage of passport processing personnel, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 2:31 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 50. An act to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act and the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994.

H.R. 404. An act to require the establishment of customer service standards for Federal agencies.

H.R. 465. An act to reauthorize the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997.

H.R. 495. An act to update the management of Oregon water resources, and for other purposes.

H.R. 716. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Santa Rosa Urban Water Reuse Plan.

H.R. 761. An act to authorize the Secretary of Interior to convey to The Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitor Center Foundation, Inc. certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in Nebraska, to be used as an historical interpretive site along the trail.

H.R. 1239. An act to amend the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act of 1998 to authorize additional funding to carry out the Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1285. An act to provide for the conveyance of a parcel of National Forest System land in Kittitas County, Washington, to facilitate the construction of a new fire and rescue station, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1388. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Star-Spangled Banner Trail in the States of Maryland and Virginia and the District of Columbia as a National Historic Trail.

H.R. 1503. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Avra/Black Wash Reclamation and Riparian Restoration Project.

H.R. 1526. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2400. An act to direct the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish an integrated Federal ocean and coastal mapping plan for the Great Lakes and coastal state waters, the territorial sea, the exclusive economic zone, and the Continental Shelf of the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2630. An act to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit certain political committees from compensating the spouse of the candidate for services provided to or on behalf of the committee, to require such committees to report on payments made to the spouse and the immediate family members of the candidate, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2798. An act to reauthorize the programs of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3095. An act to amend the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 to modify a deadline relating to a certain election by Indian tribes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 139. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should address the ongoing problem of untouchability in India.

H. Con. Res. 175. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that courts

with fiduciary responsibility for a child of a deceased member of the Armed Forces who receives a death gratuity payment under section 1477 of title 10, United States Code, should take into consideration the expression of clear intent of the member regarding the distribution of funds on behalf of the child.

HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION REFERRED

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

H.R. 50. An act to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act and the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 404. An act to require the establishment of customer service standards for Federal agencies; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 465. An act to reauthorize the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 495. An act to update the management of Oregon water resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 716. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Santa Rosa Urban Water Reuse Plan; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 761. An act to authorize the Secretary of Interior to convey to The Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitor Center Foundation, Inc. certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in Nebraska, to be used as an historical interpretive site along the trail; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1239. An act to amend the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act of 1998 to authorize additional funding to carry out the Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1285. An act to provide for the conveyance of a parcel of National Forest System land in Kittitas County, Washington, to facilitate the construction of a new fire and rescue station, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1503. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Avra Black Wash Reclamation and Riparian Restoration Project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1526. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2400. An act to direct the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish an integrated Federal ocean and coastal mapping plan for the Great Lakes and coastal state waters, the territorial sea, the exclusive economic zone, and the Continental Shelf of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2630. An act to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit certain political committees from compensating the spouse of the candidate for services provided to or on behalf of the committee, to require such committees to report on payments made to the spouse and the immediate family members of the candidate, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

H.R. 2798. An act to reauthorize the programs of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 139. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should address the ongoing problem of untouchability in India; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 1388. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Star-Spangled Banner Trail in the States of Maryland and Virginia and the District of Columbia as a National Historic Trail.

PROVIDING CERTAIN EXCEPTION TO THE 60-DAY LIMIT ON MEDICARE RECIPROCAL BILLING ARRANGEMENTS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2429) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide an exception to the 60-day limit on Medicare reciprocal billing arrangements between two physicians during the period in which one of the physicians is ordered to active duty as a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF DAME LOIS BROWNE EVANS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 248) honoring the life and achievements of Dame Lois Browne Evans, Bermuda's first female barrister and Attorney General, and the first female Opposition Leader in the British Commonwealth.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THE PROFOUND PUBLIC SERVICE AND EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF DONALD JEFFRY HERBERT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 261) expressing appreciation for the profound public service and educational contributions of Donald Jeffry Herbert, fondly known as "Mr. Wizard".

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR IDIOPATHIC PULMONARY FIBROSIS RESEARCH

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MENENDEZ in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 42) recognizing the need to pursue research into the causes, treatment, and eventual cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, supporting the designation of a National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week, and for other purposes, submitted today by Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mr. DURBIN), and at the desk; and

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE ANAHEIM DUCKS FOR WINNING THE 2007 STANLEY CUP CHAMPIONSHIP

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 280) congratulating the Anaheim Ducks for winning the 2007 Stanley Cup Championship, submitted today by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, with Senators permitted to speak therein for 10 minutes each therein; that the first 30 minutes therein be controlled by the minority party; and that the second 30 minutes therein be controlled by the majority party.

Ordered further, That the Senate then resume consideration of bill H.R. 2638.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:45 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2007

Mr. SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 25, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. WHITEHOUSE took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business.
Pending debate,

WOUNDED WARRIOR ASSISTANCE ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of REID,
Ordered, That the Committee on Armed Services be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1538) to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the management of medical care, personnel actions, and quality of life issues

for members of the Armed Forces who are receiving medical care in an outpatient status, and for other purposes; that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration; that an amendment numbered 2402 (in the nature of a substitute, being the text of bill H.R. 1585 and the language of section 601 of the Defense Authorization Bill, providing for as increase in basic military pay of uniformed military personnel) be deemed proposed by Mr. REID for Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. OBAMA, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. REED, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. TESTER, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Mr. BAYH, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. WEBB, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BOND, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LOTT, Mr. DODD, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. DORGAN), and agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2689. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus Thuringiensis Vip3Aa19 Protein in Cotton; Exemption from the Requirements of a Tolerance; Technical Amendment" (FRL No. 8134-3) received on July 24, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2690. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2691. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the Matter of Amendment of Sections 73.62 and 73.1350 of the Commission's Rules" ((FCC 07-97)(MB Docket No. 03-151)) received on July 24, 2007; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2692. A communication from the Chief, Policy and Rules Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wireless Operations in the 3650-3700 MHz Band; Rules for Wireless Broadband Services in the 3650-3700 MHz Band; Additional Spectrum for Unlicensed Devices Below 900 MHz and in the 3 GHz Band" ((FCC 07-99)-(ET Docket No. 04-151)) received on July 24, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2693. A communication from the Acting Legal Advisor, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sunset of the Cellular Radiotelephone Service Analog Service Requirement and Related Matters" (FCC 07-103) received on July 24, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2694. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Redding, Cottonwood, and Shasta Lake, California" (MB Docket No. 05-131) received on July 24, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2695. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Akron, Colorado" (MB Docket No. 05-102) received on July 24, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2696. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Llano, Junction and Goldthwaite, Texas" (MB Docket No. 05-151) received on July 24, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2697. A communication from the Chief of the Policy Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Review of the Emergency Alert System" ((FCC 07-109)(EB Docket No. 04-296)) received on July 24, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2698. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Redesignation of the Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Area's Maintenance Plan and 2002 Base Year Inventory" (FRL No. 8445-7) received on July 24, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2699. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Agent for a Consolidated Group with Foreign Common Parent" ((RIN1545-BF30)(TD 9343)) received on July 24, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2700. A communication from the Staff Director, United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the appointment of members to the Hawaii Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2701. A communication from the Staff Director, United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the appointment of members to the Indiana Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2702. A communication from the Staff Director, United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the appointment of members to the Pennsylvania Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment:

S. 1698. A bill to provide that no funds appropriated or otherwise made available by any Act for contributions for international organizations may be made available to support the United Nations Human Rights Council (Rept. No. 110-137).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. ENSIGN:

S. 1869. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require new voting systems to provide a voter-verified permanent record, to develop better accessible voting machines for individuals with disabilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr.

KERRY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. BOXER Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REED, Mr. DODD, Mr. KOHL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CARPER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1870. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the United States over waters of the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. WARNER, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1871. A bill to provide for special transfers of funds to States to promote certain improvements in State unemployment compensation laws; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1872. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to make revenue counter-cyclical payments available to producers on a farm to ensure that the producers at least receive a minimum level of revenue from the production of a covered commodity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. OBAMA:

S. 1873. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish demonstration programs on regionalized systems for emergency care, to support emergency medicine research, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1874. A bill to provide for efficient containment and management of climate change costs; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. 1875. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a refundable and advanceable credit for health insurance, to amend the Social Security Act to provide for improved private health insurance access and affordability, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the alternative minimum tax, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. 1876. A bill to prohibit extraterritorial detention and rendition, except under limited circumstances, to modify the definition of "unlawful enemy combatant" for purposes of military commissions, to extend statutory habeas corpus to detainees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 1877. A bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to prescribe that members of the

Armed Forces and veterans out of uniform may render the military salute during hoisting, lowering, or passing of flag; considered and passed.

By Mr. WEBB (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1878. A bill to authorize grants for contributions toward the establishment of the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 65

At the request of Mr. CASEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 65, *supra*.

S. 340

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 340, a bill to improve agricultural job opportunities, benefits, and security for aliens in the United States and for other purposes.

S. 453

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 453, a bill to prohibit deceptive practices in Federal elections.

S. 507

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 507, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for reimbursement of certified midwife services and to provide for more equitable reimbursement rates for certified nurse-midwife services.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 557

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the depreciation classification of motorsports entertainment complexes.

S. 597

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 597, a bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

S. 656

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 656, a bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain nationals of Liberia to that of lawful permanent residence.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 803, a bill to repeal a provision enacted to end Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 969, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the definition of supervisor.

S. 1373

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1373, a bill to provide grants and loan guarantees for the development and construction of science parks to promote the clustering of innovation through high technology activities.

S. 1374

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1374, a bill to assist States in making voluntary high quality full-day prekindergarten programs available and economically affordable for the families of all children for at least 1 year preceding kindergarten.

S. 1406

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to strengthen polar bear conservation efforts, and for other purposes.

S. 1494

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1494, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the special diabetes programs for Type I diabetes and Indians under that Act.

S. 1603

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1603, a bill to authorize Congress to award a gold medal to Jerry Lewis, in recognition of his outstanding service to the Nation.

S. 1682

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr.

JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1682, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the management of medical care for members of the Armed Forces, to improve the speed and efficiency of the physical disability evaluation system of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 1716

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1716, a bill to amend the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007, to strike a requirement relating to forage producers.

S. 1718

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1718, a bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for reimbursement to servicemembers of tuition for programs of education interrupted by military service, for deferment of students loans and reduced interest rates for servicemembers during periods of military service, and for other purposes.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1738, a bill to establish a Special Counsel for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction within the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, to improve the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, to increase resources for regional computer forensic labs, and to make other improvements to increase the ability of law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute predators.

S. 1849

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1849, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that wages paid to unauthorized aliens may not be deducted from gross income, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 118

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 118, a resolution urging the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt.

SENATE RESOLUTION 276

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN],

the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 276, a resolution calling for the urgent deployment of a robust and effective multinational peacekeeping mission with sufficient size, resources, leadership, and mandate to protect civilians in Darfur, Sudan, and for efforts to strengthen the renewal of a just and inclusive peace process.

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 276, supra.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CARDIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 25, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a business meeting during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 25, at 11:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 25, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to hear testimony regarding nominations.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 25, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., to hold a hearing on the Peace Corps.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 25, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on Pakistan.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 25, 2007 at 10 a.m. in SD-106 and on Thursday, July 26, 2007, at 10 a.m. in SR-325.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY
AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, July 25, 2007, at 10 a.m. to consider the nomination of Dennis R. Schrader to be Deputy Administrator for National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND
ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 25, 2007, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing to receive testimony on S. 1487, the Ballot Integrity Act of 2007.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight: Gulf Coast Disaster Loans and the Future of the Disaster Assistance Program," on Wednesday, July 25, 2007, beginning at 10 a.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 25, 2007, to conduct a hearing on VA health care funding. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m.

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

The Joint Economic Committee be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing entitled, "A Local Look at the National Foreclosure Crisis: Cleveland Families, Neighborhoods, Economy Under Siege from the Subprime Mortgage Fallout", in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, Wednesday, July 25, 2007, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT,
GOVERNMENT INFORMATION,
FEDERAL SERVICES, AND
INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security be authorized to meet on Wednesday, July 25, 2007, at 3 p.m. order to conduct a hearing entitled "The Road Ahead II: Views from the Postal Workforce on Implementing Postal Reform,"

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SUPERFUND AND
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The Subcommittee on Superfund and Environmental Health be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 25, 2007, at 2 p.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building order to conduct a hearing entitled, "Oversight of EPA's Environmental Justice Programs."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:15 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 44. Joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, and for other purposes.

At 12:21 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1868. An act to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 190. Concurrent resolution authorizing printing of the brochure entitled "How Our Laws Are Made", the document-sized, annotated version of the United States Constitution, and the pocket version of the United States Constitution.

At 3:56 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3074. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was referred as indicated:

H.R. 835. An act to reauthorize the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs pursuant to the order of May 27, 1988, for a period not to exceed 60 days.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR

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

H.R. 3074. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND
SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARDIN in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 2638) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, proposed by Mr. BYRD (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN), to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. GREGG, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. KYL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. SPECTER) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2412).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. GREGG to amend the pending amendment, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2415).

Pending debate,

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose an amendment.

Mrs. MURRAY objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2415 to amendment No. 2412 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. ISAKSON asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose an amendment.

Mrs. MURRAY objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2415 to amendment No. 2412 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

Mr. REID raised a point of order, viz, that the amendment No. 2412 is legislation on appropriations, violates provisions of rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and therefore is not in order.

Mr. GREGG raised the question of germaneness.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. OBAMA in the chair) stated that the amendment is not germane, and therefore is not in order.

From a decision of the Chair,

Mr. GREGG appealed to the Senate.

The question being, Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Senate?

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of appeal taken by Mr. GREGG from the decision of the Chair.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 52, nays... 44

[Rollcall Vote No. 277 Leg.]

YEAS --- 52

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 44

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

So on appeal,

The decision of the Chair stands as the judgment of the Senate.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Ms. LANDRIEU to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2468).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. INHOFE) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 69, after line 24, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2444).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN for Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. WARNER) to further

amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 40, after line 24, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2405).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SCHUMER to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2416).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SCHUMER to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on various pages and lines, striking certain sums and inserting other sums (being amendment No. 2461).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. MENENDEZ) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 49, by striking all beginning with the period on line 22, through "2010:" on line 2, page 50 (being amendment No. 2447).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 69, after line 24, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2448).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. DOLE to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 16, line 1, by striking "may" and inserting in lieu thereof "shall" (being amendment No. 2462).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. DOLE to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 39, line 21, before the semicolon, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2449).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN (for Mr. GRASSLEY) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 69, after line 24, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2476).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY (for Mrs. FEINSTEIN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 69, after line 24, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2386).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2476 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY (for Mrs. FEINSTEIN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 69, after line 24, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2387).

Mrs. MURRAY, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2387, as modified.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2476 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY (for Mr. CORNYN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2430).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2476 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY (for Mrs. McCASKILL) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 69, after line 24, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2425).

Mrs. MURRAY, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2425, as modified.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2476 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY (for Mrs. CLINTON) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 69, after line 24, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2390).

Mrs. MURRAY, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2390, as modified.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2476 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

AMENDING THE U.S. TROOP
READINESS, VETERANS' CARE,
KATRINA RECOVERY AND IRAQ
ACCOUNTABILITY
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007
RELATIVE TO FORAGE
PRODUCERS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1716) to amend the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007, to strike a requirement relating to forage producers.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO RENDERING OF
MILITARY SALUTE BY MEMBERS
OF THE ARMED FORCES AND
VETERANS OUT OF UNIFORM
DURING HOISTING, LOWERING, OR
PASSING OF FLAG

On the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1877) to amend title 4, United States Code, to prescribe that members of the Armed Forces and veterans out of uniform may render the military salute during hoisting, lowering, or passing of flag, introduced on today by Mr. INHOFE, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING PRINTING OF THE
BROCHURE ENTITLED "HOW OUR
LAWS ARE MADE", THE
DOCUMENT-SIZED, ANNOTATED
VERSION OF THE UNITED STATES
CONSTITUTION, AND THE POCKET
VERSION OF THE UNITED STATES
CONSTITUTION

On the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 190) authorizing printing of the brochure entitled "How Our Laws Are Made", the document-sized, annotated version of the United States Constitution, and the pocket version of the United States Constitution, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, with Senators permitted to speak therein for 10 minutes each therein; that the first 30 minutes therein be controlled by the majority party; that the second 30 minutes therein be controlled by the minority party; and that, following morning business the Senate then resume consideration of bill H.R. 2638.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

At 8:11 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2007

Mr. ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CASEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 26, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., a Senator from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CASEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

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

S. 1893. An original bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1879. A bill to amend titles 10 and 37, United States Code, to reduce the minimum age of retirement for years of non-regular service for reserves who serve on active duty in Iraq and Afghanistan, to increase the amount of educational assistance for members of the Selected Reserve, and to

provide certain other benefits relating to service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1880. A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit dog fighting ventures; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 1881. A bill to amend the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to restore the intent and protections of that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BIDEN, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1882. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish various programs for the recruitment and retention of public health workers and to eliminate critical public health workforce shortages in Federal, State, local, and tribal public health agencies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1883. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for standardized marketing requirements under the Medicare Advantage program and the Medicare prescription drug program and to provide for State certification prior to waiver of licensure requirements under the Medicare prescription drug program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 1884. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to reauthorize and improve agricultural energy programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. KENNEDY)):

S. 1885. A bill to provide certain employment protections for family members who are caring for members of the Armed Forces recovering from illnesses and injuries incurred on active duty; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. CORKER, Mr. COBURN, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mrs. DOLE):

S. 1886. A bill to provide a refundable and advanceable credit for health insurance through the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, to provide for improved private health insurance access and affordability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1887. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act in order to ensure access to critical medications under the Medicare part D prescription drug program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 1888. A bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to add National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day to the list of days on which the flag should especially be displayed; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1889. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve railroad safety by reducing accidents and to prevent railroad fatalities, injuries, and hazardous materials releases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. 1890. A bill to allow individuals to opt-out of the National Flood Insurance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 1891. A bill to provide limited immunity for reports of suspected terrorist activity or suspicious behavior and response; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. LOTT):

S. 1892. A bill to reauthorize the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 1893. An original bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. REED, and Mr. LIEBERMAN)):

S. 1894. A bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide family and medical leave to primary caregivers of servicemembers with combat -related injuries; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE
RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 281. A resolution congratulating Cal Ripken Jr. for his induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame, for an outstanding career as an athlete, and for his contributions to baseball and to his community; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. Res. 282. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Week to raise public awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease and to foster understanding of the impact polycystic kidney disease has on patients and future generations of their families; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to prohibit the import, export, and sale of goods made with sweatshop labor, and for other purposes.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 557

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the depreciation classification of motorsports entertainment complexes.

S. 600

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 600, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish the School-Based Health Clinic program, and for other purposes.

S. 680

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 680, a bill to ensure proper oversight and accountability in Federal contracting, and for other purposes.

S. 718

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 718, a bill to

optimize the delivery of critical care medicine and expand the critical care workforce.

S. 742

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 742, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reduce the health risks posed by asbestos-containing products, and for other purposes.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 805, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa in the effort to achieve internationally recognized goals in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other major diseases and the reduction of maternal and child mortality by improving human health care capacity and improving retention of medical health professionals in sub-Saharan Africa, and for other purposes.

S. 958

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 958, a bill to establish an adolescent literacy program.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 969, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the definition of supervisor.

S. 986

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 986, a bill to expand eligibility for Combat-Related Special Compensation paid by the uniformed services in order to permit certain additional retired members who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for that disability and Combat-Related Special Compensation by reason of that disability.

S. 988

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 988, a bill to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

S. 991

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 991, a bill to establish the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation under the authorities of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961.

S. 1060

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr.

LAUTENBERG] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1060, a bill to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, and for other purposes.

S. 1070

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1070, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to enhance the social security of the Nation by ensuring adequate public-private infrastructure and to resolve to prevent, detect, treat, intervene in, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes.

S. 1146

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1146, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans who live in rural areas, and for other purposes.

S. 1152

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1152, a bill to promote wildland firefighter safety.

S. 1175

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1175, a bill to end the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, and for other purposes.

S. 1185

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1185, a bill to provide grants to States to improve high schools and raise graduation rates while ensuring rigorous standards, to develop and implement effective school models for struggling students and dropouts, and to improve State policies to raise graduation rates, and for other purposes.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit through 2013, and for other purposes.

S. 1245

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1245, a bill to reform mutual aid agreements for the National Capitol Region.

S. 1310

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1310, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of increased

payments for ground ambulance services under the Medicare program.

S. 1374

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1374, a bill to assist States in making voluntary high quality full-day prekindergarten programs available and economically affordable for the families of all children for at least 1 year preceding kindergarten.

S. 1418

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1418, a bill to provide assistance to improve the health of newborns, children, and mothers in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 1502

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1502, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to encourage owners and operators of privately-held farm, ranch, and forest land to voluntarily make their land available for access by the public under programs administered by States and tribal governments.

S. 1518

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1518, a bill to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1556

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1556, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage to designated plan beneficiaries of employees, and for other purposes.

S. 1651

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1651, a bill to assist certain Iraqis who have worked directly with, or are threatened by their association with, the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1718

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 1718, a bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for reimbursement to servicemembers of tuition for programs of education interrupted by military service, for deferment of students loans and reduced interest rates for servicemembers during periods of military service, and for other purposes.

S. 1790

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1790, a bill to make grants to carry out activities to prevent the incidence of unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections among teens in racial or ethnic minority or immigrant communities, and for other purposes.

S. 1817

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1817, a bill to ensure proper administration of the discharge of members of the Armed Forces for personality disorder, and for other purposes.

S. 1848

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1848, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to address the impact of globalization, to reauthorize trade adjustment assistance, to extend trade adjustment assistance to service workers, communities, firms, and farmers, and for other purposes.

S. 1849

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were withdrawn as cosponsors of S. 1849, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that wages paid to unauthorized aliens may not be deducted from gross income, and for other purposes.

S. 1850

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1850, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the treatment of Indian tribal governments as State governments for purposes of issuing tax-exempt governmental bonds, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 203

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 203, a resolution calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to use its unique influence and economic leverage to stop genocide and violence in Darfur, Sudan.

At the request of Mr. BYRD, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 203, supra.

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 203, supra.

SENATE RESOLUTION 276

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr.

KERRY], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR], the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 276, a resolution calling for the urgent deployment of a robust and effective multinational peacekeeping mission with sufficient size, resources, leadership, and mandate to protect civilians in Darfur, Sudan, and for efforts to strengthen the renewal of a just and inclusive peace process.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 26, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 26, 2007 at 10 a.m., in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled, "Examining the Case for the California Waiver: An Update from EPA."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 26, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 26, 2007, at 3 p.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to consider S. 1607, the "Currency Exchange Rate Oversight Reform Act of 2007," with a substitute amendment, and to consider favorably reporting pending nominees who have responded to all written questions and been cleared by both sides.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 26, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on Extraordinary Rendition.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 26, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on the United Nations Human Rights Council.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION,
LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 26, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in SR-325.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet Thursday, July 26, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing on the nomination of Charles W. Grim to be Director of the Indian Health Service.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate in order to conduct a markup on Thursday, July 26, 2007, at 10 a.m. in SD-226.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON
INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 26, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND
POWER

The Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 26, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:08 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2429. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide an exception to the 60-day limit on Medicare reciprocal billing arrangements between two physicians during the period in which one of the physicians is ordered to active duty as a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 12:41 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1495) to provide for

the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

The message further announced that the following Members be the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. OBERSTAR, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Messrs. BAIRD, HIGGINS, MITCHELL, KAGEN, MCNERNEY, MICA, DUNCAN, EHLERS, BAKER, BROWN of South Carolina, and BOOZMAN.

From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of sections 2014, 2023, and 6009 of the House bill, and sections 3023, 5008, and 5016 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. RAHALL, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, and Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS.

At 3:32 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2929. An act to limit the use of funds to establish any military installation or base for the purpose of providing for the permanent stationing of United States Armed Forces in Iraq or to exercise United States economic control of the oil resources of Iraq.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 187. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the dumping of industrial waste into the Great Lakes.

The message further announced that pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194(a), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy: Mr. MICHAUD of Maine, Ms. HIRONO of Hawaii, and Mr. MICA of Florida.

The message also announced that pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194(a), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy: Mr. COURTNEY of Connecticut and Mr. SHAYS of Connecticut.

At 5:39 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 1868. An act to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION
SIGNED

The following enrolled joint resolution, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, was signed on today, July 26, 2007, by the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

H.J. Res. 44. Joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL AND CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION REFERRED

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

H.R. 2929. An act to limit the use of funds to establish any military installation or base for the purpose of providing for the permanent stationing of United States Armed Forces in Iraq or to exercise United States economic control of the oil resources of Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 187. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the dumping of industrial waste into the Great Lakes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF
BILL H.R. 2638 ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate resumes consideration of bill H.R. 2638 on today, the time until 11:35 a.m. be for debate in relation to an amendment (numbered 2480) to be proposed by Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. PRYOR), relative to border security; that Mr. VOINOVICH be recognized to speak for 30 minutes; that the remaining time therein be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate between Mr. GRAHAM and Mr. PRYOR, or their designees; that no amendments be in order to said amendment prior to the vote; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said amendment, without further intervening action or debate.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND
SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TESTER in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 2638) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending

September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2476, proposed by Mr. COCHRAN (for Mr. GRASSLEY), to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. GREGG, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. KYL, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. COLEMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. WEBB, Mr. BAUCUS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. McCASKILL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. VITTER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. COBURN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CORKER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. INHOFE) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2480).

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 89, nays... 1

[Rollcall Vote No. 278 Leg.]

YEAS --- 89

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse.

NAYS --- 1

Voinovich.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2476 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. VITTER (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 69, after line 24, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2488).

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. BYRD) to insert in lieu of the language proposed to be inserted by the pending amendment other words (being amendment No. 2496, in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

Mr. DORGAN called for the regular order.

Whereupon,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2468, proposed by Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. CONRAD, and Mr. DORGAN), to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, and Mr. BYRD) to amend the pending amendment, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2505).

Pending debate,

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that amendment No. 2488 be the pending question.

Mrs. MURRAY objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2505 to amendment No. 2468 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. VITTER,

Ordered, That amendment No. 2488 be the pending question.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2488 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. VITTER modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2488, as modified, to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mrs. MURRAY called for the regular order with respect to amendment No. 2468.

Whereupon,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2505 to amendment No. 2468 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the time until 2 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate; and that, at 2 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2505 to amendment No. 2468 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the 15 minutes prior to the vote, ordered to occur at 2 p.m. on today, be equally divided and controlled.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2505 to amendment No. 2468 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That amendment No. 2448 be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2505 to amendment No. 2468 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. DEMINT raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment is legislation on appropriations, violates provisions of Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and therefore is not in order.

Mr. DORGAN asked unanimous consent that, notwithstanding Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, it be in order for the Senate to consider his amendment numbered 2505.

Mr. DEMINT objected.

The question being on the point of order raised by Mr. DEMINT.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SALAZAR in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2468 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. COCHRAN raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment is legislation on appropriations, violates provisions of Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and therefore is not in order.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. LANDRIEU,

Ordered, That she be recognized to speak for 10 minutes.

After debate,

The question being on the point of order raised by Mr. COCHRAN.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2496 to amendment No.

2488, as modified, to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That amendment No. 2405 be the pending question.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2405, proposed by Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. KYL), to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. ALEXANDER, by unanimous consent, modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2405, as modified, to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That there be one hour, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on the amendment; that no second-degree amendments be in order prior to the vote; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment, as modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2405, as modified, to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to lay the pending amendment, as modified, on the table.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 48, nays... 46

[Rollcall Vote No. 279 Leg.]

YEAS --- 48

Akaka, Allard, Baucus, Biden, Bingaman, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Clinton, Cochran, Conrad, Craig, Crapo, Durbin, Feingold, Gregg, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Snowe, Stabenow, Sununu, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse.

NAYS --- 46

Alexander, Barrasso, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Boxer, Bunning, Burr, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Klobuchar, Kyl, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Sessions, Smith, Specter, Stevens, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Wyden.

So the motion to table was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Subsequently,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DORGAN,

Ordered, That, on rollcall vote No. 279, his vote be changed from "nay" to "yea", thus changing the result to yeas 49, nays 45.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BAYH,

Ordered, That, on rollcall vote No. 279, his vote be changed from "nay" to "yea", thus changing the result to yeas 50, nays 44.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2496 to amendment No. 2488, as modified, to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mrs. MURRAY called for the regular order.

Whereupon,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2444, proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. INHOFE), to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mrs. MURRAY, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2444, as modified, to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mrs. MURRAY called for the regular order.

Whereupon,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2416, proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON), to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mrs. MURRAY, by unanimous consent, withdrew the pending amendment.

Mrs. MURRAY called for the regular order.

Whereupon,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2461, proposed by Mr. SCHUMER, to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mrs. MURRAY, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2461, as modified, to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mrs. MURRAY called for the regular order.

Whereupon,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2447, proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. MENENDEZ), to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

Mrs. MURRAY called for the regular order.

Whereupon,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2462, proposed by Mrs. DOLE, to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mrs. MURRAY, by unanimous consent, withdrew amendment No. 2476.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2462 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself, Mr. KYL, and Mr. GRAHAM) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 69, after line 24, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2503).

After debate,

Mr. MARTINEZ withdrew his pending amendment.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2462 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself and Mr. BILL NELSON) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 35, striking all beginning with "which shall" on line 20, through "3714:" on line 26 and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2413).

After debate,

Mr. MARTINEZ withdrew his pending amendment.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2462 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. SESSIONS asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be modified.

Mrs. MURRAY objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2462 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That amendment No. 2496 be withdrawn; and that amendment No. 2488, as modified, be agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2462 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 849

Mr. DURBIN asked unanimous consent that after the majority leader consults with the minority leader, the Senate may proceed to consider the bill (S. 849) to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes; that there be a limitation of 2 hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on the Judiciary, or their designees; that an amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. CORNYN), of a technical nature, be the only amendment in order to be proposed to the bill; that, upon conclusion of debate, the amendment be agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, as amended, without further intervening action or debate.

Mr. COCHRAN objected.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2638.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2462 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2449 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mrs. MURRAY, by unanimous consent, withdrew the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the following be recognized to propose the following amendments in the following order: Mr. DEMINT, amendment No. 2481; Mr. SALAZAR, amendment No. 2516; Mr. SANDERS, amendment No. 2498.

Ordered further, That each Senator be recognized to speak for 10 minutes; and that there be no intervening action.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. DEMINT to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 69, after line 24, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2481).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. DEMINT,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. GRAHAM) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2516).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. SALAZAR,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. FEINGOLD) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 69, after line 24, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2498).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. SANDERS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2498 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That Mr. LIEBERMAN be recognized to propose an amendment; and that he be recognized to speak for 10 minutes thereon.

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mrs. MCCASKILL) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on various pages and lines, by striking certain sums and inserting other sums and words (being amendment No. 2407).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2407 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mrs. MURRAY asked unanimous consent that, at 8:30 p.m. today, the Senate vote in relation to the following amendments in the following order: amendments numbered 2407, 2498, 2516, 2481; that no amendment be in order to the amendment prior to the vote; and that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote.

Mr. KYL objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2407 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That, at 8:30 p.m. today, the Senate vote in relation to the following amendments in the following order: amendments numbered 2407, 2498, 2481; that no amendment be in order to the amendment prior to the vote; and that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote.

Ordered further, That, prior to 8:30 p.m. on today, Mr. COBURN and Ms. LANDRIEU each be recognized to propose an amendment; and that each be recognized to speak for 10 minutes.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2407 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mrs. MCCASKILL) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2442).

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Ms. LANDRIEU to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 69, after line 24, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2525).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the yeas and nays, previously ordered on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 2407, be vitiated; and that the question recur on agreeing to said amendment.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2407 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2525 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The hour of 8:30 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2498 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 51, nays... 43

[Rollcall Vote No. 280 Leg.]

YEAS --- 51

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold,

Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 43

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2481 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 93, nays... 1

[Rollcall Vote No. 281 Leg.]

YEAS --- 93

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 1

Specter.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That amendment No. 2442 be the pending question.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2442 to amendment No.

2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2525 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That amendment No. 2516 be the pending question.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2516 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mrs. MURRAY, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2516, as modified, to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2525 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY for Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2518).

Mrs. MURRAY, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2518, as modified, to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2525 to amendment No.

2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY for Ms. LANDRIEU to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 69, after line 24, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2527).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2525 to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mrs. MURRAY, by unanimous consent, withdrew the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY for Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. LOTT) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 64, after line 6, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2469).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 69, after line 24, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2499).

Mrs. MURRAY modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2499, as modified, to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY (for Mr. STEVENS) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 7, after "operations" on line 7, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2475).

Mrs. MURRAY modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2475, as modified.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY (for Mr. LIEBERMAN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 69, after line 24, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2513).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY for Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. HAGEL) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 2502).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY for Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Ms. SNOWE) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 22, by striking "Provided" in line 17, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2514).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY (for Ms. CANTWELL) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 69, after line 24, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2391).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY for Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CORNYN, and

Mrs. BOXER) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2466).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY (for Mr. GREGG) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 69, after line 24, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2484).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY for Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. LIEBERMAN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 30, line 17, before the period, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2486).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY (for Mr. BYRD) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 69, after line 24, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2497).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY for Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2404).

Mrs. MURRAY modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2404, as modified, to

amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY (for Mr. AKAKA) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 69, after line 24, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2478).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL H.R. 1

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of the pending bill H.R. 2638, the Senate proceed to consider the conference report on bill H.R. 1; that there be 90 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon between the two leaders, or their designees; that there be 30 minutes to be controlled by Mr. COBURN; that, upon conclusion of debate, Mr. DEMINT be recognized to move to recommit the bill to the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on such bill, with instructions to report back forthwith with certain dockworker provisions; that there be 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon; that no other amendments or motions be in order; that, upon conclusion of said debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to recommit; and that, if said motion is not agreed to, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the conference report, without intervening action or debate.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2638.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, upon passage of the pending bill H.R. 2638, the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate; and that the Subcommittee on Homeland Security be appointed as said conferees, with no intervening action or debate.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That amendment No. 2516, previously agreed to, be modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That amendment No. 2518, previously agreed to, be modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mrs. MURRAY asked unanimous consent that it be in order for her to propose amendments, en bloc,

Mr. VITTER objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mrs. MURRAY, by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was modified, as indicated, and agreed to: Mrs. CLINTON, amendment No. 2438; Mr. CORNYN, amendment No. 2432; Mr. SESSIONS, amendment No. 2451; Mr. ISAKSON, amendment No. 2495; Mrs. BOXER, amendment No. 2500, as modified; Mr. FEINGOLD, amendment No. 2507; Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY), amendment No. 2477; Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. DURBIN), amendment No. 2519; Mr. BILL NELSON, amendment No. 2439; Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. AKAKA), amendment No. 2406; Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. ALLARD), amendment No. 2417, as modified; Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. DORGAN), amendment No. 2504; Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. DORGAN), amendment No. 2421, as modified; Mr. DOMENICI, amendment No. 2422; Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. GRASSLEY), amendment No. 2526; Mr. GRAHAM, amendment No. 2445, as modified; Mr. DODD (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. BAYH), amendment No. 2465, as modified; Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. CARPER), amendment No. 2508; Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself, Mr. OBAMA,

Mr. PRYOR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. KERRY), amendment No. 2509; Mr. KERRY (for himself and Ms. SNOWE), amendment No. 2463; Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG), amendment No. 2490; Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK), amendment No. 2521; Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. OBAMA), amendment No. 2467, as modified; Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KERRY, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. MENENDEZ), amendment No. 2474, as modified; Mrs. FEINSTEIN, amendment No. 2522, as modified; and Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. ALLARD, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. SALAZAR), amendment No. 2524.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2383 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall the bill, as amended, pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 89, nays... 4

[Rollcall Vote No. 282 Leg.]

YEAS --- 89

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 4

Coburn, DeMint, Inhofe, Voinovich.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate insisted on its amendment, and asked a conference with the House of

Representatives thereon; and the chair, as authorized, appointed Mr. BYRD, Mr. INOUE, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KOHL, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. GREGG, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. ALEXANDER as conferees on the part of the Senate.

Pending debate,

CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL
H.R. 1

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) laid before the Senate the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1) to provide for the implementation of the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the conference report.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN,

Ordered, That the order relative to consideration of the pending conference report be modified such that the Senate proceed to a period of 10 minutes for debate on a motion to be made by Mr. DEMINT to recommit the bill; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said motion; and that, if said motion is not agreed to, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the pending conference report.

Ordered further, That all time, previously ordered for debate on the conference report, be reserved for use upon conclusion of the aforementioned votes.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. DEMINT to recommit the bill H.R. 1 to the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on such bill, with an instruction that the conferees on the part of the Senate insist on the matter contained in section 1455 of the Senate-engrossed amendment, which prohibits the issuance of transportation security cards to convicted felons.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 26, nays... 67

[Rollcall Vote No. 283 Leg.]

YEAS --- 26

Alexander, Barrasso, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, McConnell, Sessions, Shelby, Sununu, Thune, Vitter.

NAYS --- 67

Akaka, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Cochran, Collins, Conrad, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the conference report.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 85, nays... 8

[Rollcall Vote No. 284 Leg.]

YEAS --- 85

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 8

Barrasso, Coburn, DeMint, Dole, Enzi, Graham, Inhofe, Kyl.

So the conference report was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the conference report.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL H.R. 976

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider bill H.R. 976; and that Mr. BAUCUS then be recognized to

propose an amendment (being the text of the SCHIP legislation, reported by the Committee on Finance).

Mr. COBURN objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL H.R. 976

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 976) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for small businesses, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 976, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 976:

HARRY REID, MAX BAUCUS, BERNARD SANDERS, JEFF BINGAMAN, TED KENNEDY, MARIA CANTWELL, B.A. MIKULSKI, BARBARA BOXER, D.K. INOUE, CHRISTOPHER DODD, PATTY MURRAY, BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, BARACK OBAMA, KENT CONRAD, DICK DURBIN, KEN SALAZAR, BLANCHE L. LINCOLN, JACK REED.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

Mr. REID thereupon withdrew the motion to proceed.

(The following occurred after midnight, being Friday, July 27, 2007)

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, JULY
30, 2007, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 30, 2007; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 3 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

Ordered further, That, at 3 p.m., the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 976; that the

time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Finance, or their designees; and that, at 5:30 p.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 976.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN,

At 12:29 a.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 30, 2007.

MONDAY, JULY 30, 2007

Mr. JIM WEBB, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WEBB led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, July 30, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JIM WEBB, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. WEBB took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, July 27, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, July 27, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Friday, July 27, 2007,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business until 3 p.m.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2703. A communication from the Acting Deputy Chief of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's decision to convert support functions currently performed by military personnel at Fleet Composite Squadron Six in Norfolk, Virginia, to a contractor; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2704. A communication from the Chief of Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Regulations Concerning Section 403(b) Tax-Sheltered Annuity Contracts" ((RIN1545-BB64)(TD 9340)), received on July 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2705. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, the report of a bill relative to the shipwrecked vessel RMS Titanic; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2706. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Demonstration Programs - Model Demonstration Projects to Improve the Postsecondary and Employment Outcomes of Youth with Disabilities" (72 FR 36676), received on July 25, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2707. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Assistance on Data Collection - General Supervision Enhancement Grants" (72 FR 37212), received on July 25, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2708. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Assistance

on Data Collection - Technical Assistance Center for Data Collection, Analysis, and Use for Accountability in Special Education and Early Intervention" (72 FR 37086), received on July 25, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2709. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Multi-Year Individualized Education Program Demonstration Program" (RIN1820-ZA41), received on July 25, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2710. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Paperwork Waiver Demonstration Program" (RIN1820-ZA42), received on July 25, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2711. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Letter Report: Certification of the Sufficiency of the Washington Convention Center Authority's Projected Revenues and Excess Reserve to Meet Projected Operating and Debt Service Expenditures and Reserve Requirements for Fiscal Year 2008"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2712. A communication from the Associate Special Counsel for Legal Counsel and Policy, Office of Special Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Freedom of Information Act Requests; Production of Records or Testimony" (5 C.F.R. Part 1820), received on July 25, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of a committee was submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 456. A bill to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1895. A bill to aid and support pediatric involvement in reading and education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SUNUNU (for himself and Mr. GREGG):

S. 1896. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11 Central Street in Hillsborough, New Hampshire, as the "Officer Jeremy Todd Charron Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1897. A bill to allow for expanded uses of funding allocated to Louisiana under the hazard mitigation program while preserving the goals of the program to reduce future damage from disasters through mitigation; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. REID (for Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mrs. DOLE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KENNEDY and Mr. BROWN)):

S. 1898. A bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to expand family and medical leave for spouses, sons, daughters, and parents of servicemembers with combat-related injuries; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARDIN:

S. 1899. A bill to require every American to have health insurance coverage; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. McCAIN:

S. 1900. A bill to authorize appropriations for the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 1901. A bill to amend Public Law 98-513 to provide for the inheritance of small fractional interests within the Lake Traverse Indian Reservation; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1902. A bill to limit cost growth associated with major defense base closures and realignments implemented as part of the 2005 round of defense base closure and realignment; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CASEY:

S. Res. 283. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States Postal Service should discontinue the practice of contracting out mail delivery services; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 284. A resolution to authorize testimony and legal representation in City and County of Denver v. Susan I. Gomez, Daniel R. Egger, and Carter Merrill; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 197

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 197, a bill to authorize salary adjustments for justices and judges of the United States for fiscal year 2007.

S. 358

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 358, a bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment.

S. 431

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 431, a bill to require convicted sex offenders to register online identifiers, and for other purposes.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

S. 456

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 456, a bill to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to

expand and improve gang prevention programs, and for other purposes.

S. 469

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

S. 519

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 519, a bill to modernize and expand the reporting requirements relating to child pornography, to expand cooperation in combating child pornography, and for other purposes.

S. 522

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 522, a bill to safeguard the economic health of the United States and the health and safety of the United States citizens by improving the management, coordination, and effectiveness of domestic and international intellectual property rights enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 548

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 548, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 734, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the rate of the tentative minimum tax for noncorporate taxpayers to 24 percent.

S. 742

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 742, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reduce the health risks posed by asbestos-containing products, and for other purposes.

S. 764

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 764, a bill to amend title XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to permit States the option of coverage of legal immigrants under the Medicaid Program and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to

amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 777

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 777, a bill to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities.

S. 799

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 799, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide individuals with disabilities and older Americans with equal access to community-based attendant services and supports, and for other purposes.

S. 814

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 814, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the deduction of attorney-advanced expenses and court costs in contingency fee cases.

S. 881

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 881, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 940

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 940, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the subpart F exemption for active financing income.

S. 1003

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1003, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to emergency medical services and the quality and efficiency of care furnished in emergency departments of hospitals and critical access hospitals by establishing a bipartisan commission to examine factors that affect the effective delivery of such services, by providing for additional payments for certain physician services furnished in such emergency departments, and by establishing a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Working Group, and for other purposes.

S. 1050

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1050, a bill to amend the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Public Health Service Act to set standards for medical diagnostic equipment and to

establish a program for promoting good health, disease prevention, and wellness and for the prevention of secondary conditions for individuals with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1159

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1159, a bill to amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part.

S. 1259

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1259, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance for developing countries to promote quality basic education and to establish the achievement of universal basic education in all developing countries as an objective of United States foreign assistance policy, and for other purposes.

S. 1286

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1286, a bill to authorize the Coquille Indian Tribe of the State of Oregon to convey land and interests in land owned by the Tribe.

S. 1340

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1340, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiaries with access to geriatric assessments and chronic care coordination services, and for other purposes.

S. 1398

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] were added as cosponsors of S. 1398, a bill to expand the research and prevention activities of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to inflammatory bowel disease.

S. 1557

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1557, a bill to amend part B of title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve 21st Century Community Learning Centers.

S. 1605

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1605, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect and preserve access of Medicare beneficiaries in rural areas to health care providers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1651

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1651, a bill to assist certain Iraqis who have worked directly with, or are threatened by their association with, the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1668

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] were added as cosponsors of S. 1668, a bill to assist in providing affordable housing to those affected by the 2005 hurricanes.

S. 1790

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1790, a bill to make grants to carry out activities to prevent the incidence of unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections among teens in racial or ethnic minority or immigrant communities, and for other purposes.

S. 1815

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1815, a bill to assure compliance with basic standards for all-terrain vehicles in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1843

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1843, a bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to clarify that an unlawful practice occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, and for other purposes.

S. 1851

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1851, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow personal exemptions under the individual alternative minimum tax, and for other purposes.

S. 1855

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1855, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide relief to individuals from the penalty for failure to pay estimated taxes on amounts attributable to the alternative minimum tax in cases where the taxpayer was not subject to the alternative minimum tax in the preceding year.

S. 1881

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr.

KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1881, a bill to amend the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to restore the intent and protections of that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1894

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1894, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide family and medical leave to primary caregivers of servicemembers with combat -related injuries.

SENATE RESOLUTION 276

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 276, a resolution calling for the urgent deployment of a robust and effective multinational peacekeeping mission with sufficient size, resources, leadership, and mandate to protect civilians in Darfur, Sudan, and for efforts to strengthen the renewal of a just and inclusive peace process.

At the request of Mr. REID, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 276, supra.

SENATE RESOLUTION 278

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 278, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the announcement of the Russian Federation of its suspension of implementation of the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe Treaty.

SENATE RESOLUTION 281

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 281, a resolution congratulating Cal Ripken Jr. for his induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame, for an outstanding career as an athlete, and for his contributions to baseball and to his community.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:20 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3093. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the act (H.R. 1) to provide for the

implementation of the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The following enrolled bill, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, was signed on today, July 30, 2007, by the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

S. 1868. An act to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 3093. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 976

Pursuant to the order of Friday, July 27, 2007,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. REID on Thursday, July 26, 2007, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 976) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for small businesses, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of Friday, July 27, 2007,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. STABENOW in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Thursday, July 26, 2007, to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 976.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 26, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 80, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 285 Leg.]

YEAS --- 80

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown,

Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lott, Lugar, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 976.

AUTHORIZING TESTIMONY, AND SENATE LEGAL REPRESENTATION

On the request of Mr. SANDERS,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. KLOBUCHAR in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 284) to authorize testimony and legal representation in City and County of Denver v. Susan I. Gomez, Daniel R. Egger, and Carter Merrill, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO DEATH GRATUITY PAYMENTS TO CHILDREN OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED SERVICES

On the request of Mr. SANDERS,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 175) expressing the sense of Congress that courts with fiduciary responsibility for a child of a deceased member of the Armed Forces who receives a death gratuity payment under section 1477 of title 10, United States Code, should take into consideration the expression of clear intent of the member regarding the distribution of funds on behalf of the child, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO THE GENOCIDE AND VIOLENCE IN DARFUR, SUDAN

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 203) calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to use its unique influence and economic leverage to stop genocide and violence in Darfur, Sudan.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment to the preamble.

The reported amendment to the preamble was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED; BILL REFERRED

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

Ordered, That the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2011) to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 100 East 8th Avenue in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, as the "George Howard, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; and that said bill be referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the

two leaders, or their designees; that the first half therein be controlled by the minority, and the second half therein be controlled by the majority; that, following morning business, all time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 976 be deemed concluded; that the motion to proceed then be agreed to; and that the Senate then proceed to consider the bill.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

At 7:24 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JULY 31, 2007

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. TESTER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, July 31, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. TESTER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 849

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that, after the majority leader consults with the minority leader, and at a time to be determined by the majority leader, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 849) to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes; that there be 2 hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on the Judiciary, or their designees; that the only amendment in order to be proposed thereto be an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. LEAHY; that, upon conclusion of debate, the amendment be agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, without intervening action or debate.

Mr. KYL objected.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Tuesday, July 31, 2007, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1868. A bill to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2713. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the funding of the support costs associated with the MH-60R helicopter mission avionics multi-year procurement program by the Future Years Defense Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2714. A communication from the Director of Defense and Research Engineering, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's intent to fund three additional Foreign Comparative Testing

Program projects during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2715. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Annual Report to Congress on the Biomass Research and Development Initiative for Fiscal Year 2006"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2716. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Gypsy Moth Generally Infested Areas; Addition of Counties in Ohio and West Virginia" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0116) received on July 26, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2717. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 37115) received on July 27, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2718. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 35938) received on July 27, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2719. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 35937) received on July 27, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2720. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 35932) received on July 27, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2721. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 35934) received on July 27, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2722. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, received on July

27, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2723. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Shareholder Choice Regarding Proxy Materials" (RIN3235-AJ79) received on July 26, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2724. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Limit the Daily Harvest of Halibut in the Guided Sport Charter Vessel Fishery for Halibut in Regulatory Area 2C" (RIN0648-AV47) received on July 27, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2725. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2007 Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Recreational Fishery Management Measures" (RIN0648-AU60) received on July 27, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2726. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Deep-Water Species Fishery by Catcher Processor Rockfish Cooperatives in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XB12) received on July 27, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2727. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nantucket Lightship Scallop Access Area Closure for General Category Scallop Vessels" (RIN0648-AU47) received on July 27, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2728. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Eastern Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XB33) received on July 27, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2729. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inseason Adjustments to

Groundfish Management Measures" (RIN0648-AV69) received on July 27, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2730. A communication from the Director, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the development of a training course for newly appointed Regional Fishery Management Council members; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2731. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Export Licensing Jurisdiction for Microelectronic Circuits" (RIN0694-AE02) received on July 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2732. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Attainment Determination, Redesignation of the Franklin County Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Area's Maintenance Plan and 2002 Base Year Inventory" (FRL No. 8445-6) received on July 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2733. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Iowa" (FRL No. 8448-5) received on July 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2734. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bromoxynil, Diclofop-methyl, Dicofol, Diquat, Etridiazole, et al.; Tolerance Actions" (FRL No. 8139-5) received on July 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2735. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Quillaja Saponaria Extract; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8136-6) received on

July 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2736. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana" (FRL No. 8442-9) received on July 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2737. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Redesignation of the Altoona's 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Area's Maintenance Plan and 2002 Base Year Inventory" (FRL No. 8446-9) received on July 26, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2738. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Redesignation of the Johnstown Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Area's Maintenance Plan and 2002 Base Year Inventory" (FRL No. 8442-7) received on July 26, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2739. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Clean Air Interstate Rule Nitrogen Oxides Annual Trading Program" (FRL No. 8446-3) received on July 26, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2740. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Chlorthalonil; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8127-9) received on July 26, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2741. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Sacramento

Metropolitan Air Quality Management District and San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 8442-4) received on July 26, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2742. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rimsulfuron; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8139-1) received on July 26, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2743. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Implementation Plan Revision; State of New Jersey" (FRL No. 8444-9) received on July 25, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2744. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Clarification of Visible Emissions Exceptions" (FRL No. 8447-6) received on July 25, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2745. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; States of Arizona and Nevada; Interstate Transport of Pollution" (FRL No. 8443-5) received on July 25, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2746. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partial Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule Revising the California State Implementation Plan, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 8444-3) received on July 25, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2747. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of New Jersey's Title V Operating Permit Program Revision" (FRL No. 8446-4) received on July 25, 2007; to the

Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2748. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the Interim Final Regulation for Mental Health Parity" (RIN0938-AO83) received on July 27, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2749. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "High Risk Pools" (RIN0938-AO46) received on July 27, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2750. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update" (Notice 2007-61) received on July 27, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2751. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to restrictions on assistance to the central government of Serbia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2752. A communication from the Director, Division for Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Veterans' Preference" (RIN3206-AL33) received on July 26, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2753. A communication from the Deputy White House Liaison, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, (31) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on July 27, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-173. A resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Miami Gardens, Florida, urging Congress to appropriate the funds necessary to bring the Herbert Hoover Dike into compliance with current levee protection safety standards; to the Committee on Appropriations.

POM-174. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to take such

actions as are necessary to create a federal catastrophe fund; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17

Whereas, the hurricane seasons of 2004 and 2005 were startling reminders of both the human and economic devastation that hurricanes, flooding, and other natural disasters can cause; and

Whereas, creation of a federal catastrophe fund is a comprehensive, integrated approach to help better prepare and protect the Nation from natural catastrophes, such as hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, snowstorms, and earthquakes; and

Whereas, the current system of response to catastrophes leaves many people and businesses at risk of being unable to replace what they lost, wastes tax dollars, raises insurance premiums, and leads to shortages of insurance needed to sustain our economy; and

Whereas, creation of a federal catastrophe fund would help stabilize insurance markets following a catastrophe and help steady insurance costs for consumers while making it possible for private insurers to offer more insurance in catastrophe-prone areas; and

Whereas, a portion of the premiums collected by insurance companies could be deposited into such a fund which could be administered by the United States Treasury and grow tax free; and

Whereas, a portion of the interest earnings of the fund could be dedicated to emergency responder efforts and public education and mitigation programs; and

Whereas, the federal catastrophe fund would operate as a "backstop" and could only be accessed when private insurers and state catastrophe funds have paid losses in excess of a defined threshold; and

Whereas, utilizing the capacity of the Federal Government would help smooth out fluctuations consumers currently experience in insurance prices and availability because of exposure to large catastrophic losses and would provide better protection at a lower price; and

Whereas, when there is a gap between the insurance protection consumers buy and the damage caused by a major catastrophe, taxpayers across the country pay much of the difference, as congressional appropriations of billions of dollars for after-the-fact disaster relief in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina demonstrated; and

Whereas, there are a number of legislative instruments pending in the current One Hundred Tenth Congress which address the need for a federal catastrophe fund, including the Homeowners Protection Act of 2007 (H.R. 91) and the Commission on Catastrophic Disaster Risk an Insurance Act

of 2007 (H.R. 537 and S. 292). Therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to create a federal catastrophe fund. Be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-175. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to take such actions as are necessary to either extend the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act to include insurance coverage for natural disasters such as earthquakes and hurricanes or, alternatively, to establish a tax incentive program for insurance companies that provide insurance coverage for such disasters; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50

Whereas, as a result of the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita to personal residential property, commercial residential property, and commercial property, Louisiana insureds, especially those located in the greater New Orleans area, are at risk with regard to the availability and affordability of personal residential property, commercial residential property, and commercial property insurance; and

Whereas, Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita have created a real threat to the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Louisiana, as well as to the rebuilding efforts of Louisiana citizens in the post-Katrina and Rita era; and

Whereas, Louisiana, as a state located on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico, will continue to be at risk from the threat of hurricanes, further jeopardizing the availability and affordability of personal residential property, commercial residential property, and commercial property insurance. Therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to either extend the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act (TRIA) to include insurance coverage for natural disasters such as earthquakes and hurricanes or, alternatively, to establish a tax incentive program for insurance companies that provide insurance coverage for natural disasters such as earthquakes and hurricanes. Be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of

the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-176. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to take such actions as are necessary to revise the National Flood Insurance Program to extend coverage for other natural disasters; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 212

Whereas, the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 established the National Flood Insurance Program as a means of mitigating flood damages by making flood insurance available in communities that adopt and enforce measures to reduce flood losses; and

Whereas, the National Flood Insurance Program is a federal program that allows property owners to purchase insurance protection against losses due to flooding; and

Whereas, Louisiana as well as other states have significant vulnerability to natural disasters, and when coupled with the lack of appropriate insurance coverage, this may result in a catastrophic impact on the economic, human, and physical environment of the United States; and

Whereas, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita caused unprecedented property damage, loss of life, and the upheaval of societal norms in the state of Louisiana; and

Whereas, the availability and affordability of property insurance has become an issue of paramount importance in a post-Katrina environment that has seen a significant drop in property coverages offered in the private market, unprecedented rate increases, and total risk avoidance in hurricane-prone areas; and

Whereas, revising the National Flood Insurance Program to extend multi-peril insurance coverage for damage resulting from earthquakes, volcanoes, tsunamis, and hurricanes would reduce the economic consequences of future natural disasters; and

Whereas, the accessibility of multi-peril insurance coverage through a federally offered program may increase participation in the National Flood Insurance Program, thereby reducing rates due to the aggregate risk pooling of natural disasters; and

Whereas, this goal may be accomplished by generating sufficient premium income to provide insurance protection against disasters and to reduce the government's expenditures for future disaster relief; and

Whereas, the incorporation of a multi-peril mitigation program within the National Flood Insurance Program would afford consumers the protection of a residential insurance program with multi-peril protection. Therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States

Congress to take such actions as are necessary to allow the National Flood Insurance Program to extend coverage for other natural disasters. Be it further

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

POM-177. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to take such actions as are necessary to ensure that all all-terrain vehicles sold in the United States meet mechanical equipment standards of the Consumer Product Safety Commission and that safety information and training are being provided to all purchasers of all-terrain vehicles; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 274

Whereas, the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from more than fifteen thousand types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction, and the commission is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard or can injure children; and

Whereas, despite success in general, injuries and deaths resulting from the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), particularly involving children, are on the rise; and

Whereas, a CPSC staff report from 2005 includes the following ATV-related injury and death data:

In 2003, there were an estimated seven hundred forty deaths associated with ATVs.

In 2001, the most recent year for which death data collection is complete, twenty-six percent of the reported deaths were of children under sixteen years old.

The estimated risk of death was 1.1 deaths per ten thousand four-wheeled ATVs in use in 2003.

The estimated number of ATV-related emergency-room-treated injuries for all ages in 2004 was one hundred thirty-six thousand one hundred, an increase of ten thousand six hundred from 2003. This increase was statistically significant.

Children under sixteen years of age accounted for forty-four thousand seven hundred, or thirty-three percent, of the total estimated number of injuries in 2004.

There were about one hundred eighty-eight emergency-room-treated injuries per ten thousand four-wheeled ATVs in use in 2004; and

Whereas, currently ATVs are subject only to voluntary standards and Letters of

Undertaking entered into by the CPSC and the major manufacturers; and

Whereas, there are gaps in the current, voluntary system of regulating the industry; primary among them is the fact that the regulations do not apply to "new entrants", that is, those manufacturers who have not agreed to participate in the standards; and

Whereas, despite a recommendation from its own staff that equipment standards and safety measures should be applied to all manufacturers and distributors, the CPSC has failed to adopt final mandatory regulations applicable to ATVs; and

Whereas, in the interest of saving lives and preventing injury, it is appropriate that Congress get involved in this issue: Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to do all of the following:

(1) Require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a consumer product safety standard for all-terrain vehicles. The standard shall be the same as the American National Standard for Four Wheel All-Terrain Vehicles-Equipment, Configuration, and Performance Requirements ANSI/SVIA-1-2001 or its successor standard.

(2) Require each manufacturer or importer of an all-terrain vehicle to which the ATV standard applies to submit an action plan to the commission for its approval. Such plan shall include the offer of free rider training, dissemination of safety information, age recommendations, the monitoring of such sales, and other safety-related measures.

(3) Prohibit a manufacturer or importer of all-terrain vehicles from distributing an all-terrain vehicle in commerce unless the manufacturer or importer has complied with its obligations under its action plan that has been approved by the commission.

(4) Require each all-terrain vehicle to which the ATV standard applies to bear a permanent label certifying that the all-terrain vehicle complies with the consumer product safety standard and is subject to an action plan accepted by the commission; identifies the manufacturer or importer issuing the certification; and contains sufficient information to enable the commission to identify the particular action plan that applies to that all-terrain vehicle; and be it further

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

POM-178. A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey urging Congress to reinstate its offshore water quality testing program along the New

Jersey coastline; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 270

Whereas, The United States Environmental Protection Agency has conducted a seasonal offshore monitoring program by helicopter for the last 30 years along the New Jersey coastline that searched for and tested the presence of dissolved oxygen and enterococci (i.e., fecal) bacteria in ocean waters; and

Whereas, The existence of certain levels of dissolved oxygen and enterococci bacteria are precursors or indicators of potential fish kills and harmful algal blooms or "brown tide"; and

Whereas, The United States Environmental Protection Agency has announced that it is terminating this offshore water testing program in favor of alternative methods of testing for these environmental indicators; and

Whereas, A massive algal bloom appeared in Raritan and Sandy Hook Bays in late May 2007, turning coastal ocean waters brown from Sandy Hook to Manasquan, thereby reemphasizing the need for the continuation of the federal ocean water testing program; and

Whereas, The State, counties and municipalities affected by the termination of the federal ocean water testing program do not have the logistical or financial capability to continue or replace this program in time for the 2007 summer shore season; and

Whereas, New Jersey has a coastline of beautiful beaches which is not only one of the State's greatest natural resources but also is vital to the State's economy through the billions of dollars generated from shore-related tourism; and

Whereas, The United States Environmental Protection Agency is continuing the use of its coastal monitoring helicopter to conduct surveillance of floatable objects in the ocean off the coast of New Jersey and therefore could reinstate the ocean water testing program in an expeditious manner without undue financial or logistical hardships; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

(1) This House opposes the decision by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to terminate the offshore ocean water quality testing program along the coast of New Jersey and urges that it be reinstated immediately.

(2) Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of the Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, shall be transmitted to the President and Vice-President of the United States, the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Region II Administrator of that agency, the

Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the majority and minority leaders of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Congress of the United States elected from this State, and the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental protection.

POM-179. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to vote in favor of H.R. 1229, the Non-Market Economy Trade Remedy Act of 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 115

Whereas, H.R. 1229, the "Non-Market Economy Trade Remedy Act of 2007," will ensure that the United States countervailing duty law applies to imports from non-market economies; and

Whereas, the purpose of the countervailing duty law is to offset any unfair competitive advantage that foreign manufacturers or exporters have as a result of subsidies; and

Whereas, manufacturing is a vital part of the American economy; and

Whereas, each American manufacturing job results in the creation of approximately four additional jobs; and

Whereas, since 1997, Louisiana has lost over thirty-nine thousand manufacturing jobs due to unfair trade practices; and

Whereas, Louisiana's coastal area is home to some of the Nation's premiere commercial fisheries, accounting for 30 percent of the commercial fisheries production of the lower 48 States; and

Whereas, the Louisiana seafood industry provides an annual economic impact of approximately two billion eight hundred million dollars and over thirty-one thousand jobs; and

Whereas, the Louisiana seafood industry has lost over eleven thousand jobs and millions of dollars due to illegally subsidized seafood imports and dumping from foreign nations; and

Whereas, industries that once were the pride of their communities and employed generations of the same family have been shut down resulting from jobs being shifted to foreign nations where labor is cheap and environmental standards are not enforced; and

Whereas, billions of dollars in wages and millions of jobs are expected to move from the United States to low-cost nations by 2015; and

Whereas, H.R. 1229, the "Non-Market Economy Trade Remedy Act of 2007," is being considered in Congress to correct the longstanding inequity of trade law, and requires the Department of Commerce to take action in countervailing duty cases in support of American businesses: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to vote in favor of H.R. 1229, the "Non-Market Economy Trade Remedy Act of 2007"; and be it further

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

POM-180. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Wisconsin urging Congress to create a system that ensures that trade agreements are developed and implemented using a democratic, inclusive mechanism that enshrines the principles of federalism and state sovereignty; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8

Whereas, democratic, accountable governance in the States, generally, and the authority granted by the Wisconsin constitution to the legislative branch, specifically, are being undermined by international commercial and trade rules enforced by the World Trade Organization (WTO) and established by the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and are further threatened by similar provisions in an array of pending trade agreements; and

Whereas, today's "trade" agreements have impacts that extend significantly beyond the bounds of traditional trade matters, such as tariffs and quotas, and instead grant foreign investors and service providers certain rights and privileges regarding acquisition of land and facilities and regarding operations within a State's territory, subject State laws to challenge as "nontariff barriers to trade" in the binding dispute resolution bodies that accompany the pacts, and place limits on the future policy options of State legislatures; and

Whereas, NAFTA and other U.S. free trade agreements grant foreign firms new rights and privileges for operating within a State that exceed those rights and privileges granted to U.S. businesses under State and Federal law; and

Whereas, NAFTA already has generated "regulatory takings" cases against State and local land-use decisions, State environmental and public health policies, adverse State court rulings, and State and local contracts that would not have been possible in U.S. courts; and

Whereas, when States are bound to comply with government procurement provisions contained in trade agreements, common economic development and environmental policies, such as buy-local laws, prevailing wage laws, and policies to prevent offshoring of State jobs, as well as recycled content

laws, could be subject to challenge as violating the obligations in the trade agreements; and

Whereas, recent trade agreements curtail State regulatory authority by placing constraints on future policy options; and

Whereas, the WTO general agreement on trade in services (GATS) could undermine State efforts to expand health care coverage and rein in health care costs and places constraints on State and local land-use planning and gambling policy; and

Whereas, new GATS negotiations could impose additional constraints on State regulation of energy, higher education, professional licensing, and other areas; and

Whereas, despite the indisputable fact that international trade agreements have a far-reaching impact on State and local laws, Federal Government trade negotiators have failed to respect States' rights to prior informed consent before binding States to conform State law and authority to trade agreement requirements and have refused even to inform State legislatures of key correspondence; and

Whereas, the current encroachment on State regulatory authority by international commercial and trade agreements has occurred in no small part because U.S. trade policy is being formulated and implemented under the Fast Track Trade Authority procedure; and

Whereas, Fast Track eliminates vital checks and balances established in the U.S. Constitution by broadly delegating to the executive branch Congress's exclusive constitutional authority to set the terms of trade, such that the executive branch is empowered to negotiate broad-ranging trade agreements and to sign them prior to Congress voting on the agreements; and

Whereas, the ability of the executive branch to sign trade agreements prior to Congress's vote of approval means that executive branch negotiators can ignore congressional negotiating objectives or States' demands, and neither Congress nor the States have any means to enforce any decision regarding what provisions must be contained in every U.S. trade agreement or what provisions may not be included in any U.S. trade agreement; and

Whereas, Federal trade negotiators have ignored and disrespected States' demands regarding whether States agree to be bound to certain nontariff trade agreement provisions; and

Whereas, Fast Track also circumvents normal congressional review and amendment committee procedures, limits debate to 20 hours, and forbids any floor amendments to the implementing legislation that is presented to Congress to conform hundreds of U.S. laws to trade agreement obligations and to incorporate the actual trade agreement itself

into U.S. Federal law that preempts State law; and

Whereas, Fast Track is not necessary for negotiating trade agreements as demonstrated by the existence of scores of trade agreements, including major pacts, implemented in the past 30 years without use of Fast Track; and

Whereas, Fast Track, which was established in 1974 by President Richard Nixon when trade agreements were limited to traditional matters, such as tariffs and quotas, is now woefully outdated and inappropriate given the diverse range of nontrade issues now included in "trade" agreements that broadly affect State and Federal nontrade regulatory authority; and

Whereas, the current grant of Fast Track expires in June 2007: Now, therefore, be it
Resolved, by the Senate, That:

(1) The U.S. Congress be urged to create a replacement for the outdated Fast Track system so that U.S. trade agreements are developed and implemented using a more democratic, inclusive mechanism that enshrines the principles of federalism and State sovereignty.

(2) This new process for developing and implementing trade agreements include an explicit mechanism for ensuring the prior informed consent of State legislatures before States are bound to the nontariff terms of any trade agreement that affects State regulatory authority to ensure that the United States trade representative respects the decisions made by States.

(3) Copies of this resolution be sent to President George W. Bush, Ambassador Susan Schwab, U.S. Trade Representative, the President of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation.

POM-181. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to take such actions as are necessary to examine the provisions of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to provide prenatal care to immigrants; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 258

Whereas, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, P.L. 104-193, (PRWORA) significantly changed the eligibility of noncitizens for federal means-tested public benefits, including Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program; and

Whereas, as a general rule, only "qualified aliens" as defined in §431 of PRWORA maybe eligible for coverage; and

Whereas, some immigrants cannot be eligible for coverage for five years from the date they enter the country as a qualified alien; and

Whereas, the five-year bar only applies to qualified aliens who entered the United States on or after August 22, 1996, unless they meet one of the exceptions in PRWORA; and

Whereas, the five-year bar never applies to immigrants who are applying for treatment of an emergency medical condition only; and

Whereas, under PRWORA all immigrants, both qualified and non-qualified aliens as well as those who are residing in the country in an undocumented status, may be eligible for treatment of an emergency medical condition only, provided that they otherwise meet the eligibility criteria for the state's Medicaid program; and

Whereas, if prenatal care was provided for immigrants who are currently not eligible, there would likely be a great return on the money because once the baby is born in the United States, it becomes a citizen and may possibly receive Medicaid benefits; and

Whereas, it would be beneficial to our citizens if the Federal Government would study the costs of providing prenatal care versus the costs for caring for a preterm baby; and

Whereas, changes in the PRWORA may save the lives of many preterm babies born to immigrants in this country; and

Whereas, this Resolution is executed in memory of baby Jui: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to examine the provisions of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to provide prenatal care to immigrants; and be it further

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

POM-182. A communication from the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to take such actions as are necessary to provide the same tax breaks and federal financial assistance to Louisiana residents affected by Hurricane Rita as those afforded to Louisiana residents affected by Hurricane Katrina; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 223.

Whereas, in August and September 2005, Louisiana was decimated by multiple hurricanes striking the state, resulting in a combination of natural disasters of unprecedented proportions in American history; and

Whereas, these disasters caused a burden no state has ever had to bear, including the loss of life, livelihoods, and homes, destruction and damage to public buildings

and public works, and damage to its coastal wetlands and coastline; and

Whereas, the citizens, businesses, communities, schools, and state and local governments of Louisiana have suffered tremendous loss; and

Whereas, the ramifications of these events continue to affect every citizen of the state as we continue to struggle to rebuild our lives, homes, businesses, and communities; and

Whereas, because of the mass devastation and loss of life suffered by the citizens of New Orleans and southeast Louisiana as a result of Hurricane Katrina, congress acted quickly in granting victims and survivors of Hurricane Katrina various tax breaks and federal financial assistance aimed at long-term recovery; and

Whereas, although the devastation realized as a result of Hurricane Rita was not as large-scale as the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, the victims and survivors of Hurricane Rita who lost their homes, businesses, livelihoods, and entire communities are suffering every bit as much as the citizens affected by Hurricane Katrina; and

Whereas, the citizens of southwest Louisiana are in need for congress to act quickly in granting them the same tax breaks and federal financial assistance as was granted to the victims and survivors of Hurricane Katrina in order to sustain long-term recovery: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to provide the same tax breaks and federal financial assistance to Louisiana residents affected by Hurricane Rita as those afforded to Louisiana residents affected by Hurricane Katrina; and be it further

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

POM-183. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois establishing May 2007 as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 58

Whereas, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or ALS is better known as Lou Gehrig's disease; and

Whereas, ALS is a fatal neurodegenerative disease characterized by degeneration of cell bodies of the lower motor neurons in the gray matter of the anterior horns of the spinal cord; and

Whereas, The initial symptom of ALS is weakness of the skeletal muscles, especially those of the extremities; and

Whereas, As ALS progresses the patient experiences difficulty in swallowing, talking, and breathing; and

Whereas, ALS eventually causes muscles to atrophy and the patient becomes a functional quadriplegic; and

Whereas, ALS does not affect a patient's mental capacity, so that the patient remains alert and aware of his or her loss of motor functions and the inevitable outcome of continued deterioration and death; and

Whereas, On average, patients diagnosed with ALS only survive two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

Whereas, research indicates that military veterans are at a 50% or greater risk of developing ALS than those who have not served in the military; and

Whereas, ALS has no known cause, means of prevention, or cure; and

Whereas, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month increases the public's awareness of ALS patients' circumstances and acknowledges the terrible impact this disease has not only on the patient but on his or her family and the community and recognizes the research being done to eradicate this horrible disease; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly of the State of Illinois, The Senate concurring herein, that we proclaim the month of May 2007 as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month in the State of Illinois; and be it further

Resolved, That we memorialize the President and Congress of the United States to enact legislation to provide additional funding for research in order to find a treatment and eventually a cure for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the President of the United States and each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.

POM-184. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois urging Congress to address certain concerns relative to the reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 396

Whereas, The federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) requires reauthorization in 2007; Now therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That we urge the United States Congress to address the following concerns when considering the reauthorization of NCLB:

(1) allow states the flexibility to use growth model assessment models to enhance existing measures of student progress;

(2) provide flexibility in program implementation with respect to varying student and teacher needs related to diversity of geography, wealth, and background;

(3) revise assessment guidelines for special needs students so that such students are more fairly assessed considering their specific individualized education programs and, therefore, better served;

(4) resolve other contradictions between NCLB and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA);

(5) address issues arising from students who are counted in multiple groups when determining adequate yearly progress;

(6) allow schools to offer, and provide full funding for, important supplemental education services before schools are forced to offer choice;

(7) provide greater flexibility when determining the sizes of groups regarding assessment subgroups;

(8) school improvement grants must be funded so that the sanctions placed on schools will result in improved student achievement and the reversal of negative trends;

(9) seek greater consistency in state certification criteria and the federal "highly qualified" designation;

(10) the highly qualified teacher provisions of NCLB require clarification, greater flexibility regarding alignment with state certification, and appropriate, specific, technical assistance in order to ensure compliance; and

(11) resident school districts of special needs students attending private schools must pay for IDEA services delivered at a private school; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to President of the United States George W. Bush, United States Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings, and each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.

POM-185. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan urging Congress to enact the Education Begins at Home Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 61

Whereas, each year, an estimated 2.7 million children in America are abused or neglected, including 900,000 cases that are actually investigated and verified by overburdened state child protection systems. Nationally, more than 1,400 children die from abuse or neglect each year. Over half of them were previously unknown to child protective services. In Michigan during 2005, 147,628 families were investigated for

suspected child maltreatment. In those families investigated, 28,154 children were confirmed to be victims of child abuse and neglect. Of all confirmed cases of abuse and neglect, more than a third involved children three years old or younger. Another 19,265 children were in out-of-home placement as the result of child abuse and neglect and delinquency; and

Whereas, children who survive abuse or neglect likely carry the emotional scars for life, while studies also show that being abused or neglected multiplies the risk that a child will grow up to be violent. The best available research indicates that, based on confirmed cases of child abuse and neglect in just one year, of these children, there will be an additional 35,000 adult violent criminals and more than 250 murderers who would never have become violent criminals if not for the abuse or neglect they endured as children. Fortunately, evidence-based in-home parent coaching programs can prevent child abuse and neglect and reduce later crime and violence. In general, these programs provide voluntary coaching to parents of children up to five years old in home settings for some period of time; and

Whereas, a number of programs exist to help parents. The Nurse Family Partnership randomly assigned interested at-risk pregnant women to receive in-home visits by nurses starting before the birth of the first child and continuing until the child was two years old. The program cut abuse and neglect among at-risk children in half according to research published in a leading medical journal. In addition, children of mothers who received this coaching had 59 percent fewer arrests by age 15 than the children of mothers who were not coached. Yet this program reaches only a tiny fraction of eligible parents. Other major home-visiting programs include Parents as Teachers, Healthy Families America, Early Head Start, Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters, and the Parent-Child Home Program. However, hundreds of thousands of at-risk mothers across the country receive no in-home parent coaching. The impacts of child abuse and neglect cost Americans \$94 billion a year. In 2005, the direct cost of child abuse and neglect in Michigan was an estimated \$531,744,598. Prevention efforts such as Michigan's 0-3 Secondary Prevention Initiative, which reflects the use of a variety of program models, saved an estimated \$41,268,095 in direct costs associated with child abuse and neglect; and

Whereas, in the 109th Congress, Senator Bond and Representatives Davis and Platts, together with many of their colleagues, cosponsored the bipartisan Education Begins at Home Act in the Senate and House (S. 503/H.R. 3628) to provide grants to help states establish or expand voluntary in-home parent-coaching programs for families with

young children. The Education Begins at Home Act would have authorized \$400 million over three years in grants from the United States Department of Health and Human Services for voluntary in-home parent-coaching programs. The Education Begins at Home Act would also have authorized \$100 million over three years in grants for voluntary in-home parent-coaching programs for English language learners and military families. These programs would strengthen Early Head Start, which includes center-based and in-home parent coaching components. Each of the major home-visiting programs operates in Michigan, and the Education Begins at Home Act would allow program flexibility so that states would not be tied to one particular model. These voluntary programs would help new parents learn skills to promote healthy child development and be better parents; Now: therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the United States Congress to reintroduce an expanded Education Begins at Home Act. We encourage sponsors of the new bill to include separate funding authorization levels for each of the next five years, to target funding first toward jurisdictions with the greatest need, and to ensure that funding priority be given to evidence-based approaches that deliver effective results in improving outcomes for children and families; and be it further

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

POM-186. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to take a proactive role in assisting the communities of New Orleans East in protecting their health and safety and in promoting economic development; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 134

Whereas, the health, safety, welfare, and economic recovery of the residents and businesses of New Orleans East are dependent upon the continued assistance and encouragement from our federal partners; and

Whereas, the Legislature of Louisiana created the New Orleans Regional Business Park as a special municipal district for the primary purpose of engaging industrial, manufacturing, processing, assembling, distribution, and wholesale businesses; and

Whereas, as of early May 2006, approximately forty companies out of one hundred four pre-Katrina were back in business and the future of the others is largely uncertain; and

Whereas, New Orleans East has become the illegal burial grounds for homes and businesses washed out by hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and

Whereas, illegal dumping makes it extremely hard to attract businesses to New Orleans East and to the business park; and

Whereas, in the business park alone there are twenty-three known illegal dumping sites and thirteen illegal automobile dumping sites; and

Whereas, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency awarded the business park \$400,000 in grants to catalogue contamination, but none of the federal funds will be used for cleanup; and

Whereas, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Enforcement Division, Surveillance Division and Criminal Investigations Section of the Legal Affairs Division have inspected over one hundred seventy-five sites and found potential environmental violations on one hundred fifty of these sites in the Almonaster/Gentilly area alone; and

Whereas, on one of these sites, sixty-five thousand cubic yards of debris or approximately an eleven foot tall mound of debris was found to have been illegally dumped on this one site in New Orleans East; and

Whereas, the illegal piles of debris do not have protective barriers to keep whatever poisons are in the piles contained and from leaking out into the wetlands surrounding this area; and

Whereas, numerous federal agencies have roles and responsibilities in the health, safety, and economic development after hurricanes Katrina and Rita which range from debris removal, oversight of regulations, and recovery funding; and

Whereas, the removal of all dump sites within the New Orleans Regional Business Park will improve the health, safety, and economic development: Now Therefore, be it *Resolved,* That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to urge and request the respective executive branch departments to take a proactive role in assisting the communities of New Orleans East in protecting their health and safety and in promoting economic development: and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request the Congress of the United States and the appropriate federal agencies, in coordination with appropriate Louisiana state agencies, to immediately take the following actions: (a) cease funding any waste disposal activities within the New Orleans Regional Business Park, except for the city of New Orleans' landfill known as the Gentilly Landfill which is legally permitted and should continue working with all state and federal agencies; (b) develop and implement procedures for expeditious

environmental sampling, analysis, and reporting; (c) resolve the blurring of debris management responsibilities between the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Environmental Protection Agency, and state environmental and public health agencies; (d) review and enhance the Environmental Protection Agency's oversight role of illegal and improper debris disposal; and (e) provide guidance and mechanisms for the development of public/private partnerships in restoring and redeveloping the New Orleans Regional Business Park and the New Orleans East community; and be it further

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

POM-187. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of New Hampshire urging Congress to fully fund the federal government's share of special education services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Whereas, since its enactment in 1975, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) has helped millions of children with special needs to receive a quality education and to develop to their full capacities; and

Whereas, IDEA has moved children with disabilities out of institutions and into public school classrooms with their peers; and

Whereas, IDEA has helped break down stereotypes and ignorance about people with disabilities, improving the quality of life and economic opportunity for millions of Americans; and

Whereas, when the federal government enacted IDEA, it promised to fund up to 40 percent of the average per pupil expenditure in public elementary and secondary schools in the United States; and

Whereas, the federal government currently funds, on average, less than 17 percent of the average per pupil expenditure in public elementary and secondary schools in the United States; and

Whereas, local school districts and state government end up bearing the largest share of the cost of special education services; and

Whereas, the federal government's failure to adequately fulfill its responsibility to special needs children undermines public support for special education and creates hardship for disabled children and their families; and

Whereas, the general court is currently challenged with the responsibility of defining and funding an adequate education for all children in this state; and

Whereas, these legislative efforts are significantly burdened and constrained by the costs incurred by the federal government's

failure to meet its full financial promise under IDEA: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That the New Hampshire general court urges the President and the Congress, prior to spending any surplus in the federal budget, to fund 40 percent of the average per pupil expenditure in public elementary and secondary schools in the United States as promised under IDEA to ensure that all children, regardless of disability, receive a quality education and are treated with the dignity and respect they deserve; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be forwarded by the senate clerk to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the members of the New Hampshire congressional delegation.

POM-188. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to take such actions as are necessary to forgive student loans of college graduates who move to Louisiana to support activities to rebuild and revitalize communities damaged by Hurricane Katrina or Rita; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

Whereas, there are currently student loan forgiveness programs administered by the United States Department of Education for Stafford Loan recipients who serve as teachers serving low-income students and some childcare providers serving in low-income areas; and

Whereas, there are currently student loan forgiveness programs administered by the United States Department of Education for Perkins Loan recipients who serve as teachers serving low-income students, Head Start staff, special education teachers or providers, members of the armed forces in an area of hostilities, Vista or Peace Corps volunteers, full-time law enforcement and corrections officers, full-time teachers in shortage areas, full-time nurses and medical technicians, and service providers to high-risk children and families in low-income communities; and

Whereas, the United States Military and federal agencies may pay all or a portion of an individual's student loans based on years of service; and

Whereas, these loan forgiveness and repayment programs, by decreasing the financial demands on recent college graduates, provide incentive for individuals to work in professions and for pay that would otherwise not be economically feasible; and

Whereas, the needs and demands for assistance in the areas damaged by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita to children and families exceed the services provided by

education to low-income schools, the federal government, Vista, law enforcement, or the medical community: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to expand the student loan forgiveness programs currently provided by the United States Department of Education to provide for loan forgiveness of Stafford Loan and Perkins Loan recipients for college graduates who relocate to Louisiana to support efforts to rebuild and revitalize communities damaged by Hurricane Katrina or Rita; and be it further

Resolved, That such efforts shall include but not be limited to partial or total forgiveness of loans for individuals employed by public and nonprofit agencies and providing services to communities damaged by Hurricane Katrina or Rita; and be it further

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

POM-189. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to fulfill the commitment to the citizens of Louisiana to fully fund recovery from damages resulting from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 68

Whereas, in August and September 2005, the state of Louisiana experienced two of the most damaging natural disasters to occur in the United States with Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and

Whereas, as a result of these devastating events, the President's Office of Gulf Coast Rebuilding estimated that over one hundred twenty-seven thousand owner-occupied homes received major or severe damage based on the criteria used by the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and

Whereas, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, President George W. Bush made a commitment to the people of Louisiana, in a nationally covered statement, that the federal government would do what was necessary to provide for the recovery of the state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the state of Louisiana has always proposed that The Road Home Program pay for owner-occupied uninsured or underinsured wind damage as well as flood damage within the parameters of the program; and

Whereas, in Action Plan Amendment No.1 proposed by the Louisiana Recovery Authority, captioned Action Plan Amendment for Disaster Recovery Funds for

The Road Home Housing Program, which, according to news releases, was approved by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Affairs in May 2006, it was clearly stated in the program proposed to provide "the full proposed assistance to all of the Louisiana homeowners who suffered major or severe damage" and stated, "It is the State's policy that participants in the Homeowner Assistance Program deserve a fair and independent estimate or projection of damages from the storm, regardless of the cause of the damage"; and

Whereas, according to federal sources, 43,298 homeowners experienced no major flooding but major or severe wind damage; and

Whereas, since the adoption of the Action Plan Amendment No.1, the state has experienced increased costs in the program, resulting in a current three billion dollar shortfall, duly from a combination of factors, including an increase in the number of eligible claimants from the original estimates by approximately eleven thousand, more homes severely damaged than originally estimated, increased costs per eligible claimant than originally estimated, lower than anticipated homeowner property insurance claim benefits received from private insurers, and higher than estimated costs of repair and construction: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States and urges and requests the federal administration to fulfill the commitment to the citizens of Louisiana to fully fund recovery from damages resulting from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and be it further

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

POM-190. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to take such actions as are necessary to grant an extension to Louisiana with regard to the deadlines for implementing the provisions of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 251

Whereas, the United States Congress enacted the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 to provide for a comprehensive national system for the registration of sex offenders and child predators; and

Whereas, the Act provides for a set of minimum standards governing the sex

offender registration and notification programs in each state to provide for a more effective method of tracking offenders nationwide; and

Whereas, the federal legislation made significant changes in the manner in which sex offenders and child predators register with law enforcement agencies, including but not limited to requiring offenders to provide additional information to law enforcement at the time of registration, increasing the length of time in which an offender must maintain registration, and requiring offenders to register in the jurisdiction of residence, employment, or enrollment; and

Whereas, Section 126 of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 authorizes bonus payments for states or other jurisdictions that substantially implement the federal provisions not later than two years after the enactment date; and

Whereas, although the federal legislation created incentive grant programs for those states who implement the new requirements within the first two years after the enactment of the Adam Walsh Act, the United States Department of Justice only recently issued the proposed National Guidelines for Sex Offender Registration and Notification, which were intended to provide further guidance to states in implementing the provisions of the Adam Walsh Act; and

Whereas, the proposed National Guidelines for Sex Offender Registration and Notification were issued in May of this year, over a month after the 2007 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature began; and

Whereas, these guidelines, although issued in May, will not become finalized prior to the end of the 2007 Regular Session and are subject to change until that time; and

Whereas, legislation was introduced in the Louisiana Legislature by Representative Cazayoux (House Bill No. 970) to amend Louisiana's sex offender registration and notification provisions to comply with the provisions of the federal Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2007; and

Whereas, once the National Guidelines for Sex Offender Registration and Notification are finalized, it will be necessary to review and analyze Louisiana's laws on sex offender registration and notification to determine if additional changes are necessary: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to grant an extension to Louisiana with regard to the deadlines for implementing the provisions of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, and federal guidelines adopted pursuant thereto, regarding Louisiana's eligibility to receive incentive grants created by the Adam Walsh Act; and be it further

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

POM-191. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to take such actions as are necessary to ensure the passage of the Online Pharmacy Consumer Protection Act of 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 106

Whereas, a great number of rogue online pharmacy web sites offer controlled substances for sale based simply on the results of a cursory online questionnaire and without the need for a valid prescription; and

Whereas, Senators Dianne Feinstein of California and Jeff Sessions of Alabama have introduced Senate Bill No. 980 in the first session of the One Hundred Tenth Congress, the Online Pharmacy Consumer Protection Act of 2007, to combat abuse by rogue online pharmacy web sites; and

Whereas, the Act requires a valid prescription and physician-patient relationship in order for a controlled substance to be dispensed through an online pharmacy; and

Whereas, the Act requires an online pharmacy to file a registration statement with the attorney general as well as report controlled substances dispensed under such registration; and

Whereas, the Act mandates that an online pharmacy comply with state law licensure requirements for both the state from which it delivers a controlled substance and the state to which it delivers a controlled substance; and

Whereas, the Act requires that the web site of an online pharmacy prominently display identifying information about the business, a list of states in which the pharmacy is licensed, all applicable licenses and certifications, and identifying information about the practitioners who provide medical consultations through the web site; and

Whereas, the Act provides criminal penalties for any individual or entity who unlawfully dispenses controlled substances online, gives state attorneys general the right to file a civil action against an individual or entity who violates the Act if the violation has affected residents of the state, and allows the federal government to seize any tangible or intangible property which has been used illegally by an online pharmacy. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to ensure the passage of the Online

Pharmacy Consumer Protection Act of 2007. Be it further

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

POM-192. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Texas urging Congress to support legislation for veterans' health care budget reform to allow assured funding; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 594

Whereas, Military veterans who have served their country honorably and who were promised and have earned health care and benefits from the federal government through the Department of Veterans Affairs are now in need of these benefits; and

Whereas, Federal discretionary funding is controlled by the executive branch and the United States Congress through the budget and appropriations process; and

Whereas, Direct funding provides the Department of Veterans Affairs with a reliable, predictable, and consistent source of funding to provide timely, efficient, and high-quality health care for our veterans; and

Whereas, Currently almost 90 percent of federal health care spending is direct rather than discretionary, and only the funding for health care for active duty military, Native Americans, and veterans is subject to the discretion of the United States Congress; and

Whereas, Discretionary funding for health care lags behind both medical inflation and the increased demand for services; for example, the enrollment for veterans' health care increased 134 percent between fiscal years 1996 and 2004 yet funding increased only 34 percent during the same period when adjusted to 1996 dollars; and

Whereas, The Department of Veterans Affairs is the largest integrated health care system in the United States and has four critical health care missions: to provide health care to veterans, to educate and train health care personnel, to conduct medical research, and to serve as a backup to the United States Department of Defense and support communities in times of crisis; and

Whereas, The Department of Veterans Affairs operates 157 hospitals, with at least one in each of the contiguous states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia; and

Whereas, The Department of Veterans Affairs operates more than 850 ambulatory care and community-based outpatient clinics, 132 nursing homes, 42 residential rehabilitation treatment programs, and 88 home care programs; and

Whereas, The Department of Veterans Affairs provides a wide range of specialized services to meet the unique needs of veterans,

including spinal cord injury and dysfunction care and rehabilitation, blind rehabilitation, traumatic brain injury care, post-traumatic stress disorder treatment, amputee care and prosthetics programs, mental health and substance abuse programs, and long-term care programs; and

Whereas, The Department of Veterans Affairs health care system is severely underfunded, and had funding for the department's medical programs been allowed to grow proportionately as the system sought to admit newly eligible veterans following the eligibility reform legislation in 1996, the current veterans' health care budget would be approximately \$10 billion more; and

Whereas, In a spirit of bipartisan accommodation, members of the United States Congress should collectively resolve the problem of discretionary funding and jointly fashion an acceptable formula for funding the medical programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby express its profound gratitude the for sacrifices made by veterans, including those who suffer from medical or mental health problems resulting from injuries that occurred while serving in the United States Armed Forces at home or abroad; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Senate hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to support legislation for veterans' health care budget reform to allow assured funding; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate forward official copies of this Resolution to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to the President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to the Congress with the request that this Resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 675. A bill to provide competitive grants for training court reporters and closed captioners to meet requirements for realtime writers under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-138).

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 1565. A bill to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients (Rept. No. 110-139).

By Mr. BAUCUS, from the Committee on Finance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1607. A bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1903. A bill to extend the temporary protected status designation of Liberia under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act so that Liberians can continue to be eligible for such status through September 30, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. 1904. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to ensure that only producers receive commodity program payments; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1905. A bill to provide for a rotating schedule for regional selection of delegates to a national Presidential nominating convention, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 1906. A bill to understand and comprehensively address the oral health problems associated with methamphetamine use; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 1907. A bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to understand and comprehensively address the inmate oral health problems associated with methamphetamine use, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1908. A bill to amend the procedures regarding military recruiter access to secondary school student recruiting information; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ISAKSON:

S. 1909. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage,

as supplies associated with the injection of insulin, of home needle removal, decontamination, and disposal devices and the disposal of needles and syringes through a sharps-by-mail or similar program under part D of the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DODD, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. HATCH):

S. Res. 285. A resolution designating September 9, 2007, as "National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KYL, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. CRAIG, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 286. A resolution recognizing the heroic efforts of firefighters to contain numerous wildfires throughout the Western United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. Res. 287. A resolution honoring and expressing gratitude to the 1st Battalion of the 133rd Infantry ("Ironman Battalion") of the Iowa National Guard; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 59

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 59, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve access to advanced practice nurses and physician assistants under the Medicaid Program.

S. 60

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] were added as cosponsors of S. 60, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide a means for continued improvement in emergency medical services for children.

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] were added as cosponsors of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 459

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 459, a bill to require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies, lumpectomies, and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer and coverage for secondary consultations.

S. 548

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 548, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor.

S. 558

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 558, a bill to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] were added as cosponsors of S. 582, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to classify automatic fire sprinkler systems as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 588

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 588, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the Medicare caps on graduate medical education positions for States with a shortage of residents.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 626, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 651

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 651, a bill to help promote the national recommendation of physical activity to kids, families, and communities across the United States.

S. 656

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 656, a bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain nationals of Liberia to that of lawful permanent residence.

S. 771

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 771, a bill to

amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to improve the nutrition and health of schoolchildren by updating the definition of "food of minimal nutritional value" to conform to current nutrition science and to protect the Federal investment in the national school lunch and breakfast programs.

S. 819

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 819, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] were added as cosponsors of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 1010

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1010, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage guaranteed lifetime income payments from annuities and similar payments of life insurance proceeds at dates later than death by excluding from income a portion of such payments.

S. 1070

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1070, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to enhance the social security of the Nation by ensuring adequate public-private infrastructure and to resolve to prevent, detect, treat, intervene in, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes.

S. 1143

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1143, a bill to designate the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and the surrounding Federal land in the State of Florida as an Outstanding Natural Area and as a unit of the National Landscape System, and for other purposes.

S. 1161

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1161, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize the expansion of medicare coverage of medical nutrition therapy services.

S. 1287

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1287, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to

allow an offset against income tax refunds to pay for State judicial debts that are past-due.

S. 1386

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1386, a bill to amend the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, to provide better assistance to low- and moderate-income families, and for other purposes.

S. 1460

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1460, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Development Act of 2002 to support beginning farmers and ranchers, and for other purposes.

S. 1556

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1556, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage to designated plan beneficiaries of employees, and for other purposes.

S. 1577

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1577, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to require screening, including national criminal history background checks, of direct patient access employees of skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, and other long-term care facilities and providers, and to provide for nationwide expansion of the pilot program for national and State background checks on direct patient access employees of long-term care facilities or providers.

S. 1677

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1677, a bill to amend the Exchange Rates and International Economic Coordination Act of 1988 and for other purposes.

S. 1678

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1678, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 1730

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1730, a bill to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act, to reward States for engaging individuals with disabilities in work activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1755

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1755, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to make permanent the summer food service pilot project for rural areas of Pennsylvania and apply the program to rural areas of every State.

S. 1793

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1793, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for property owners who remove lead-based paint hazards.

S. 1817

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1817, a bill to ensure proper administration of the discharge of members of the Armed Forces for personality disorder, and for other purposes.

S. 1825

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD] were added as cosponsors of S. 1825, a bill to provide for the study and investigation of wartime contracts and contracting processes in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.

S. 1885

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1885, a bill to provide certain employment protections for family members who are caring for members of the Armed Forces recovering from illnesses and injuries incurred on active duty.

S. 1894

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1894, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide family and medical leave to primary caregivers of servicemembers with combat-related injuries.

SENATE RESOLUTION 104

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 104, a resolution commending the national explosives detection canine team program for 35 years of service to the safety and security of the transportation systems within the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 252

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 252, a resolution recognizing the increasingly mutually beneficial relationship

between the United States of America and the Republic of Indonesia.

SENATE RESOLUTION 276

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 276, a resolution calling for the urgent deployment of a robust and effective multinational peacekeeping mission with sufficient size, resources, leadership, and mandate to protect civilians in Darfur, Sudan, and for efforts to strengthen the renewal of a just and inclusive peace process.

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 276, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 276, *supra*.

SENATE RESOLUTION 278

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 278, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the announcement of the Russian Federation of its suspension of implementation of the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe Treaty.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WYDEN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 31, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in open session (and possibly closed session) to consider nominations.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 31, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The State of the Securities Markets."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 31, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 31, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATIONAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 31, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on renewable fuels infrastructure.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 31, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 31, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Carried Interest, Part II."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 31, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on nuclear energy and nonproliferation challenges.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing entitled "Evaluating the Propriety and Adequacy of the Oxycontin Criminal Settlement" on Tuesday, July 31, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building room 226.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 31, to conduct a hearing on DoD/VA collaboration and cooperation and the education needs of returning service members. The committee will meet in Dirksen 562, at 9:30 a.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 31, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST, COMPETITION POLICY, AND CONSUMER RIGHTS

The Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights be authorized to meet on Tuesday, July 31, 2007 at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "The Leegin Decision: the end of the consumer discounts or good antitrust policy" in room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 4:53 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Brandon, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 31. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Wildomar Service Area Recycled Water Distribution Facilities and Alberhill Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility Projects.

H.R. 673. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take lands in Yuma County, Arizona, into trust as part of the reservation of the Cocopah Tribe of Arizona, and for other purposes.

H.R. 735. An act to designate the Federal building under construction at 799 First Avenue in New York, New York, as the "Ronald H. Brown United States Mission to the United Nations Building".

H.R. 1315. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the benefits provided to veterans under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1384. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 118 Minner Street in Bakersfield, California, as the "Buck Owens Post Office".

H.R. 1696. An act to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coshatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that Tribe.

H.R. 2107. An act to create the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2120. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to proclaim as reservation for the benefit of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians a parcel of land now held in trust by the United States for that Indian tribe.

H.R. 2309. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3916 Milgen Road in Columbus, Georgia, as the "Frank G. Lumpkin, Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 2623. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the collection of copayments for all hospice care furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

H.R. 2688. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 South Getty Street in Uvalde, Texas, as the "Dolph S. Briscoe, Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 2707. An act to reauthorize the Underground Railroad Educational and Cultural Program.

H.R. 2750. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

H.R. 2765. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 44 North Main Street in Hughesville, Pennsylvania, as the "Master Sergeant Sean Michael Thomas Post Office".

H.R. 2863. An act to authorize the Coquille Indian Tribe of the State of Oregon to convey land and interests in land owned by the Tribe.

H.R. 2874. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the provision of health care to veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2952. An act to authorize the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Indians of the State of Michigan to convey land and interests in land owned by the Tribe.

H.R. 2963. An act to transfer certain land in Riverside County, California, and San Diego County, California, from the Bureau of Land Management to the United States to be held in trust for the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3006. An act to improve the use of a grant of a parcel of land to the State of Idaho for use as an agricultural college, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3034. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 127 South Elm Street in Gardner, Kansas, as the "Private First Class Shane R. Austin Post Office".

H.R. 3067. An act to amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 to exempt small public housing agencies from the requirement of preparing an annual public housing agency plan.

H.R. 3123. An act to extend the designation of Liberia under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act so that Liberians can continue to be eligible for temporary protected status under that section.

H.R. 3184. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a competitive grant program for the Puget Sound area to provide comprehensive conservation planning to address water quality.

H.R. 3206. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through December 15, 2007, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 49. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and

commending recipients of the Purple Heart for their courage and sacrifice on behalf of the United States.

H. Con. Res. 136. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding high level visits to the United States by democratically-elected officials of Taiwan.

H. Con. Res. 143. Concurrent resolution honoring National Historic Landmarks.

H. Con. Res. 188. Concurrent resolution condemning the attack on the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in July 1994, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House passed the following acts, without amendment:

S. 375. An act to waive application of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to a specific parcel of real property transferred by the United States to 2 Indian tribes in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes.

S. 975. An act granting the consent and approval of Congress to an interstate forest fire protection compact.

S. 1099. An act to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to make individuals employed by the Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission eligible to obtain Federal health insurance.

S. 1716. An act to amend the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007, to strike a requirement relating to forage producers.

The message also announced that the House passed the act (S. 1) to provide greater transparency in the legislative process; with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The message further announced that the House agreed to the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 27) supporting the goals and ideals of 'National Purple Heart Recognition Day'; with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2272) to invest in innovation through research and development, and to improve the competitiveness of the United States; it agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints the following as managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Science and Technology, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. GORDON, LIPINSKI, BAIRD, WU, LAMPSON, UDALL of Colorado, Ms. GIFFORDS, Messrs. MCNERNEY, HALL of Texas, SENSENBRENNER, EHLERS, Mrs. BIGGERT, Messrs. FEENEY, and GINGREY.

From the Committee on Education and Labor, for consideration of Division C of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. GEORGE MILLER of California, HOLT, and MCKEON.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 976

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate was deemed to have resumed consideration of the motion, made by Mr. REID on Thursday, July 26, 2007, that the Senate proceed to consider bill H.R. 976.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The motion was agreed to.

SMALL BUSINESS TAX RELIEF ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 976) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for small businesses, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. HATCH) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2530, in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:27 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. KLOBUCHAR in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

SMALL BUSINESS TAX RELIEF ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 976.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. GRASSLEY (for Mr. ENSIGN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2538).

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BAUCUS,

Ordered, That Mr. BUNNING be recognized to propose an amendment; and that, following remarks by him, Mr. SALAZAR be recognized to speak.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

On motion by Mr. BUNNING to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 79, striking all beginning with line 21 through line 6, page 81, and inserting other words (being amendment No. 2547).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. BUNNING,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ALLARD to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in title I, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2536).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BAUCUS,

Ordered, That, at 5:20 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to the pending amendment (No. 2536); that the time from 5:15 p.m. until 5:20 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between Mr. BAUCUS and Mr. ALLARD; and that no second-degree amendment be in order thereto.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2536 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ALLARD,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 37, nays... 59

[Rollcall Vote No. 286 Leg.]

YEAS --- 37

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 59

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey,

Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2547 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. BINGAMAN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2534).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. GREGG to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 42, striking all beginning with line 4 through line 25, page 66, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2587).

Pending debate,

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO BILL S. 1

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the bill (S. 1) to provide greater transparency in the legislative process.

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to the bill.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to concur in the House amendment to bill S. 1, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to bill S. 1:

J. LIEBERMAN, HARRY REID, BYRON L. DORGAN, PATTY MURRAY, MARK PRYOR, JEFF BINGAMAN, JACK REED, DICK DURBIN, JON TESTER, TOM CARPER, PATRICK J. LEAHY, BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, DEBBIE STABENOW,

JOHN KERRY, BARBARA BOXER, TED KENNEDY, KEN SALAZAR.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House with an amendment (numbered 2589).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion to concur.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment by striking 3 and inserting 1 (being amendment No. 2590).

SMALL BUSINESS TAX RELIEF ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 976.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2587 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF PROGRAMS UNDER THE SMALL BUSINESS ACT AND THE SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT ACT OF 1958

On the request of Mr. TESTER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3206) to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through December 15, 2007, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ROGER W. SANT AS A CITIZEN REGENT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. TESTER,

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Administration be discharged from the further consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 7) providing for the reappointment of Roger W. Sant as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the joint resolution.

The question being on the passage of the joint resolution; and

No amendment being proposed,

The joint resolution was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF PATRICIA Q. STONESIFER AS A CITIZEN REGENT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. TESTER,

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Administration be discharged from the further consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 8) providing for the reappointment of Patricia Q. Stonesifer as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the joint resolution.

The question being on the passage of the joint resolution; and

No amendment being proposed,

The joint resolution was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CALLING FOR THE URGENT DEPLOYMENT OF A MULTINATIONAL PEACEKEEPING MISSION TO PROTECT CIVILIANS IN DARFUR, SUDAN

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. TESTER,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 276) calling for the urgent deployment of a robust and effective multinational peacekeeping mission with sufficient size, resources, leadership, and mandate to protect civilians in Darfur, Sudan, and for efforts to strengthen the renewal of a just and inclusive peace process.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. TESTER (for Mr. BIDEN) to amend the pending resolution on various pages and lines, striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 2591).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the preamble.

On motion by Mr. TESTER (for Mr. BIDEN) to amend the preamble by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 2592).

The amendment was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS AWARENESS DAY"

On the request of Mr. TESTER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 285) designating September 9, 2007, as "National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day", submitted today by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DODD, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. HATCH), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE HEROIC EFFORTS OF FIREFIGHTERS TO CONTAIN NUMEROUS WILDFIRES THROUGHOUT THE WESTERN UNITED STATES

On the request of Mr. TESTER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 286) recognizing the heroic efforts of firefighters to contain numerous wildfires throughout the Western United States, submitted today by Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KYL, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. CRAIG, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. REID), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING AND EXPRESSING
GRATITUDE TO THE 1ST
BATTALION OF THE 133RD
INFANTRY ("IRONMAN
BATTALION") OF THE IOWA
NATIONAL GUARD

On the request of Mr. TESTER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 287) honoring and expressing gratitude to the 1st Battalion of the 133rd Infantry ("Ironman Battalion") of the Iowa National Guard, submitted today by Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND
IDEALS OF THE NATIONAL
ANTHEM PROJECT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. TESTER,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 236) supporting the goals and ideals of the National Anthem Project, which has worked to restore America's voice by re-teaching Americans to sing the national anthem.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING
THE LONG DISTANCE RUNS IN THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
AND THE UNITED STATES TO
PROMOTE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN
THE PEOPLES OF CHINA AND THE
UNITED STATES

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. TESTER,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 255) recognizing and supporting the long distance runs that will take place in the People's Republic of China in 2007 and the United States in 2008 to promote friendship between the peoples of China and the United States.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMEMORATING THE 200TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. TESTER,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 277) commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Archdiocese of New York.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE
SENATE REGARDING RUSSIAN
FEDERATION SUSPENSION OF
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
CONVENTIONAL ARMED FORCES
IN EUROPE TREATY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. TESTER,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 278) expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the announcement of the Russian Federation of its suspension of implementation of the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe Treaty.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE MILITARY
ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. TESTER,

Ordered, That the Committee on Armed Services be discharged from the further consideration of the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 26) recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and commending recipients of the Purple Heart for their courageous

demonstrations of gallantry and heroism on behalf of the United States.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. TESTER,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 30 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for 10 minutes each; and that the time therein be controlled by the minority leader, or his designee.

Ordered further, That, upon conclusion of morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 976; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate between Mr. ENSIGN and Mr. BAUCUS, or their designees, on amendment No. 2538; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to said amendment without intervening action or debate; that no second-degree amendments be in order to said amendment prior to the vote.

Ordered further, That, at 12 noon, Mr. BYRD be recognized to speak as in morning business for 30 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. TESTER,

At 9:31 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 9:30

a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, August 1, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period of 30 minutes for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries:

DECLARATION OF A NATIONAL
EMERGENCY RELATIVE TO THE
THREAT IN LEBANON POSED BY THE
ACTIONS OF CERTAIN PERSONS TO
UNDERMINE LEBANON'S LEGITIMATE
DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS -- PM 23

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, as amended (50

U.S.C. 1701 et. seq.) (IEEPA), I hereby report that I have issued an Executive Order declaring a national emergency to deal with the threat in Lebanon posed by the actions of certain persons to undermine Lebanon's legitimate and democratically elected government or democratic institutions, to contribute to the deliberate breakdown in the rule of law in Lebanon, including through politically motivated violence and intimidation, to reassert Syrian control or contribute to Syrian interference in Lebanon or to infringe upon or undermine Lebanese sovereignty, contributing to political and economic instability in that country and the region. Such actions constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States.

This order will block the property and interests in property of persons determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to have taken, or to pose a significant risk of taking, actions, including acts of violence, that have the purpose or effect of undermining Lebanon's democratic processes or institutions or contributing to the breakdown of the rule of law in Lebanon, supporting the reassertion of Syrian control or contributing to Syrian interference in Lebanon, or infringing upon or undermining Lebanese sovereignty. The order further authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to block the property and interests in property of those persons determined to have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financing, material, logistical, or technical support for, or goods or services in support of, such actions or any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to the order; to be a spouse or dependent child of any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to the order; or to be owned or controlled by, or to act or purport to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to the order.

I delegated to the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, the authority to take such actions, including the promulgation of rules and regulations, and to employ all powers granted to the President by IEEPA as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of my order.

I am enclosing a copy of the Executive Order I have issued.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *August 1, 2007.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with

accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2754. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to progress in building interagency capacity for national security missions; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2755. A communication from the Under Secretary of Commerce (Oceans and Atmosphere), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the administration of the Coastal Zone Management Act for fiscal years 2004 and 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2756. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Michigan" (FRL No. 8449-6), received on July 28, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2757. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Kentucky; Redesignation of Boyd County, Kentucky Portion of the Huntington-Ashland 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment for Ozone" (FRL No. 8449-5), received on July 28, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2758. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule Deadline for Authorized Programs" ((RIN2025-AA07)-(FRL No. 8449-8)), received on July 28, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2759. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2007-143 - 2007-152); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2760. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Letter Report: Review of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C Grant Awards for the Period March 2005 Through December 2006"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2761. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicability of Cost Accounting Standards Coverage" (Docket No. 3110-01), received on July 28, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2762. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Time and Material and Labor Hours Contracts for Commercial Items" (Docket No. 3110-01), received on July 28, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2763. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Acquisition Thresholds" (Docket No. 3110-01), received on July 28, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2764. A communication from the Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's commercial activities inventory for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2765. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, the report of a draft bill entitled, "Veterans' Pride Initiative Act"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2766. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, the report of a draft bill entitled, "Agent Orange Equitable Compensation Act"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-193. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Rockland County, New York, urging Congress to schedule a public hearing in Rockland County with the Federal Aviation Administration and to not close the public comment period on the proposed airspace redesign; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

POM-194. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to provide funding for the Louisiana University of Medical Sciences, Inc., College of Primary Care Medicine; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 137

Whereas, Louisiana suffers with one of the worst health environments in the country, including a high infant mortality rate, a high rate of low birth weight babies, and an incidence of stroke that is 1.3 times that of the rest of the country, outside of the "stroke belt"; and

Whereas, despite the best efforts of medical education institutions in Louisiana, the deficit of primary care physicians continues; and

Whereas, less than one-half of the 1998 graduates of medical education institutions in Louisiana selected a primary care specialty; and

Whereas, Louisiana University of Medical Sciences, Inc., College of Primary Care Medicine, is a non-profit organization designed to address the shortage of primary care physicians in small towns, rural areas, and underserved areas; and

Whereas, the faculty and staff of the College of Primary Care Medicine are committed to a teaching program that addresses the shortage of primary care physicians both in Louisiana and nationwide; and

Whereas, throughout the educational experience at the College of Primary Care Medicine of the Louisiana University of Medical Services, Inc., the student will be exposed to a wide variety of primary health care settings; and

Whereas, through the program at the College of Primary Care Medicine of the Louisiana University of Medical Services, Inc., the traditional basic medical sciences will be thoroughly presented, and students will be given all the tools necessary to be successful on the United States Medical Licensing Examination. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana hereby memorializes the Congress of the United States to provide funding for the Louisiana University of Medical Services, Inc., College of Primary Care Medicine. Be it further

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

POM-195. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois urging Congress to act on legislation that would ensure the safety and well-being of the returning veterans who face mental illness caused by their fulfillment of their duties; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Whereas, A significant growth in Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) has been identified over the past few years with the escalation of combat veterans returning home from the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts;

nation-wide calls for more assistance for those returning with mental issues as a result of combat have been growing, and this resolution is in response to those calls; and

Whereas, As of January 2007, more than 1.6 million U.S. Servicemen and women had served in Afghanistan and Iraq; and

Whereas, In October 2005, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs reported that more than 430,000 U.S. soldiers have been discharged from the military following service in Afghanistan and Iraq; more than 119,000 have sought help for medical or mental health issues from the Department of Veterans Affairs to date; and

Whereas, In January 2006, the Journal of the American Medical Association reported that 35% of Iraq Veterans have already sought help for mental health concerns; a 2003 New England Journal of Medicine Study found that more than 60% of Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom veterans showing symptoms of PTSD were unlikely to seek help due to fears of stigmatization or loss of career advancement opportunities; and

Whereas, In 2005, the Department of Veterans Affairs reported that 18% of Afghanistan Veterans and 20% of Iraq Veterans in their care were suffering from some type of service-connected psychological disorder; and

Whereas, The Department of Veterans Affairs has seen a tenfold increase in PTSD cases in 2006; according to the VA, more than 37,000 Vets of Iraq and Afghanistan are suffering from mental health disorders, and more than 16,000 have already been diagnosed with PTSD; and

Whereas, According to the Army, since March 2003, at least 45 U.S. soldiers and 9 Marines have committed suicide in Iraq; at least 20 soldiers and 23 Marines have committed suicide since returning home, though exact numbers are not available; and

Whereas, The United States Congress is currently considering H.R. 612, H.R. 1538, S. 713, and H.R. 1268, which address the tragic Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder situation among our returning veterans; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly of the State of Illinois, that our returning veterans deserve the very best in healthcare, including mental care, and that both the Federal Government and State Governments must work together to provide this healthcare; and be it further

Resolved, That the State of Illinois wishes to be a model State for the medical care that we offer to our returning soldiers in joint partnership with the Federal Government; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge Congress to act on H.R. 612, H.R. 1538, S. 713, and H.R. 1268 for the safety and well-being of our returning

veterans who face mental illness caused by their fulfillment of their duties; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution be sent to the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker and the Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Illinois Congressional Delegation, and the Director of the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 793. A bill to provide for the expansion and improvement of traumatic brain injury programs (Rept. No. 110-140).

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 1260. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6301 Highway 58 in Harrison, Tennessee, as the "Claude Ramsey Post Office".

H.R. 1335. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 508 East Main Street in Seneca, South Carolina, as the "S Sgt Lewis G. Watkins Post Office Building".

H.R. 1425. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4551 East 52nd Street in Odessa, Texas, as the "Staff Sergeant Marvin "Rex" Young Post Office Building".

H.R. 1434. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 896 Pittsburgh Street in Springdale, Pennsylvania, as the "Rachel Carson Post Office Building".

H.R. 1617. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 561 Kingsland Avenue in University City, Missouri, as the "Harriett F. Woods Post Office Building".

H.R. 1722. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 Banyan Trail in Boca Raton, Florida, as the "Leonard W. Herman Post Office".

H.R. 2025. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11033 South State Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Willye B. White Post Office Building".

H.R. 2077. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20805 State Route 125 in Blue Creek, Ohio, as the "George B. Lewis Post Office Building".

H.R. 2078. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14536 State Route 136 in Cherry Fork, Ohio,

as the "Staff Sergeant Omer T. 'O.T.' Hawkins Post Office".

H.R. 2127. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 408 West 6th Street in Chelsea, Oklahoma, as the "Clem Rogers McSpadden Post Office Building".

H.R. 2563. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 309 East Linn Street in Marshalltown, Iowa, as the "Major Scott Nisely Post Office".

H.R. 2570. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Boardwalk Drive in Fort Collins, Colorado, as the "Dr. Karl E. Carson Post Office Building".

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment:

S. 1011. A bill to change the name of the National Institute on Drug Abuse to the National Institute on Diseases of Addiction and to change the name of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism to the National Institute on Alcohol Disorders and Health.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1539. A bill to designate the post office located at 309 East Linn Street, Marshalltown, Iowa, as the "Major Scott Nisely Post Office".

S. 1596. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 South Getty Street in Uvalde, Texas, as the "Dolph S. Briscoe, Jr. Post Office Building".

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1693. A bill to enhance the adoption of a nationwide interoperable health information technology system and to improve the quality and reduce the costs of health care in the United States.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1732. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Boardwalk Drive in Fort Collins, Colorado, as the "Dr. Karl E. Carson Post Office Building".

S. 1772. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 127 South Elm Street in Gardner, Kansas, as the "Private First Class Shane R. Austin Post Office".

S. 1781. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 118 Minner Avenue in Bakersfield, California, as the "Buck Owens Post Office".

S. 1896. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11 Central Street in Hillsborough, New

Hampshire, as the "Officer Jeremy Todd Charron Post Office".

By Mr. DODD, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1923. An original bill to authorize appropriations for assistance for the Housing Assistance Council, the Raza Development Fund, and for the Housing Partnership Network (HPN) and its members, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1910. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that amounts derived from Federal grants and State matching funds in connection with revolving funds established in accordance with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act will not be treated as proceeds or replacement proceeds for purposes of section 148 of such Code; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mrs. DOLE, Mrs. BOXER Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1911. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to protect the health of susceptible populations, including pregnant women, infants, and children, by requiring a health advisory, drinking water standard, and reference concentration for trichloroethylene vapor intrusion, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 1912. A bill for the relief of Maha Dakar; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 1913. A bill to improve the amendments made by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1914. A bill to require a comprehensive nuclear posture review, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SUNUNU:

S. 1915. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide incentives to physicians for writing electronic prescriptions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. VITTER, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1916. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to modify the program for the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees by terminating the authority for the removal of chimpanzees from the system for research purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1917. A bill to include Idaho and Montana as affected areas for purposes of making claims under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (42 U.S.C. 2210 note) based on exposure to atmospheric nuclear testing; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1918. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to expand the definition of firefighter to include apprentices and trainees, regardless of age or duty limitations; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. HATCH, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1919. A bill to establish trade enforcement priorities for the United States, to strengthen the provisions relating to trade remedies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID:

S. 1920. A bill to award competitive grants to eligible partnerships to enable the partnerships to implement innovative strategies at the secondary school level to improve student achievement and prepare at-risk students for postsecondary education and the workforce; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WEBB (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. LOTT, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BURR, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1921. A bill to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1922. A bill to apply basic contracting laws to the Transportation Security Administration; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 1923. An original bill to authorize appropriations for assistance for the Housing Assistance Council, the Raza Development Fund, and for the Housing Partnership Network (HPN) and its members, and for other purposes; from the Committee on

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 1924. A bill to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any of certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employee's duty; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. SMITH):

S. 1925. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act, to prevent credit card issuers from taking unfair advantage of college students and their parents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 1926. A bill to establish the National Infrastructure Bank to provide funding for qualified infrastructure projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself and Mr. BOND):

S. 1927. A bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to provide additional procedures for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence information and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1928. A bill to amend section 1977A of the Revised Statutes to equalize the remedies available under that section; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 1929. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study of water augmentation alternatives in the Sierra Vista Subwatershed; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. KERRY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. DODD, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 1930. A bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prevent illegal logging practices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 1931. A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to ensure that development of certain Federal oil and gas resources will occur in a manner that protects water

resources and respects the rights of surface owners, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1932. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to increase SBIR and STTR program expenditures; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 1933. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide grants to small public drinking water systems; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. DOLE, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. Res. 288. A resolution designating September 2007 as "National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. Res. 289. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" should be established; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Res. 290. A resolution honoring the life and career of former San Francisco 49ers Head Coach Bill Walsh; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. McCONNELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. WARNER):

S. Res. 291. A resolution designating the week beginning September 9, 2007, as "National Historically Black Colleges and

Universities Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 311

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 311, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

S. 638

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 638, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 681

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 681, a bill to restrict the use of offshore tax havens and abusive tax shelters to inappropriately avoid Federal taxation, and for other purposes.

S. 694

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 694, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of light motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 831

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 831, a bill to authorize States and local governments to prohibit the investment of State assets in any company that has a qualifying business relationship with Sudan.

S. 912

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 912, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the incentives for the construction and renovation of public schools.

S. 1254

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1254, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that the reductions in social security benefits which are required in the case of spouses and surviving spouses who are also receiving certain government pensions shall be equal to the amount by which two-thirds of the total amount of the combined monthly benefit (before reduction) and monthly pension exceeds \$1, 200, adjusted for inflation.

S. 1323

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1323, a bill to prevent legislative and regulatory functions from being usurped by civil liability actions brought or continued against food manufacturers, marketers, distributors, advertisers, sellers, and trade associations for claims of injury relating to a person's weight gain, obesity, or any health condition associated with weight gain or obesity.

S. 1428

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1428, a bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to assure access to durable medical equipment under the Medicare program.

S. 1451

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1451, a bill to encourage the development of coordinated quality reforms to improve health care delivery and reduce the cost of care in the health care system.

S. 1577

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1577, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to require screening, including national criminal history background checks, of direct patient access employees of skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, and other long-term care facilities and providers, and to provide for nationwide expansion of the pilot program for national and State background checks on direct patient access employees of long-term care facilities or providers.

S. 1607

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1607, a bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes.

S. 1621

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1621, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain farming business machinery and equipment as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 1675

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1675, a bill to implement the recommendations of the Federal Communications Commission report to the Congress regarding low-power FM service.

S. 1693

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1693, a bill to enhance the adoption of a nationwide interoperable health information technology system and to improve the quality and reduce the costs of health care in the United States.

S. 1709

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1709, a bill to amend the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act of 1998 to provide additional staff and oversight of funds to carry out the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1741

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1741, a bill to modernize the manufactured housing loan insurance program under title I of the National Housing Act.

S. 1780

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK] were added as cosponsors of S. 1780, a bill to require the FCC, in enforcing its regulations concerning the broadcast of indecent programming, to maintain a policy that a single word or image may be considered indecent.

S. 1886

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1886, a bill to provide a refundable and advanceable credit for health insurance through the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, to provide for improved private health insurance access and affordability, and for other purposes.

S. 1894

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1894, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide family and medical leave to primary caregivers of servicemembers with combat -related injuries.

S. 1898

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1898, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to expand family and medical leave for spouses, sons, daughters, and parents of servicemembers with combat-related injuries.

S. 1903

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY]

and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1903, a bill to extend the temporary protected status designation of Liberia under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act so that Liberians can continue to be eligible for such status through September 30, 2008.

SENATE RESOLUTION 196

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 196, a resolution commending Idaho on winning the bid to host the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 1, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, August 1, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, August 1, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, August 1, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on Africa.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, August 1, 2007 at 10 a.m. in the LBJ Room, S-211, of the Capitol building.

COMMITTEE ON THE HOMELAND SECURITY

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, August 1, 2007, at 10 a.m. to conduct business meeting to consider pending committee business.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 1, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a roundtable entitled "Reauthorization of the Small Business Innovation Research Programs: National Academies' Findings and Recommendations".

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 1, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold an open hearing.

COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet on Wednesday, August 1, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled Building a Stronger American Diplomatic.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

The Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, August 1, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:39 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 176. An act to authorize the establishment of educational exchange and development programs for member countries of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

H.R. 180. An act to require the identification of companies that conduct business operations in Sudan, to prohibit United States Government contracts with such companies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 957. An act to amend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 to expand and clarify the entities against which sanctions may be imposed.

H.R. 986. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Eightmile River in the State of Connecticut as components of the National

Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2347. An act to authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000,000 or more in Iran's energy sector, companies that sell arms to the Government of Iran, and financial institutions that extend \$20,000,000 or more in credit to the Government of Iran for 45 days or more, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2722. An act to restructure the Coast Guard Integrated Deepwater Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2831. An act to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to clarify that a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice that is unlawful under such Acts occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to the discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, and for other purposes.

At 2:36 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1. An act to provide for the implementation of the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILLS PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1384. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 118 Minner Street in Bakersfield, California, as the "Buck Owens Post Office".

H.R. 2688. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 South Getty Street in Uvalde, Texas, as the "Dolph S. Briscoe, Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 3034. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 127 South Elm Street in Gardner, Kansas, as the "Private First Class Shane R. Austin Post Office".

SMALL BUSINESS TAX RELIEF ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 976) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief

for small businesses, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2538, proposed by Mr. ENSIGN, to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), proposed by Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. HATCH), to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. ENSIGN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 26, nays... 58

[Rollcall Vote No. 287 Leg.]

YEAS --- 26

Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McConnell, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Vitter.

NAYS --- 58

Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Clinton, Cochran, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Lincoln, Lugar, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. GRASSLEY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2587, proposed by Mr. GREGG, to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the votes of the Senators who missed the foregoing rollcall be counted.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) stated that Senate Rules prohibit entertaining the unanimous consent put forth by the majority leader.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2587 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BAUCUS,

Ordered, That there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on the pending amendment; that, upon

conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; and that no amendment be in order prior to the vote.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2587 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. GREGG,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 42, nays... 53

[Rollcall Vote No. 288 Leg.]

YEAS --- 42

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 53

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Dodd, Domenici, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2534, proposed by Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. BINGAMAN), to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. KYL, Mr. GREGG, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. COBURN, Mr. DEMINT, and Mrs. DOLE) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 1, by striking all after the word "Section" on line 3, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2593).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. THUNE) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature

of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2599).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. DOLE to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 217, after line 25, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2554).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REED, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. BIDEN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2602).

Pending debate,

Mr. KERRY modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2602, as modified, to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. THUNE,

Ordered, That amendment No. 2593 be modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2602, as modified, to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. DEMINT) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title VI, at the end thereof, by inserting other words (being amendment No. 2579).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BAUCUS,

Ordered, That, at 6 p.m. today, the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 2554; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; that, following the vote, the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 2547; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the

amendment; that, following the vote, the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 2593, as modified; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment, as modified; that, following the vote, the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 2602, as modified; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment, as modified; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

Ordered further, That no amendment be in order to the aforementioned amendments, prior to the vote; that, if any aforementioned amendment is not disposed of, it remain debatable and amendable; and that the time until 6 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2579 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. GRASSLEY (for Mr. ENSIGN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title I, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2541).

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. GRASSLEY (for Mr. ENSIGN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 58, after line 16, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2540).

Pending debate,

The hour of 6 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2554 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mrs. DOLE,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2554 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 32, nays... 64

[Rollcall Vote No. 289 Leg.]

YEAS --- 32

Allard, Barrasso, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Hagel, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McConnell, Nelson (NE), Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 64

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coburn, Conrad, Corker, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Gregg, Harkin, Hatch, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. GRASSLEY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2547 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 53, nays... 43

[Rollcall Vote No. 290 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 43

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2593, as modified, to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. LOTT,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 35, nays... 61

[Rollcall Vote No. 291 Leg.]

YEAS --- 35

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McConnell, Sessions, Shelby, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 61

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2602, as modified, to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. KERRY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 36, nays... 60

[Rollcall Vote No. 292 Leg.]

YEAS --- 36

Akaka, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Clinton, Collins, Dodd, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye,

Kennedy, Kerry, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schumer, Tester, Whitehouse.

NAYS --- 60

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Carper, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Salazar, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. GRASSLEY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2541 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Mr. GRASSLEY, by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated: Mr. GRAHAM, amendment No. 2558; Mr. KYL, amendment No. 2537; and Mr. KYL, amendment No. 2562.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2562 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1927) to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to provide additional procedures for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence information and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. BOND), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. BAUCUS objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

Pending debate,

SMALL BUSINESS TAX RELIEF ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 976.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2562 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS (for Mr. SPECTER) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 217, after line 25, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2557).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. WEBB to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title VII, at the end thereof, by inserting other words (being amendment No. 2618).

Pending debate,

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to bill H.R. 976:

HARRY REID, MAX BAUCUS, BERNARD SANDERS, JEFF BINGAMAN, TED KENNEDY, MARIA CANTWELL, B.A. MIKULSKI, BARBARA BOXER, D. INOUE, CHRISTOPHER DODD, PATTY MURRAY, BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, BARACK OBAMA, KENT CONRAD, DICK DURBIN, KEN SALAZAR, BLANCHE L. LINCOLN, JACK REED.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2618 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill H.R. 976, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 976:

HARRY REID, MAX BAUCUS, BERNARD SANDERS, JEFF BINGAMAN, TED KENNEDY, MARIA CANTWELL, B.A. MIKULSKI, BARBARA BOXER, D. INOUE, CHRISTOPHER DODD, PATTY MURRAY, BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, BARACK OBAMA, KENT CONRAD, DICK

DURBIN, KEN SALAZAR, BLANCHE L. LINCOLN, JACK REED.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2618 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SALAZAR in the chair) announced that, pursuant to title 46 App., Section 1295 b(h), of the U.S. Code, the Vice President had appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: Mr. INOUE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. GRAHAM.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 6968(a), the Vice President had appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy: Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. CARDIN.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), the Vice President had appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy: Mrs. HUTCHISON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. REED, and Ms. COLLINS.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355(a), the Vice President had appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy: Mr. BENNETT, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, and Mr. ALLARD.

KEEPING SENIORS SAFE FROM FALLS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 845) to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to expand and intensify programs with respect to research and related activities concerning elder falls.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. CASEY for Mr. ENZI (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI) insert in lieu of the language proposed to be inserted by the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), other words (being amendment No. 2622, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING NATIONAL
PERIPHERAL ARTERIAL DISEASE
AWARENESS MONTH

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 221) supporting National Peripheral Arterial Disease Awareness Month and efforts to educate people about peripheral arterial disease.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING THE LIFE AND CAREER
OF BILL WALSH

On the request of Mr. CASEY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 290) honoring the life and career of former San Francisco 49ers Head Coach Bill Walsh, submitted today by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL
HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES
AND UNIVERSITIES WEEK"

On the request of Mr. CASEY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 291)

designating the week beginning September 9, 2007, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week", submitted today by Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. WARNER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. CASEY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2831) to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to clarify that a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice that is unlawful under such Acts occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to the discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. CASEY asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. CASEY objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDER FOR BILLS TO BE
CONSIDERED READ THE FIRST
TIME ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That, if the majority leader, or his designee, introduces bills relative to FISA, the bills be deemed read the first time on today.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then resume consideration of the message from the House on the bill (S. 1) to provide greater transparency in the legislative process; that there be 2 hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, thereon; that, upon conclusion of said period for debate, the two leaders be permitted to use their time; that the majority leader be recognized to speak second therein; and that, upon conclusion of the use of leader time, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the House amendment to bill S. 1.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of the message from the House on bill S. 1, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 976.

Ordered further, That the quorums under the rule, on the motions to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 976 and on amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) thereto, be waived.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

At 8:39 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2007

Mrs. DIANNE FEINSTEIN, from the State of California, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, August 2, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable DIANNE FEINSTEIN, a Senator from the State of California, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mrs. FEINSTEIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business. Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2767. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Black Stem Rust; Addition of Rust-Resistant Varieties" (Docket No. APHIS-2007-0072) received on July 31, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2768. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and

Readiness), transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General John M. Curran, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2769. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, the report of draft legislation intended to amend provisions that specify the weights and compositions of the dollar, half dollar, quarter dollar, dime, 5-cent, and one-cent coins; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2770. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "FPA Section 203 Supplemental Policy Statement" (FERC Docket No. PL07-1-000) received on July 29, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2771. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Iowa; Clean Air Interstate Rule" (FRL No. 8450-1) received on August 1, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2772. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Kansas" (FRL No. 8450-5) received on August 1, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2773. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL No. 8450-7) received on August 1, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2774. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment, Approval of Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Indiana; Correction" (FRL No. 8450-3) received on August 1, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2775. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dimethenamid; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8138-2) received on August 1, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2776. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Arizona State Implementation Plan, Maricopa County" (FRL No. 8448-6) received on August 1, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2777. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the authorized shore projection project for Lido Key Beach in Sarasota, Florida; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2778. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Center for Medicare Management, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2008" ((RIN0938-AO63)(Docket No. CMS-1551-F)) received on August 1, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2779. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Center for Medicare Management, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities - Update for Fiscal Year 2008" (RIN0938-AO64) received on August 1, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2780. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Center for Medicare Management, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems and Fiscal Year 2008 Rates" (RIN0938-AO70) received on August 1, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2781. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 1248 Attribution Principles" ((RIN1545-BA93)-(TD 9345)) received on July 29, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2782. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Return Required by Subchapter T Cooperatives under Section

6012" ((RIN1545-BF82)(TD 9336)) received on July 29, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2783. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of technical data, defense services, and articles related to the Laser-based Directional Infrared Countermeasures System to the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2784. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to waiving the restrictions contained in the Cooperative Threat Reduction Act with respect to Uzbekistan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2785. A communication from the Under Secretary of Commerce (Intellectual Property), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Miscellaneous Changes to Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Rules" (RIN0651-AB56) received on July 31, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2786. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in the Regulation of Iodine Crystals and Chemical Mixtures Containing Over 2.2 Percent Iodine" (RIN1117-AA93) received on July 31, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2787. A communication from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to statistics on the operation of the premerger notification program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2788. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, the report of a draft bill intended to clarify the requirements for special monthly pension based on age and disability; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of a committee were submitted:

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

H.R. 50. A bill to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act and the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994.

H.R. 465. A bill to reauthorize the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997.

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

S. 742. A bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reduce the health risks posed by asbestos-containing products, and for other purposes.

S. 775. A bill to establish a National Commission on the Infrastructure of the United States.

S. 1785. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish deadlines by which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall issue a decision on whether to grant certain waivers of preemption under that Act.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. THUNE and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 1934. A bill to extend the existing provisions regarding the eligibility for essential air service subsidies through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. GREGG, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. KYL, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 1935. A bill to establish a Commission on Congressional Budgetary Accountability and Review of Federal Agencies; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BAYH, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 1936. A bill to provide for a plebiscite on the future status of Puerto Rico; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 1937. A bill to authorize additional funds for emergency repairs and reconstruction of the Interstate I-35 bridge located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, that collapsed on August 1, 2007, to waive the \$100,000,000 limitation on emergency relief funds for those emergency repairs and reconstruction, and for

other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. REED:

S. 1938. A bill to provide for the reviewing, updating, and maintenance of National Flood Insurance Program rate maps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 1939. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain land in the Santa Fe National Forest, New Mexico; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 1940. A bill to reauthorize the Rio Puerco Watershed Management Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 1941. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Wolf House, located in Norfolk, Arkansas, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. CLINTON, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 1942. A bill to amend part D of title V of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide grants for the renovation of schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 1943. A bill to establish uniform standards for interrogation techniques applicable to individuals under the custody or physical control of the United States Government; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CASEY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. STEVENS, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1944. A bill to provide justice for victims of state-sponsored terrorism; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1945. A bill to provide a Federal income tax credit for Patriot employers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1946. A bill to help Federal prosecutors and investigators combat public corruption by strengthening and clarifying the law; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 1947. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to improve the quality improvement organization (QIO) program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VOINOVICH:

S. 1948. A bill to award grants to establish Advanced Multidisciplinary Computing Software Centers, which shall conduct outreach, technology transfer, development, and utilization programs in specific industries and geographic regions for the benefit of small- and medium-size manufacturers and businesses; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 1949. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to provide loans to certain organizations in certain States to address habitats and ecosystems and to address and prevent invasive species; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BAYH, and Mr. DODD):

S. 1950. A bill to require a report on contingency planning for the redeployment of United States forces from Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. LOTT):

S. 1951. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure that individuals eligible for medical assistance under the Medicaid program continue to have access to prescription drugs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. SMITH, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1952. A bill to provide a Federal tax exemption for forest conservation bonds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 1953. A bill to amend the Agricultural Manufacturing Act of 1946 to require labeling of raw agricultural forms of ginseng, including the country of harvest, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. ENZI, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1954. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to pharmacies under part D; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1955. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to make grants to first responder agencies that have employees in the National Guard or Reserves on active duty; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 1956. A bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide equitable access for foster care and adoption services for Indian children in tribal areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KOHL, Mrs. CLINTON, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1957. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to provide protection for fashion design; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. KERRY, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 1958. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure and foster continued patient quality of care by establishing facility and patient criteria for long-term care hospitals and related improvements under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1959. A bill to establish the National Commission on the Prevention of Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1960. A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to improve surety bond guarantees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. SESSIONS:

S. 1961. A bill to expand the boundaries of the Little River Canyon National Preserve in the State of Alabama; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SESSIONS:

S. 1962. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to authorize a regional water enhancement program in the environmental quality incentives program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 1963. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow bonds guaranteed by the Federal home loan banks to be treated as tax exempt bonds; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1964. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish new separate fee schedule areas for physicians' services in States with multiple fee schedule areas to improve Medicare physician geographic payment accuracy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 1965. A bill to protect children from cybercrimes, including crimes by online predators, to enhance efforts to identify and eliminate child pornography, and to help parents shield their children from material that is inappropriate for minors; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 1966. A bill to reauthorize HIV/AIDS assistance; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. SMITH):

S. 1967. A bill to provide administrative ease and incentives for increased saving by Americans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. VITTER, and Mrs. DOLE):

S. 1968. A bill to provide for security at public water systems and publicly owned treatment works; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BAYH, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1969. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating Estate Grange and other sites related to Alexander Hamilton's life on the island of St. Croix in the United States Virgin Islands as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 1970. A bill to establish a National Commission on Children and Disasters, a National Resource Center on Children and Disasters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. BOND, Mr. BAUCUS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. DODD, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1971. A bill to authorize a competitive grant program to assist members of the

National Guard and Reserve and former and current members of the Armed Forces in securing employment in the private sector, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1972. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to modify a provision relating to the siting of interstate electric transmission; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 1973. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to double the period of limitations for returns involving offshore secrecy jurisdictions, to modify certain other provisions relating to the statute of limitations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1974. A bill to make technical corrections related to the Pension Protection Act of 2006; read the first time.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. REED, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BROWN, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1975. A bill to expand family and medical leave in support of servicemembers with combat-related injuries; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 1976. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to include a provision on organic conversion in the environmental quality incentives program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 1977. A bill to provide for sustained United States leadership in a cooperative global effort to prevent nuclear terrorism, reduce global nuclear arsenals, stop the spread of nuclear weapons and related material and technology, and support the responsible and peaceful use of nuclear technology; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. REED:

S. 1978. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to award grants to implement a co-teaching model for educating students with disabilities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1979. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide for school improvement, comprehensive, high-quality multi-year induction and mentoring for new teachers, and professional development for experienced teachers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1980. A bill to improve the quality of, and access to, long-term care; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REED:

S. 1981. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding environmental education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1982. A bill to provide for the establishment of the United States Employee Ownership Bank, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 1983. A bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to renew and amend the provisions for the enhanced review of covered pesticide products, to authorize fees for certain pesticide products, and to expend and improve the collection of maintenance fees, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 1984. A bill to strengthen immigration enforcement and border security and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CRAPO:

S. Res. 292. A resolution designating the week beginning September 9, 2007, as "National Assisted Living Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. Res. 293. A resolution commending the founder and members of Project Compassion; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BUNNING:

S. Res. 294. A resolution designating September 2007 as "National Bourbon Heritage Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. Res. 295. A resolution designating September 19, 2007, as "National Attention Deficit Disorder Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. CASEY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. Res. 296. A resolution designating September 2007 as "National Youth Court Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BENNETT):

S. Res. 297. A resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Utah League of Cities and Towns; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. DOLE (for herself and Mr. BURR):

S. Res. 298. A resolution commending the City of Fayetteville, North Carolina for holding a 3-day celebration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of the Marquis de Lafayette, and recognizing that the City of Fayetteville is where North Carolina celebrates the birthday of the Marquis de Lafayette; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 289

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 289, a bill to establish the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area, and for other purposes.

S. 334

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER], the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG] were added as cosponsors of S. 334, a bill to provide affordable, guaranteed private health coverage that will make Americans healthier and can never be taken away.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to establish a fact-finding Commission to extend the study of a prior Commission to investigate and determine facts and circumstances surrounding the relocation, internment, and deportation to Axis countries of Latin Americans of Japanese descent from December 1941 through February 1948, and the impact of those actions by the United States, and to recommend appropriate remedies, and for other purposes.

S. 415

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 415, a bill to amend the Revised Statutes of the United States to prevent the use of the legal

system in a manner that extorts money from State and local governments, and the Federal Government, and inhibits such governments' constitutional actions under the first, tenth, and fourteenth amendments.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

S. 456

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 456, a bill to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, and for other purposes.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 582, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to classify automatic fire sprinkler systems as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 586

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 586, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to promote positive health behaviors in women and children.

S. 595

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 595, a bill to amend the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 to strike a provision relating to modifications in reporting frequency.

S. 739

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr.

BAYH] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 739, a bill to provide disadvantaged children with access to dental services.

S. 742

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 742, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reduce the health risks posed by asbestos-containing products, and for other purposes.

S. 775

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 775, a bill to establish a National Commission on the Infrastructure of the United States.

S. 781

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 781, a bill to extend the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to collect Do-Not-Call Registry fees to fiscal years after fiscal year 2007.

S. 843

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 843, a bill to provide for the establishment of a national mercury monitoring program.

S. 903

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 903, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Muhammad Yunus, in recognition of his contributions to the fight against global poverty.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 911, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 946

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 946, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to reauthorize the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program, and for other purposes.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 969, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the definition of supervisor.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 988

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 988, a bill to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

S. 1015

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1015, a bill to reauthorize the National Writing Project.

S. 1060

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1060, a bill to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, and for other purposes.

S. 1069

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1069, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act regarding early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of hearing loss.

S. 1160

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1160, a bill to ensure an abundant and affordable supply of highly nutritious fruits, vegetables, and other specialty crops for American consumers and international markets by enhancing the competitiveness of United States-grown specialty crops.

S. 1161

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1161, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize the expansion of medicare coverage of medical nutrition therapy services.

S. 1175

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1175, a bill to end

the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, and for other purposes.

S. 1188

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1188, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to enhance the ability to produce fruits and vegetables on covered commodity base acres.

S. 1213

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1213, a bill to give States the flexibility to reduce bureaucracy by streamlining enrollment processes for the Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Programs through better linkages with programs providing nutrition and related assistance to low-income families.

S. 1223

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1223, a bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to support efforts by local or regional television or radio broadcasters to provide essential public information programming in the event of a major disaster, and for other purposes.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit through 2013, and for other purposes.

S. 1373

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1373, a bill to provide grants and loan guarantees for the development and construction of science parks to promote the clustering of innovation through high technology activities.

S. 1376

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1376, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and expand the drug discount program under section 340B of such Act to improve the provision of discounts on drug purchases for certain safety net providers.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1398

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1398, a bill to expand the

research and prevention activities of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to inflammatory bowel disease.

S. 1534

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1534, a bill to hold the current regime in Iran accountable for its human rights record and to support a transition to democracy in Iran.

S. 1572

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1572, a bill to increase the number of well-trained mental health service professionals (including those based in schools) providing clinical mental health care to children and adolescents, and for other purposes.

S. 1589

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1589, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to reduce the costs of prescription drugs for enrollees of Medicaid managed care organizations by extending the discounts offered under fee-for-service Medicaid to such organizations.

S. 1607

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1607, a bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes.

S. 1672

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1672, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a scholarship program for students seeking a degree or certificate in the areas of visual impairment and orientation and mobility.

S. 1708

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1708, a bill to provide for the expansion of Federal efforts concerning the prevention, education, treatment, and research activities related to Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, including the establishment of a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee.

S. 1718

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1718, a bill to amend the Servicemembers

Civil Relief Act to provide for reimbursement to servicemembers of tuition for programs of education interrupted by military service, for deferment of students loans and reduced interest rates for servicemembers during periods of military service, and for other purposes.

S. 1755

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1755, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to make permanent the summer food service pilot project for rural areas of Pennsylvania and apply the program to rural areas of every State.

S. 1784

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1784, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to improve programs for veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1793

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1793, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for property owners who remove lead-based paint hazards.

S. 1825

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1825, a bill to provide for the study and investigation of wartime contracts and contracting processes in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.

S. 1833

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1833, a bill to amend the Consumer Product Safety Act to require third-party verification of compliance of children's products with consumer product safety standards promulgated by the Consumer Product Safety Commission and for other purposes.

S. 1847

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1847, a bill to reauthorize the Consumer Product Safety Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1871

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 1871, a bill to provide for special transfers of funds to States to promote certain improvements in State unemployment compensation laws.

S. 1894

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr.

CONRAD], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1894, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide family and medical leave to primary caregivers of servicemembers with combat -related injuries.

S. 1895

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1895, a bill to aid and support pediatric involvement in reading and education.

S. 1910

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1910, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that amounts derived from Federal grants and State matching funds in connection with revolving funds established in accordance with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act will not be treated as proceeds or replacement proceeds for purposes of section 148 of such Code.

S. 1920

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1920, a bill to award competitive grants to eligible partnerships to enable the partnerships to implement innovative strategies at the secondary school level to improve student achievement and prepare at-risk students for postsecondary education and the workforce.

S. 1921

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1921, a bill to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1924

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1924, a bill to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any of certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employee's duty.

S. 1926

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1926, a bill to establish the National Infrastructure Bank to provide funding for qualified infrastructure projects, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 39

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 39, a concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a world day of remembrance for road crash victims.

SENATE RESOLUTION 82

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 82, a resolution designating August 16, 2007 as "National Airborne Day".

SENATE RESOLUTION 178

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 178, a resolution expressing the sympathy of the Senate to the families of women and girls murdered in Guatemala, and encouraging the United States to work with Guatemala to bring an end to these crimes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 288

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 288, a resolution designating September 2007 as "National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month".

SENATE RESOLUTION 291

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 291, a resolution designating the week beginning September 9, 2007, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, August 2, 2007, at 11:30 a.m. in closed session to receive a briefing on drawdown planning for U.S. forces in Iraq.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 2, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, August 2, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the

Senate to conduct a hearing entitled Preserving Prosecutorial Independence: Is the Department of Justice Politicizing the Hiring and Firing of U.S. Attorneys?—Part VII" on Thursday, August 2, 2007, at 10 a.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building room 226.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a markup on Thursday, August 2, 2007, at 11:30 a.m. in Dirksen room 226.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 2, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, FEDERAL SERVICES, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services and International Security be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, August 2, 2007, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Service Standards at the Postal Service: Are Customers Getting What They Paid For?"

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

The Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, August 2, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND FINANCE

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Security and International Trade and Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 2, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Reforming Key International Financial Institutions for the 21st Century."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:36 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3248. An act to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1495) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.

At 4:28 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3159. An act to mandate minimum periods of rest and recuperation for units and members of the regular and reserve components of the Armed Forces between deployments for Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom.

At 6:29 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2272) to invest in innovation through research and development, and to improve the competitiveness of the United States.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2831. An act to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to clarify that a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice that is unlawful under such Acts occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to the discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, and for other purposes.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO BILL S. 1

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. AKAKA in the chair) laid before the Senate the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the bill (S. 1) to provide greater transparency in the legislative process.

The Senate resumed consideration of the amendment of the House.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2590, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 2589, proposed by Mr. REID, to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the House of Representatives to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. DEMINT asked unanimous consent that it be in order for him to propose an amendment numbered 2605.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2590 to amendment No. 2589 to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the House of Representatives to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Tuesday, July 31, 2007, to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to bill S. 1.

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, July 31, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 80, nays... 17

[Rollcall Vote No. 293 Leg.]

YEAS --- 80

Akaka, Alexander, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 17

Allard, Bennett, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Coburn, Cochran, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Ensign, Graham, Inhofe, Kyl, Lott, McCain.

So the motion was agreed to; two-thirds of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2590 to amendment No. 2589 to the amendment of the House to bill S. 1.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the motion to concur in the amendment of the House with an amendment numbered 2589 be withdrawn (taking with it amendment No. 2590 thereto).

The question being on agreeing to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to bill S. 1.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 976 AND FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION RELATIVE TO BILL S. 1 ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That Mr. BYRD be recognized to speak for 20 minutes; that, upon conclusion remarks by him, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 976; that the time until 1:40 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between Mr. BAUCUS and Mr. GRASSLEY; and that, at 1:40 p.m., Mrs. MCCASKILL be recognized to speak for 10 minutes.

Ordered further, That, at 1:50 p.m. on today, the Senate resume consideration of the House amendment to bill S. 1; and that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion, by Mr. REID, that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to bill S. 1.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO BILL S. 1

The Senate resumed consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to bill S. 1.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to bill S. 1.

Pending debate,

SMALL BUSINESS TAX RELIEF ACT

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TESTER in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 976) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for small businesses, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2618, proposed by Mr. WEBB, to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SPECTER for Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. DEMINT, and Mr. VITTER) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 133, striking all beginning on line 4 through line 2, page 165, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2627).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 83, by striking line 2, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2600).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title I, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2571).

Pending debate,

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO BILL S. 1

The hour of 1:50 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to bill S. 1.

The question being on agreeing to the motion, by Mr. REID, that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to the bill.

On motion by Mr. GRASSLEY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 83, nays... 14

[Rollcall Vote No. 294 Leg.]

YEAS --- 83

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

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Bennett, Burr, Coburn, Cochran, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Ensign, Graham, Inhofe, Kyl, Lott, McCain.

So the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to bill S. 1 was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. CONRAD to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SMALL BUSINESS TAX RELIEF ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 976.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2571 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Mr. WEBB, by unanimous consent, modified his amendment No. 2618.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2571 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Mr. DORGAN called for the regular order with respect to his amendment No. 2534.

Whereupon,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2534, proposed by Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. DORGAN, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. BINGAMAN), to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), to the bill.

After debate,

Mr. DORGAN withdrew his pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2571 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. DEMINT) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in title I, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2596).

Mr. VITTER, by unanimous consent, modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2596, as modified, to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2535).

Mr. ALLARD modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2535, as modified, to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DODD (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms.

MIKULSKI, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. REED, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. ROBERTS) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in title VI, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2631).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BAUCUS,

Ordered, That the time until 4:30 p.m. be for concurrent debate on amendments numbered 2557, 2558, 2540, 2579, and 2537; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that, at 4:30 p.m., the Senate vote in "stacked" sequence in relation to said amendments in the aforementioned order; that no amendment to the amendments be in order prior to said votes; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote in "stacked" sequence; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

Ordered further, That amendment No. 2558 be modified.

Ordered, further, That, at 3:45 p.m., Mr. KYL be recognized; and that, at 4 p.m., Mr. GRAHAM be recognized.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2631 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendment were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. HUTCHISON to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), by striking section 110, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2620).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mrs. HUTCHISON,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The hour of 4:30 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2557, proposed by Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. STEVENS), to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. BAUCUS raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates section 201 of S. Con. Res. 21, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. SPECTER, under S. Con. Res. 21, to waive all applicable provisions of the concurrent resolution for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. SPECTER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 47, nays... 52

[Rollcall Vote No. 295 Leg.]

YEAS --- 47

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Leahy, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

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Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coburn, Conrad, Corker, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. BAUCUS.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2558, as modified, proposed by Mr. GRAHAM, to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

After debate,

Mr. BAUCUS raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment, as modified, violates section 201 of S. Con. Res. 21, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. GRAHAM, under S. Con. Res. 21, to waive all applicable provisions of the concurrent resolution for consideration of the pending amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. GRAHAM,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 39, nays... 60

[Rollcall Vote No. 296 Leg.]

YEAS --- 39

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, McCain,

McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Sessions, Shelby, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Warner, Webb.

NAYS --- 60

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Voinovich, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. BAUCUS.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment, as modified, not in order.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2540, proposed by Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ), to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. ENSIGN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 43, nays... 55

[Rollcall Vote No. 297 Leg.]

YEAS --- 43

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Sessions, Shelby, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 55

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Domenici, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2579, proposed by Mr.

THUNE, to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. THUNE,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 42, nays... 57

[Rollcall Vote No. 298 Leg.]

YEAS --- 42

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 57

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2537, proposed by Mr. KYL, to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. KYL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 37, nays... 62

[Rollcall Vote No. 299 Leg.]

YEAS --- 37

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Sessions, Shelby, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 62

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid,

Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2620 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ENZI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. SMITH, Mr. HATCH, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DODD, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. ISAKSON) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in title VI, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2621).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. BIDEN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in title VI, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2588).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2577).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. DEMINT,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS for Mr. BILL NELSON (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 218, line 16, by striking "\$10.00" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$3.00" (being amendment No. 2619).

The amendment was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2577 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. BAUCUS called for the regular order with respect to amendment No. 2631.

Whereupon,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2631 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2577 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. BAUCUS called for the regular order with respect to amendment No. 2588.

Whereupon,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2588 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2577 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BAUCUS,

Ordered, That, at 7:45 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to the following amendments in the following order: amendment No. 2627; amendment No. 2596, as modified; amendment No. 2535, as modified; amendment No. 2620; amendment No. 2562; amendment No. 2600.

Ordered further, That no amendments be in order to said amendments prior to the vote thereon; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to each vote in "stacked" sequence; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2577 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BAUCUS,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, upon conclusion of votes in "stacked" sequence, the Senate proceed to executive session and consideration of the nomination of Timothy D. DeGiusti, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma; that

there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on the nomination between the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on the Judiciary; that upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of said nomination; that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate resume its legislative session.

SMALL BUSINESS TAX RELIEF ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 976.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2577 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mrs. LINCOLN called for the regular order with respect to her amendment No. 2621.

Whereupon,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2621 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pending debate,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2577 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. WYDEN to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on various pages and lines, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2570).

Mr. WYDEN modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2570, as modified, to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2577 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. BAUCUS, by unanimous consent, withdrew amendment No. 2618, as modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2577 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2627 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. COBURN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 37, nays... 62

[Rollcall Vote No. 300 Leg.]

YEAS --- 37

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Sessions, Shelby, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

NAYS --- 62

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2596, as modified, to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. VITTER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 35, nays... 64

[Rollcall Vote No. 301 Leg.]

YEAS --- 35

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McConnell, Sessions, Shelby, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

NAYS --- 64

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow,

Stevens, Tester, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2535, as modified, to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. ALLARD,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 49, nays... 50

[Rollcall Vote No. 302 Leg.]

YEAS --- 49

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kennedy, Kerry, Kyl, Landrieu, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 50

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Clinton, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Ms. STABENOW,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2620 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 21, nays... 78

[Rollcall Vote No. 303 Leg.]

YEAS --- 21

Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Chambliss, Cochran, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, Dole, Domenici, Enzi, Graham, Hagel, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Lugar, McCain, Sessions, Shelby, Vitter.

NAYS --- 78

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coburn, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, DeMint, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Gregg, Harkin, Hatch, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2562, proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for Mr. KYL), to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BAUCUS,

Ordered, That amendment No. 2600 be withdrawn.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2562 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

Mr. BAUCUS raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates provisions of section 201 of S. Con. Res. 21, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. KYL, under S. Con. Res. 21, to waive provisions of the concurrent resolution for consideration of the pending amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. KYL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 49, nays... 50

[Rollcall Vote No. 304 Leg.]

YEAS --- 49

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

NAYS --- 50

Akaka, Baucus, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. BAUCUS.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PRYOR in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2577 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. SMITH asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose an amendment numbered 2552.

Mr. COBURN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2577 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. KERRY (for himself and Ms. SNOWE) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2529).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2577 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Ms. COLLINS) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in title II, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2567).

Mr. CARDIN, by unanimous consent, modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2567, as modified, to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2577 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BAUCUS,

Ordered, That all pending amendments (numbered 2571, 2541, and 2599) except amendment No. 2577 be withdrawn; that a "managers amendment" be the only amendment in order to be proposed; that Mrs. DOLE then be recognized to raise a point of order under the Congressional Budget Act with respect to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute); that Mr. BAUCUS be immediately recognized to move to waive the applicable provisions of the Congressional Budget Act for consideration of the amendment (in the nature of a substitute); that, upon disposition of said motion, the amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, be agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, as amended, without intervening action or debate.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2577 to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 37, nays... 62

[Rollcall Vote No. 305 Leg.]

YEAS --- 37

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Hagel, Hutchison, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Sessions, Shelby, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

NAYS --- 62

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Gregg, Harkin, Hatch, Inhofe, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on various pages and lines, striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 2645).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

Mrs. DOLE raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates provisions of section 203 of S. Con. Res. 21, and therefore is not in order.

Mr. BAUCUS, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 67, nays... 32

[Rollcall Vote No. 306 Leg.]

YEAS --- 67

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 32

Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2530 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall the bill, as amended, pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 68, nays... 31

[Rollcall Vote No. 307 Leg.]

YEAS --- 68

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 31

Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The title was amended, on motion by Mr. BAUCUS, so as to read: "An act to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes".

ORDER FOR PROGRAM IN
EXECUTIVE SESSION ON
TOMORROW

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the vote on the nomination of Timothy D. DeGiusti, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, previously ordered to occur immediately, instead occur on tomorrow, immediately following the convening of the Senate; and that other provisions of the order of today remain in status quo.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL
H.R. 2272

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PRYOR in the chair) laid before the Senate the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2272) to invest in innovation through research and development, and to improve the competitiveness of the United States; and

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the conference report.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the conference report be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE
PRESIDENT
BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE U.S.
COAST GUARD ACADEMY

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MENENDEZ in the chair) announced that the Vice President, pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194, as amended by Public Law 101-595, and upon the recommendation of the chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, had appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy: Mr. STEVENS and Ms. COLLINS.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL
BOURBON HERITAGE MONTH"

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 294) designating September 2007 as "National Bourbon Heritage Month", submitted today by Mr. BUNNING, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL
ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER
AWARENESS DAY"

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 295) designating September 19, 2007, as "National Attention Deficit Disorder Awareness Day", submitted today by Ms. CANTWELL, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL YOUTH
COURT MONTH"

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 296)

designating September 2007 as "National Youth Court Month", submitted today by Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. CASEY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. CORNYN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE UTAH
LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 297) recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Utah League of Cities and Towns, submitted today by Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BENNETT), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMENDING THE CITY OF
FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 298) commending the City of Fayetteville, North Carolina for holding a 3-day celebration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of the Marquis de Lafayette, and recognizing that the City of Fayetteville is where North Carolina celebrates the birthday of the Marquis de Lafayette, submitted today by Mrs. DOLE (for herself and Mr. BURR), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE
SENATE THAT THE PRESIDENT
SHOULD DECLARE LUNG CANCER
A PUBLIC HEALTH PRIORITY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 87) expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should declare lung cancer a public health priority and should implement a comprehensive interagency program to reduce the lung cancer mortality rate by at least 50 percent by 2015.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PESTICIDE REGISTRATION
IMPROVEMENT RENEWAL ACT

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1983) to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to renew and amend the provisions for the enhanced review of covered pesticide products, to authorize fees for certain pesticide products, and to expend and improve the collection of maintenance fees, and for other purposes, introduced on today by Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF
LAND AND INTERESTS IN LAND
OWNED BY THE SAGINAW
CHIPPEWA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF
THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2952) to authorize the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Indians of the State of Michigan to convey land and interests in land owned by the Tribe, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, July 31, 2007, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF
LAND AND INTERESTS IN LAND
OWNED BY THE COQUILLE INDIAN
TRIBE OF THE STATE OF OREGON

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2863) to authorize the Coquille Indian Tribe of the State of Oregon to convey land and interests in land owned by the Tribe, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, July 31, 2007, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE
IMPROVEMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 775) to establish a National Commission on the Infrastructure of the United States.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. PRYOR (for Mrs. BOXER) to insert, in lieu of the language proposed to be inserted by the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), other words (being amendment No. 2648, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1927) to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to provide additional procedures for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence information and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. BOND), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. PRYOR objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND
TIME AND PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2831) to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to clarify that a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice that is unlawful under such Acts occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to the discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. PRYOR objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1974) to make technical corrections related to the Pension Protection Act of 2006, introduced today by Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. ENZI), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. PRYOR asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. PRYOR objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

At 11:33 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 2007

Mr. SHERROD BROWN, from the State of Ohio, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. BROWN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, August 3, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a Senator from the State of Ohio, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. BROWN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Friday, August 3, 2007, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 375. A bill to waive application of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to a specific parcel of real property transferred by the United States to 2 Indian tribes in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes.

S. 975. A bill granting the consent and approval of Congress to an interstate forest fire protection compact.

S. 1099. A bill to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to make individuals employed by the Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission eligible to obtain Federal health insurance.

S. 1716. A bill to amend the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007, to strike a requirement relating to forage producers.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2789. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving exports necessary to support the

operation of a greenfield petrochemical plant in Saudi Arabia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2790. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the disability-related complaints that air carriers operating within the United States received during calendar year 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2791. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fenazaquin, 4-tert-butylphenethyl Quinazolin-4-yl Ether; Pesticide Import Tolerance" (FRL No. 8141-3) received on August 2, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2792. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Agency's server and data center energy efficiency; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2793. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "AJCA Modifications to the Section 6112 Regulations" ((RIN1545-BE28)(TD 9352)) received on August 2, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2794. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "AJCA Modifications to the Section 6111 Regulations" ((RIN1545-BE26)(TD 9351)) received on August 2, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2795. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "AJCA Modifications to the Section 6011 Regulations" ((RIN1545-BE24)(TD 9350)) received on August 2, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2796. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualified Severance of a Trust for Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax Purposes" ((RIN1545-BC50)(TD 9348)) received on August 2, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2797. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international

agreements, other than treaties (List 2007-153 - 2007-160); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2798. A communication from the Chief, Regulatory Management Division, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Adjustment of the Immigration and Naturalization Benefit Application and Petition Fee Schedule for Certain Adjustment of Status and Related Applications" (RIN1615-AB60) received on August 2, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2799. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States for the March 2007 Session"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. AKAKA, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs:

Special Report entitled "Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 109th Congress by the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs" (Rept. No. 110-141).

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 428. A bill to amend the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-142).

By Mr. AKAKA, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1163. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve compensation and specially adapted housing for veterans in certain cases of impairment of vision involving both eyes, and to provide for the use of the National Directory of New Hires for income verification purposes (Rept. No. 110-143).

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 1300. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, to improve aviation safety and capacity, to modernize the air traffic control system, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-144).

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:

Special Report entitled "Summary of Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 109th Congress" (Rept. No. 110-145).

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions,

with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 898. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to fund breakthroughs in Alzheimer's disease research while providing more help to caregivers and increasing public education about prevention.

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1183. A bill to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. REED):

S. 1985. A bill to improve access of senior homeowners to capital; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 1986. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Treasury to prescribe the weights and the compositions of circulating coins, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1987. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for alternative motor vehicle facility bonds; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. SMITH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1988. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a refundable credit against income tax for the purchase of a principal residence by a first-time homebuyer; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. OBAMA:

S. 1989. A bill to provide a mechanism for the determination on the merits of the claims of claimants who met the class criteria in a civil action relating to racial discrimination by the Department of Agriculture but who were denied that determination; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 1990. A bill to amend part D of title III of the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants and loan guarantees for health centers to enable the centers to fund capital needs

projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BUNNING:

S. 1991. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of extending the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to include additional sites associated with the preparation and return phases of the expedition, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. McCASKILL:

S. 1992. A bill to preserve the recall rights of airline employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 1993. A bill to modify the boundary of the Hopewell Culture National Historical Park in the State of Ohio, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1994. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain farmland from the estate tax; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. TESTER, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. BURR):

S. 1995. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the tax on beer to its pre-1991 level; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. BURR, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1996. A bill to reauthorize the Enhancing Education Through Technology Act of 2001, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. McCASKILL:

S. 1997. A bill to require all new and upgraded fuel pumps to be equipped with automatic temperature compensation equipment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DODD, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 1998. A bill to reduce child marriage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 1999. A bill to provide for the establishment of a Center of Excellence in Prevention, Diagnosis, Mitigation, Treatment, and Rehabilitation of Military Eye Injuries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DODD (by request):

S. 2000. A bill to amend and extend the Export Administration Act of 1979 and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 2001. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 2002. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify certain provisions applicable to real estate investment trusts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 2003. A bill to facilitate the part-time reemployment of annuitants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 2004. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish epilepsy centers of excellence in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. SANDERS, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2005. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide education on the health consequences of exposure to secondhand smoke, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2006. A bill to provide for disaster assistance for power transmission and distribution facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 2007. A bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide a floor of 1.0 for the practice expense and for the work expense geographic practice cost indices (GPCI) under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2008. A bill to reform the single family housing loan guarantee program under the Housing Act of 1949; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 2009. A bill to authorize additional funds for emergency repairs and reconstruction of the Interstate I-35 bridge located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, that collapsed on August 1, 2007, to waive the \$100,000,000 limitation on emergency relief funds for those

emergency repairs and reconstruction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 2010. A bill to require prisons and other detention facilities holding Federal prisoners or detainees under a contract with the Federal Government to make the same information available to the public that Federal prisons and detention facilities are required to do by law; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 2011. A bill entitled "The Protect America Act of 2007"; read twice.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 2012. A bill to amend the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007, to extend the period of emergency financial assistance to certain individuals and entities; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 2013. A bill to initially apply the required use of tamper-resistant prescription pads under the Medicaid Program to schedule II narcotic drugs and to delay the application of the requirement to other prescription drugs for 18 months; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 2014. A bill to provide for statewide longitudinal data systems to improve elementary and secondary education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 2015. A bill to increase the economic pressure on terror sponsoring states, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. KERRY, Ms. COLLINS Mrs. MURRAY, and Mrs. BOXER):

S.J. Res. 17. A joint resolution directing the United States to initiate international discussions and take necessary steps with other Nations to negotiate an agreement for managing migratory and transboundary fish stocks in the Arctic Ocean; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. Res. 299. A resolution recognizing the religious and historical significance of the

festival of Diwali; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. Res. 300. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) should stop the utilization of materials that violate provisions of the United Nations-brokered Interim Agreement between FYROM and Greece regarding "hostile activities or propaganda" and should work with the United Nations and Greece to achieve longstanding United States and United Nations policy goals of finding a mutually-acceptable official name for FYROM; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. Res. 301. A resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of Little Rock Central High School, one of the most significant events in the American civil rights movement; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Res. 302. A resolution censuring the President and Vice President; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. Res. 303. A resolution censuring the President and the Attorney General; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SUNUNU (for himself and Mr. GREGG):

S. Res. 304. A resolution congratulating Charles Simic on being named the 15th Poet Laureate of the United States of America by the Library of Congress; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. Res. 305. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding the Medicare national coverage determination on the treatment of anemia in cancer patients; to the Committee on Finance

By Mr. REID:

S. Con. Res. 43. A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate, and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 399

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] were added as cosponsors of S. 399, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include podiatrists as physicians for purposes of covering

physicians services under the Medicaid program.

S. 402

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 402, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for qualified timber gains.

S. 431

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 431, a bill to require convicted sex offenders to register online identifiers, and for other purposes.

S. 450

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 456

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] were added as cosponsors of S. 456, a bill to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, and for other purposes.

S. 558

At the request of Mr. CORKER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 558, a bill to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services.

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] were added as cosponsors of S. 558, *supra*.

S. 576

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 576, a bill to provide for the effective prosecution of terrorists and guarantee due process rights.

S. 580

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 580, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to update the feasibility and suitability studies of four national historic trails, and for other purposes.

S. 600

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 600, a bill to

amend the Public Health Service Act to establish the School-Based Health Clinic program, and for other purposes.

S. 771

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 771, a bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to improve the nutrition and health of schoolchildren by updating the definition of "food of minimal nutritional value" to conform to current nutrition science and to protect the Federal investment in the national school lunch and breakfast programs.

S. 775

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 775, a bill to establish a National Commission on the Infrastructure of the United States.

S. 791

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 791, a bill to establish a collaborative program to protect the Great Lakes, and for other purposes.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 803, a bill to repeal a provision enacted to end Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 814

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 814, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the deduction of attorney-advanced expenses and court costs in contingency fee cases.

S. 881

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] were added as cosponsors of S. 881, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 932

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 932, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize physical therapists to evaluate and treat Medicare beneficiaries without a requirement for a physician referral, and for other purposes.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 1015

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1015, a bill to reauthorize the National Writing Project.

S. 1160

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1160, a bill to ensure an abundant and affordable supply of highly nutritious fruits, vegetables, and other specialty crops for American consumers and international markets by enhancing the competitiveness of United States-grown specialty crops.

S. 1175

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1175, a bill to end the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, and for other purposes.

S. 1196

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1196, a bill to improve mental health care for wounded members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 1259

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1259, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance for developing countries to promote quality basic education and to establish the achievement of universal basic education in all developing countries as an objective of United States foreign assistance policy, and for other purposes.

S. 1328

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1328, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships.

S. 1338

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1338, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a two-year moratorium on certain Medicare physician payment reductions for imaging services.

S. 1356

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1356, a bill to amend the Federal Deposit

Insurance Act to establish industrial bank holding company regulation, and for other purposes.

S. 1390

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1390, a bill to provide for the issuance of a "forever stamp" to honor the sacrifices of the brave men and women of the armed forces who have been awarded the Purple Heart.

S. 1545

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1545, a bill to implement the recommendations of the Iraq Study Group.

S. 1572

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1572, a bill to increase the number of well-trained mental health service professionals (including those based in schools) providing clinical mental health care to children and adolescents, and for other purposes.

S. 1605

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1605, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect and preserve access of Medicare beneficiaries in rural areas to health care providers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1628

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1628, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize programs to increase the number of nurse faculty and to increase the domestic nursing and physical therapy workforce, and for other purposes.

S. 1638

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1638, a bill to adjust the salaries of Federal justices and judges, and for other purposes.

S. 1651

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1651, a bill to assist certain Iraqis who have worked directly with, or are threatened by their association with, the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1669

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1669, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to ensure payment under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) for covered items and services furnished by school-based health clinics.

S. 1730

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1730, a bill to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act, to reward States for engaging individuals with disabilities in work activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1744

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1744, a bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

S. 1755

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1755, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to make permanent the summer food service pilot project for rural areas of Pennsylvania and apply the program to rural areas of every State.

S. 1795

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1795, a bill to improve access to workers' compensation programs for injured Federal employees.

S. 1823

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1823, a bill to set the United States on track to ensure children are ready to learn when they begin kindergarten.

S. 1825

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1825, a bill to provide for the study and investigation of wartime contracts and contracting processes in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.

S. 1843

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1843, a bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to clarify that an unlawful practice occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, and for other purposes.

S. 1895

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1895, a bill to aid and support pediatric involvement in reading and education.

S. 1898

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 1898, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to expand family and medical leave for spouses, sons, daughters, and parents of servicemembers with combat-related injuries.

S. 1934

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1934, a bill to extend the existing provisions regarding the eligibility for essential air service subsidies through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

S. 1953

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1953, a bill to amend the Agricultural Manufacturing Act of 1946 to require labeling of raw agricultural forms of ginseng, including the country of harvest, and for other purposes.

S. 1963

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1963, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow bonds guaranteed by the Federal home loan banks to be treated as tax exempt bonds.

S. 1965

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1965, a bill to protect children from cybercrimes, including crimes by online predators, to enhance efforts to identify and eliminate child pornography, and to help parents shield their children from material that is inappropriate for minors.

S. 1970

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1970, a bill to establish a National Commission on Children and Disasters, a National Resource Center on Children and Disasters, and for other purposes.

S. 1975

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1975, a bill to expand family and medical leave in support of servicemembers with combat-related injuries.

SENATE RESOLUTION 178

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 178, a resolution expressing the sympathy of the Senate to the families of women and girls murdered in Guatemala, and encouraging the United States to work with Guatemala to bring an end to these crimes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 269

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 269, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster General that a commemorative postage stamp be issued in honor of former United States Representative Barbara Jordan.

SENATE RESOLUTION 296

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 296, a resolution designating September 2007 as "National Youth Court Month".

AUTHORITY FOR A COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DORGAN,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Friday, August 3, 2007, at 8 a.m. in executive session to receive information relating to the treatment of detainees.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 5:34 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following bills:

S. 1. An act to provide greater transparency in the legislative process.

S. 375. An act to waive application of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to a specific parcel of real property transferred by the United States to 2 Indian tribes in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes.

S. 975. An act granting the consent and approval of Congress to an interstate forest fire protection compact.

S. 1099. An act to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code; to make individuals employed by the Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission eligible to obtain Federal health insurance.

S. 1716. An act to amend the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007, to strike a requirement relating to forage producers.

H.R. 3206. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small

Business Investment Act of 1958 through December 15, 2007, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 6:50 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Brandon, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3311. An act to authorize additional funds for emergency repairs and reconstruction of the Interstate 1-35 bridge located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, that collapsed on August 1, 2007, to waive the \$100,000,000 limitation on emergency relief funds for those emergency repairs and reconstruction, and for other purposes.

At 8:31 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3161. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS REFERRED

The following bills, previously received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 31. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Wildomar Service Area Recycled Water Distribution Facilities and Alberhill Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility Projects; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 176. To authorize the establishment of educational exchange and development programs for member countries of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 180. An act to require the identification of companies that conduct business operations in Sudan, to prohibit United States Government contracts with such companies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 660. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 673. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take lands in Yuma County, Arizona, into trust as part of the reservation

of the Cocopah Tribe of Arizona, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 735. An act to designate the Federal building under construction at 799 First Avenue in New York, New York, as the "Ronald H. Brown United States Mission to the United Nations Building"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 957. An act to amend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 to expand and clarify the entities against which sanctions may be imposed; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 986. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Eightmile River in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1315. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the benefits provided to veterans under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1696. An act to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that Tribe; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 1700. An act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 2107. An act to create the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2120. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to proclaim as reservation for the benefit of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians a parcel of land now held in trust by the United States for that Indian tribe; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 2347. An act to authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000,000 or more in Iran's energy sector, companies that sell arms to the Government of Iran, and financial institutions that extend \$20,000,000 or more in credit to the Government of Iran for 45 days or more, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 2623. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the collection of copayments for all hospice care furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2707. An act to reauthorize the Underground Railroad Educational and Cultural Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 2722. An act to restructure the Coast Guard Integrated Deepwater Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2750. To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 2765. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 44 North Main Street in Hughesville, Pennsylvania, as the "Master Sergeant Sean Michael Thomas Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2874. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the provision of health care to veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2963. An act to transfer certain land in Riverside County, California, and San Diego County, California, from the Bureau of Land Management to the United States to be held in trust for the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 3067. An act to amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 to exempt small public housing agencies from the requirement of preparing an annual public housing agency plan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 3095. An act to amend the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 to modify a deadline relating to a certain election by Indian tribes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3123. An act to extend the designation of Liberia under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act so that Liberians can continue to be eligible for temporary protected status under that section; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3159. An act to mandate minimum periods of rest and recuperation for units and members of the regular and reserve components of the Armed Forces between deployments for Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom; to the Committee on Armed Services.

H.R. 3184. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a competitive grant program for the Puget Sound area to provide comprehensive conservation planning to address water quality; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H.R. 3248. An act to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for

Users to make technical corrections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 49. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and commending recipients of the Purple Heart for their courage and sacrifice on behalf of the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

H. Con. Res. 136. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding high level visits to the United States by democratically-elected officials of Taiwan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H. Con. Res. 143. Concurrent resolution honoring National Historic Landmarks; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H. Con. Res. 188. Concurrent resolution condemning the attack on the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in July 1994, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE BILLS PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1361. An act to improve the disaster relief programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3161. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

RECESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. STEVENS,
At 11:33 a.m.,

The Senate recessed, subject to the call of the chair.

AT 8:08 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TESTER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

PROTECT AMERICA ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to consider the bills S. 2011 and S. 1927; that an amendment be deemed proposed by Mr. McCONNELL (for himself and Mr. BOND) to bill S. 1927, and agreed to; that there be a period of 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for concurrent debate between the two leaders, or their designees thereon; that no further amendments or motions be in

order to either bill, as amended; that, upon conclusion of debate, the bills, as amended, be read the third time, en bloc; that the Senate vote on the passage of bill S. 1927, as amended; that, upon conclusion of said vote, the Senate vote on the passage of bill S. 2011; that if either bill fails to be passed with a minimum of 60 yeas votes, the vote be vitiated; and that the bill be placed on the calendar or returned to the calendar.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2011) entitled "The Protect America Act of 2007", introduced on today by Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and the bill (S. 1927) to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to provide additional procedures for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence information and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bills.

The question being on passage of bill S. 1927.

Pursuant to the order of today,

An amendment numbered 2649 was deemed proposed by Mr. McCONNELL (for himself and Mr. BOND), and agreed to.

The question then being on passage of the bill, as amended.

After debate,

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. McCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall the bill, as amended, pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 60, nays... 28

[Rollcall Vote No. 309 Leg.]

YEAS --- 60

Allard, Barrasso, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Burr, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Klobuchar, Kyl, Landrieu, Lieberman, Lincoln, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Mikulski, Murkowski, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Roberts, Salazar, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb.

NAYS --- 28

Akaka, Baucus, Biden, Bingaman, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Clinton, Dodd, Durbin, Feingold, Kennedy, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Menendez, Obama, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

On motion by Mr. BOND to reconsider the vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on passage of bill S. 2011.

The bill was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 43, nays... 45

[Rollcall Vote No. 310 Leg.]

YEAS --- 43

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Inouye, Kennedy, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 45

Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lieberman, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Pryor, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the bill was not passed.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote by which the bill was not passed.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The bill not having received 60 yea votes,

The vote by which the bill was not passed was vitiated; and the bill was placed on the calendar.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL H.R. 1495

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation of the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider the conference report on the bill (H.R. 1495) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; that there be 4 hours,

equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the conference report, without intervening action or debate.

Mr. FEINGOLD objected.

INTERSTATE I-35 BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATION

On the request of Mr. COLEMAN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3311) to authorize additional funds for emergency repairs and reconstruction of the Interstate I-35 bridge located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, that collapsed on August 1, 2007, to waive the \$100,000,000 limitation on emergency relief funds for those emergency repairs and reconstruction, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. COLEMAN for Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) to amend the pending bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2654).

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

OBJECTION TO DISCHARGE AND CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 327

Mr. DODD asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 327) to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop and implement a comprehensive program designed to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans, and that the Senate proceed to consider the bill.

Mr. THUNE objected.

OBJECTION TO ACTION ON MESSAGE FROM HOUSE ON BILL H.R. 1538

Mr. DODD asked unanimous consent that when the Senate receives a message from the House of Representatives on the bill (H.R. 1538) to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the management of medical care, personnel actions, and quality of life issues for members of the Armed Forces who

are receiving medical care in an outpatient status, and for other purposes, the Senate agree to the request of a conference thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

Mr. THUNE objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1257

Mr. DODD asked unanimous consent that at a time to be determined by the majority leader, upon consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1257) to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives.

Mr. THUNE objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 3159

Mr. DODD asked unanimous consent that, when the Senate receives from the House the bill (H.R. 3159) to mandate minimum periods of rest and recuperation for units and members of the regular and reserve components of the Armed Forces between deployments for Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom, the bill be read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Mr. THUNE objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 742

Mr. DODD asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 742) to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reduce the health risks posed by asbestos-containing products, and for other purposes; that an amendment at the desk be deemed proposed and agreed to; that the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as thus amended, be agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Mr. THUNE objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1785

Mr. DODD asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1785) to amend the Clean Air Act to establish deadlines by which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall issue a decision on whether to grant certain waivers of preemption under that Act; that the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a

motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Mr. THUNE objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL S. 558

Mr. DODD asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 558) to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services; that an amendment at the desk be deemed proposed and agreed to; that the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as thus amended, be agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Mr. THUNE objected.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION
ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2007

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, on Tuesday, September 4, 2007 at 2:30 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Jim Nussle to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget; that there be a limitation of three hours for debate thereon; that 2 hours therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on the Budget; that one hour therein be controlled by Mr. SANDERS; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; that the President then be notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER RELATIVE TO
NOMINATIONS IN STATUS QUO

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXXI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, section 5, all nominations remain in status quo with the exception of PN700, the nomination of Reed Verne Hillman, of Massachusetts, to be United States Marshal for the District of Massachusetts for the term of four years.

PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL
ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE
SENATE, AND A CONDITIONAL
ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 43) providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate, and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives, submitted today by Mr. REID, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1974) to make technical corrections related to the Pension Protection Act of 2006, introduced on yesterday by Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. ENZI), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

RELATIVE TO USE OF A GRANT OF
A PARCEL OF LAND TO THE STATE
OF IDAHO AS AN AGRICULTURAL
COLLEGE

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3006) to improve the use of a grant of a parcel of land to the State of Idaho for use as an agricultural college, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, July 31, 2007, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN
BILLS ON THE CALENDAR

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider, en bloc, the following bills on the calendar:

S. 1772. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 127 South Elm Street in Gardner, Kansas, as the "Private First Class Shane R. Austin Post Office";

S. 1896. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11 Central Street in Hillsborough, New Hampshire, as the "Officer Jeremy Todd Charron Post Office";

H.R. 1260. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6301 Highway 58 in Harrison, Tennessee, as the "Claude Ramsey Post";

H.R. 1335. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 508 East Main Street in Seneca, South Carolina, as the "S/Sgt Lewis G. Watkins Post Office Building";

H.R. 1425. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4551 East 52nd Street in Odessa, Texas, as the "Staff Sergeant Marvin "Rex" Young Post Office Building";

H.R. 1434. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 896 Pittsburgh Street in Springdale, Pennsylvania, as the "Rachel Carson Post Office Building";

H.R. 1617. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 561 Kingsland Avenue in University City, Missouri, as the "Harriett F. Woods Post Office Building";

H.R. 1722. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 Banyan Trail in Boca Raton, Florida, as the "Leonard W. Herman Post Office";

H.R. 2025. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11033 South State Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Willye B. White Post Office Building";

H.R. 2077. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20805 State Route 125 in Blue Creek, Ohio, as the "George B. Lewis Post Office Building";

H.R. 2078. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14536 State Route 136 in Cherry Fork, Ohio, as the "Staff Sergeant Omer T. 'O.T.' Hawkins Post Office";

H.R. 2127. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 408 West 6th Street in Chelsea, Oklahoma, as the "Clem Rogers McSpadden Post Office Building";

H.R. 2563. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 309 East Linn Street in Marshalltown, Iowa, as the "Major Scott Nisely Post Office";

H.R. 2570. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Boardwalk Drive in Fort Collins, Colorado, as the "Dr. Karl E. Carson Post Office Building";

H.R. 1384. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 118 Minner Street in Bakersfield, California, as the "Buck Owens Post Office"

H.R. 2688. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 South Getty Street in Uvalde, Texas, as the "Dolph S. Briscoe, Jr. Post Office Building".

The bills were read the third time, en bloc.

Resolved, That the bills, en bloc, do pass.

A motion to reconsider the vote on the passage of the bills, as amended, en bloc, was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "FRANK G. LUMPKIN, JR. POST OFFICE BUILDING"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2309) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3916 Milgen Road in Columbus, Georgia, as the "Frank G. Lumpkin, Jr. Post Office Building", received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, July 31, 2007, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

NATIVE AMERICAN \$1 COIN ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged

from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2358) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue coins in commemoration of Native Americans and the important contributions made by Indian tribes and individual Native Americans to the development of the United States and the history of the United States, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. REED) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2653, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SMALL BUSINESS DISASTER RESPONSE AND LOAN IMPROVEMENTS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 163) to improve the disaster loan program of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was withdrawn, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. KERRY) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2650, in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. BOND) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 50, striking all beginning with line 15 through line 3, page 60 (being amendment No. 2651).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2650 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. COBURN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 2652).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2650 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPALACHIAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACT AMENDMENTS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 496) to reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendments.

The reported amendments were agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING CHARLES SIMIC ON BEING NAMED THE 15TH POET LAUREATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 304) congratulating Charles Simic on being named the 15th Poet Laureate of the United States of America by the Library of Congress, submitted today by Mr. SUNUNU (for himself and Mr. GREGG), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

OPENNESS PROMOTES EFFECTIVENESS IN OUR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 849) to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) to amend the bill on

various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 2655).

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO REPORT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, committees be authorized to submit legislative and executive reports on Wednesday, August 29, 2007, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS DURING ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointment to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 12 NOON ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2007, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 12 noon on Tuesday, September 4, 2007; that, on Tuesday, September 4, 2007, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be

deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 1 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, at 1 p.m., the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2642) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 11:08 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 43, and under its order of today, until 12 noon on Tuesday, September 4, 2007.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2007

Mr. ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, called the Senate to order at 12:01 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CASEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, September 4, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., a Senator from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CASEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, August 3, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, August 3, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED DURING ADJOURNMENT

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on August 5, 2007, she had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bill:

S. 1927. An act to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to provide additional procedures for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence information and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES SUBMITTED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of August 3, 2007, the following reports of committees were submitted on August 29, 2007:

By Mr. BAUCUS, from the Committee on Finance:

Report to accompany S.J. Res. 16, A joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 (Rept. No. 110-146).

By Mr. AKAKA, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1233. A bill to provide and enhance intervention, rehabilitative treatment, and services to veterans with traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-147).

S. 1315. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance life insurance benefits for disabled veterans, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-148).

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of January 4, 2007, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 4, 2007, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2272. An act to invest in innovation through research and development, and to improve the competitiveness of the United States.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of January 4, 2007, the enrolled bill was signed on August 4, 2007, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Under the authority of the order of January 4, 2007, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 5, 2007, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House had passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1927. An act to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to provide additional procedures for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence information and for other purposes.

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

S. Con. Res. 43. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate, and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives.

The message further announced that the House agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3311) to authorize additional funds for emergency repairs and reconstruction of the Interstate I-35 bridge located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, that collapsed on August 1, 2007, to waive the \$100,000,000 limitation on emergency relief funds for those emergency repairs and reconstruction, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1927. An act to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to provide additional procedures for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence information and for other purposes.

H.R. 2863. An act to authorize the Coquille Indian Tribe of the State of Oregon to convey land and interests in land owned by the Tribe.

H.R. 2952. An act to authorize the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Indians of the State of Michigan to convey land and interests in land owned by the Tribe.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of January 4, 2007, the enrolled bill (S. 1927) was signed on August 5, 2007, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Under the authority of the order of January 4, 2007, the following enrolled bills, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, were signed on August 6, 2007, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

H.R. 2863. An act to authorize the Coquille Indian Tribe of the State of Oregon to convey land and interests in land owned by the Tribe.

H.R. 2952. An act to authorize the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Indians of the State of

Michigan to convey land and interests in land owned by the Tribe.

Under the authority of the order of January 4, 2007, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 6, 2007, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1260. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6301 Highway 58 in Harrison, Tennessee, as the "Claude Ramsey Post Office".

H.R. 1335. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 508 East Main Street in Seneca, South Carolina, as the "S/Sgt Lewis G. Watkins Post Office Building".

H.R. 1384. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 118 Minner Street in Bakersfield, California, as the "Buck Owens Post Office".

H.R. 1425. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4551 East 52nd Street in Odessa, Texas, as the "Staff Sergeant Marvin "Rex" Young Post Office Building".

H.R. 1434. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 896 Pittsburgh Street in Springdale, Pennsylvania, as the "Rachel Carson Post Office Building".

H.R. 1617. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 561 Kingsland Avenue in University City, Missouri, as the "Harriett F. Woods Post Office Building".

H.R. 1722. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 Banyan Trail in Boca Raton, Florida, as the "Leonard W. Herman Post Office".

H.R. 2025. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11033 South State Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Willye B. White Post Office Building".

H.R. 2077. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20805 State Route 125 in Blue Creek, Ohio, as the "George B. Lewis Post Office Building".

H.R. 2078. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14536 State Route 136 in Cherry Fork, Ohio, as the "Staff Sergeant Orner T. 'O.T.' Hawkins Post Office".

H.R. 2127. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 408 West 6th Street in Chelsea, Oklahoma, as the "Clem Rogers McSpadden Post Office Building".

H.R. 2309. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3916 Milgen Road in Columbus, Georgia, as the "Frank G. Lumpkin, Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 2563. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 309 East Linn Street in Marshalltown, Iowa, as the "Major Scott Nisely Post Office".

H.R. 2570. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Boardwalk Drive in Fort Collins, Colorado, as the "Dr. Karl E. Carson Post Office Building".

H.R. 2688. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 South Getty Street in Uvalde, Texas, as the "Dolph S. Briscoe, Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 3006. An act to improve the use of a grant of a parcel of land to the State of Idaho for use as an agricultural college, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3311. An act to authorize additional funds for emergency repairs and reconstruction of the Interstate I-35 bridge located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, that collapsed on August 1, 2007, to waive the \$100,000,000 limitation on emergency relief funds for those emergency repairs and reconstruction, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of January 4, 2007, the enrolled bills were signed on August 6, 2007, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

ORDER FOR MORNING BUSINESS
AND FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL
H.R. 1538 ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the order of Friday, August 3, 2007, that the Senate proceed to consider bill H.R. 2642 at 1 p.m. on today, there be a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the majority control the first 30 minutes therein; that the time of the majority be equally divided and controlled for debate between Mr. BROWN and Mr. BAUCUS; that the minority control the second 30 minutes therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to consider bill H.R. 1538.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That when the Senate proceeds to executive session to consider the nomination of Nussle, the time for debate between the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on the Budget, as pursuant to the order of Friday, August 3, 2007, instead be equally divided and controlled between the chairmen and ranking members of the

Committees on Budget and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; that Mr. SANDERS control one hour for debate; and that the remainder of said order remain in status quo.

OBJECTION RELATIVE TO
MESSAGE FROM HOUSE ON BILL
H.R. 976

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that, if the Senate receives a message from the House of Representatives on the bill (H.R. 976) to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes, it disagree to any amendment of the House in relation thereto, insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.
Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Friday, August 3, 2007, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Tuesday, September 4, 2007, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1. A bill to provide greater transparency in the legislative process.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2800. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Witchweed Quarantine Regulations; Regulated Areas in North and South Carolina" (Docket No. 2006-0170) received on August 11, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2801. A communication from the Under Secretary of Agriculture (Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Afterschool Snacks in the Child and Adult Care Food Program" (RIN0584-

AD27) received on August 8, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2802. A communication from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, transmitting, pursuant to law, two reports relative to terrorist threats to military installations; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2803. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of General Peter Pace, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2804. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2805. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's intent to close the Defense commissary stores at Buedingen and Gelnhausen, Germany; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2806. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of (14) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2807. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of (3) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2808. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of the authorization of Colonel Rex C. McMillian, United States Marine Corps Reserve, to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2809. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of the authorization of Brigadier General Anthony A. Cucolo III to wear the insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with

title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2810. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of (13) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2811. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Limitations on Tiered Evaluation of Offers" (DFARS Case 2006-D009) received on August 5, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2812. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Berry Amendment Notification Requirement" (DFARS Case 2006-D006) received on August 5, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2813. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Berry Amendment Restrictions - Clothing Materials and Components Covered" (DFARS Case 2006-D031) received on August 5, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2814. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Acceptance of Contributions for Defense Programs, Projects, and Activities; Defense Cooperation Account"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2815. A communication from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the initiation of a standard competition of the Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory function at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, Dover AFB, Delaware, Pope AFB, North Carolina, and Scott AFB, Illinois; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2816. A communication from the Acting Chief of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the Department's intent to begin a study of functions performed at the Fleet and Industrial Supply Centers and detachments; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2817. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the initiation of preliminary planning of multi-functions

including household goods; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2818. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the National Guard ChalleNGe Program for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2819. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustable Rate and Home Equity Conversion Mortgages - Additional Index" ((RIN2502-AI32)(FR-4969-F-02)) received on August 8, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2820. A communication from the Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Anti-Money Laundering Programs; Special Due Diligence Programs for Certain Foreign Accounts" (RIN1506-AA29) received on August 8, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2821. A communication from the Interim Chief Financial Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta, transmitting, pursuant to law, the management reports and statements relative to the Bank's system of internal controls for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2822. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, proposed legislation entitled, "Voucher and Rent Simplification Act of 2007"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2823. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving exports to Mexico including goods and services to be used in the Cantarell oil field; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2824. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Cote d'Ivoire that was declared in Executive Order 13396 of February 7, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2825. A communication from the Executive Director, U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, transmitting, proposed legislation that would extend the Council's authorization; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2826. A communication from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange

Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition of Fraud by Advisers to Certain Pooled Investment Vehicles" (RIN3235-AJ67) received on August 6, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2827. A communication from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definition of the Term Significant Deficiency" (RIN3235-AJ58) received on August 6, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2828. A communication from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rule 105 of Regulation M" (RIN3235-AJ75) received on August 6, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2829. A communication from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules 200 and 203 of Regulation SHO" (RIN3235-AJ57) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2830. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2831. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the category rating system; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

EC-2832. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Model S-76A, B, and C Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-SW-07)) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2833. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Front Royal-Warren County, VA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-AEA-01)) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2834. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Marshalltown, IA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-ACE-4)) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2835. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Red Dog, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AAL-40)) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2836. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company CF34-10E Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NE-44)) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2837. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Hawker Beechcraft Corporation Model 390 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-049)) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2838. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Air Tractor, Inc. Model AT-602 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-01)) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2839. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, Weather Takeoff Minimums; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3216)) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2840. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, Weather Takeoff Minimums; Miscellaneous

Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3217)) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2841. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Kodiak, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-AAL-01)) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2842. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Port Heiden, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-AAL-02)) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2843. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Canby, MN" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-AGL-2)) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2844. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Manhattan, KS" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-ACE-2)) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2845. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Monticello, IA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-ACE-3)) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2846. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330 and A340 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-076)) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2847. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness

Directives; Airbus Model A340-211, -212, -311, and -312 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-245)) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2848. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Middlesboro, KY" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-ASO-1)) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2849. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Marshalltown, IA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-ACE-4)) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2850. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9-81, DC-9-82, DC-9-83, DC-9-87, and MD-88 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-103)) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2851. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Reims Aviation S.A. Model F406 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-002)) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2852. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dornier Luftfahrt GmbH Model 228 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-013)) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2853. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Robinson Helicopter Company Model R44 and R44 II Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 2006-SW-19)) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2854. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300-600 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-184)) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2855. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Diamond Aircraft Industries GmbH Model DA 40 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-015)) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2856. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company CF6-80C2B Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NE-27)) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2857. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Hugoton, KS" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-ACE-6)) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2858. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Dean Memorial Airport, IA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-ANE-91)) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2859. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pelagic Shelf Rockfish in the West Yakutat District of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XB63) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2860. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Shortraker Rockfish in Statistical Area 610 of the Gulf

of Alaska" (RIN0648-XB52) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2861. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the West Yakutat District of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XB59) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2862. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closed Area I Scallop Access Area Closure for General Category Scallop Vessels" (RIN0648-AU47) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2863. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2007 Scup Winter II Quota Period Inseason Adjustment" (RIN0648-XB60) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2864. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Northern Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XB68) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2865. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pelagic Shelf Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XB67) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2866. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XB66) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2867. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Temporary Rule; Inseason Restoration of Black Sea Bass and Loligo Squid Quota from Unused Research Set-Aside" (RIN0648-XA94) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2868. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Western Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XB58) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2869. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Central Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XB41) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2870. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the West Yakutat District of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XB43) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2871. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Greenland Turbot in the Bering Sea Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XB51) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2872. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Emergency Fishery Closure Due to the Presence of the Toxin that Causes Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning" (RIN0684-AT48) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2873. A communication from the Director, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Estimates of the Natural Gas and Oil Reserves, Reserves Growth, and Undiscovered Resources in Federal and State Waters off the

Coasts of Louisiana, Texas, Alabama, and Mississippi"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2874. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's Inventory of Commercial and Inherently Governmental Activities for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2875. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations to Implement the Captive Wildlife Safety Act" (RIN1018-AT69) received on August 11, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2876. A communication from the Chief of Management Authority, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions of Regulations Implementing the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora" (RIN1018-AD87) received on August 11, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2877. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plan; Alaska" (FRL No. 8447-2) received on August 11, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2878. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Montana; Missoula Carbon Monoxide Redesignation to Attainment, Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes, and Approval of Related Revisions" (FRL No. 8452-9) received on August 11, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2879. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; State Implementation Plan Revision Variance for International Paper, Franklin Paper Mill, Virginia" (FRL No. 8452-6) received on August 11, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2880. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Implementation Plans of Tennessee; Clean Air Interstate Rule; Alaska" (FRL No. 8453-6) received on August 11, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2881. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment, Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Ohio; Redesignation of the Toledo Area 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment" (FRL No. 8451-9) received on August 11, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2882. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment, Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Ohio; Redesignation of the Dayton-Springfield 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment" (FRL No. 8452-3) received on August 11, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2883. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL No. 8451-8) received on August 11, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2884. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Operator Training Grant Guidelines for States; Solid Waste Disposal Act, Subtitle I, as amended by Title XV, Subtitle B of the Energy Policy Act of 2005" (FRL No. 8451-6) received on August 11, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2885. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyrasulfotole; Pesticide

Tolerance" (FRL No. 8141-8) received on August 11, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2886. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Kentucky; Redesignation of the Kentucky Portion of the Louisville 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment for Ozone; Technical Amendment" (FRL No. 8460-6) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2887. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Jersey; Low Emission Vehicle Program" (FRL No. 8441-7) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2888. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Redesignation of the Reading 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Area's Maintenance Plan and 2002 Base-Year Inventory" (FRL No. 8459-3) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2889. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Texas; Shipyard Facilities and Provisions for Distance Limitations, Setbacks, and Buffers in Standard Permits" (FRL No. 8460-2) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2008" (Rept. No. 110-149).

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 22. A resolution reaffirming the constitutional and statutory protections accorded sealed domestic mail, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 2016. A bill for the relief of Sopuruchi Chukwueke; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 2017. A bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to provide for national energy efficiency standards for general service incandescent lamps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 60

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 60, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide a means for continued improvement in emergency medical services for children.

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 507

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 507, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for reimbursement of certified midwife services and to provide for more equitable reimbursement rates for certified nurse-midwife services.

S. 561

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 561, a bill to repeal the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the expansion of the adoption credit and adoption assistance programs.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 582, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to classify automatic fire sprinkler systems as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 673

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 673, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide credits for the installation of wind energy property, including by rural homeowners, farmers, ranchers, and small businesses, and for other purposes.

S. 691

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the benefits under the Medicare program for beneficiaries with kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 790

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 790, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to permit the simplified summer food programs to be carried out in all States and by all service institutions.

S. 819

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 819, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes.

S. 829

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 829, a bill to reauthorize the HOPE VI program for revitalization of severely distressed public housing, and for other purposes.

S. 849

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 849, a bill to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes.

S. 886

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 886, a bill to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally

based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records.

S. 910

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 910, a bill to provide for paid sick leave to ensure that Americans can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.

S. 959

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 959, a bill to award a grant to enable Teach for America, Inc., to implement and expand its teaching program.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 1015

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1015, a bill to reauthorize the National Writing Project.

S. 1033

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1033, a bill to assist in the conservation of rare felids and rare canids by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of rare felid and rare canid populations and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of rare felid and rare canid populations.

S. 1125

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1125, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to encourage investment in the expansion of freight rail infrastructure capacity and to enhance modal tax equity.

S. 1166

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1166, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income certain zone compensation of civilian employees of the United States.

S. 1200

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1200, a bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend the Act.

S. 1246

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs.

CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1246, a bill to establish and maintain a wildlife global animal information network for surveillance internationally to combat the growing threat of emerging diseases that involve wild animals, such as bird flu, and for other purposes.

S. 1254

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1254, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that the reductions in social security benefits which are required in the case of spouses and surviving spouses who are also receiving certain government pensions shall be equal to the amount by which two-thirds of the total amount of the combined monthly benefit (before reduction) and monthly pension exceeds \$1, 200, adjusted for inflation.

S. 1306

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 1306, a bill to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission to classify certain children's products containing lead to be banned hazardous substances.

S. 1328

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1328, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships.

S. 1338

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1338, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a two-year moratorium on certain Medicare physician payment reductions for imaging services.

S. 1356

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1356, a bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to establish industrial bank holding company regulation, and for other purposes.

S. 1394

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] were added as cosponsors of

S. 1394, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, to exclude from gross income of individual taxpayers discharges of indebtedness attributable to certain forgiven residential mortgage obligations.

S. 1398

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1398, a bill to expand the research and prevention activities of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to inflammatory bowel disease.

S. 1413

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1413, a bill to provide for research and education with respect to uterine fibroids, and for other purposes.

S. 1476

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1476, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct special resources study of the Tule Lake Segregation Center in Modoc County, California, to determine suitability and feasibility of establishing a unit of the National Park System.

S. 1638

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1638, a bill to adjust the salaries of Federal justices and judges, and for other purposes.

S. 1693

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1693, a bill to enhance the adoption of a nationwide interoperable health information technology system and to improve the quality and reduce the costs of health care in the United States.

S. 1744

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] were added as cosponsors of S. 1744, a bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

S. 1755

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1755, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to make permanent the summer food service pilot project for rural areas of Pennsylvania and apply the program to rural areas of every State.

S. 1840

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1840, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers.

S. 1843

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1843, a bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to clarify that an unlawful practice occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, and for other purposes.

S. 1848

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1848, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to address the impact of globalization, to reauthorize trade adjustment assistance, to extend trade adjustment assistance to service workers, communities, firms, and farmers, and for other purposes.

S. 1880

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] were added as cosponsors of S. 1880, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit dog fighting ventures.

S. 1924

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1924, a bill to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any of certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employee's duty.

S. 1958

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1958, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure and foster continued patient quality of care by establishing facility and patient criteria for long-term care hospitals and related improvements under the Medicare program.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 13, a joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the International Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding.

SENATE RESOLUTION 118

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 118, a resolution urging the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt.

SENATE RESOLUTION 178

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 178, a resolution expressing the sympathy of the Senate to the families of women and girls murdered in Guatemala, and encouraging the United States to work with Guatemala to bring an end to these crimes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 222

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 222, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

SENATE RESOLUTION 305

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 305, a resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding the Medicare national coverage determination on the treatment of anemia in cancer patients.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REED,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 4, 2007 at 2 p.m. in executive session to continue to receive information relating to the treatment of detainees.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 4, 2007, at 2 p.m., in room 419 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony from the Government Accountability Office on the situation in Iraq.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 3:07 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2419. An act to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3162. An act to amend titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the children's health insurance program, to improve beneficiary protections under the Medicare, Medicaid, and the CHIP program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3221. An act moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure.

H.R. 3222. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 3222. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 3162. An act to amend titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the children's health insurance program, to improve beneficiary protections under the Medicare, Medicaid, and the CHIP program, and for other purposes.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Pursuant to the order of Friday, August 3, 2007, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2642) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REED (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof

other words (being amendment No. 2656, in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REED,

Ordered, That the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be agreed to and considered original text for purpose of further amendment; and that no points of order be waived.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 2:30 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of Friday, August 3, 2007,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Friday, August 3, 2007,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE MEDICARE NATIONAL COVERAGE DETERMINATION ON THE TREATMENT OF ANEMIA IN CANCER PATIENTS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 305) to express the sense of the Senate regarding the Medicare national coverage determination on the treatment of anemia in cancer patients.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from Treaty Docs. 110-5 and 110-6, received from the President on today.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MENENDEZ in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill

(H.R. 2419) to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3221) moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 11:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders, or their designees; that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority

control the second half therein; that Mr. DORGAN be recognized for 20 minutes of the time of the majority; and that, at 11:30 a.m., the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 2642.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

At 7:20 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, September 5, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND
TIME AND PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2419) to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND
TIME AND PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3221) moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business until 11:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2890. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology), transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on the Mentor-Protege

Program for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2891. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; South Carolina: Revisions to Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 8457-2) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2892. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyriproxyfen; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8142-4) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2893. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Consolidated Federal Air Rule" (FRL No. 8459-5) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2894. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 8452-1) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2895. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District and San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Technical Amendment" (FRL No. 8458-9) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2896. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Two Optional Methods for Relative Accuracy Test Audits of Mercury Monitoring Systems Installed on Combustion Flue Gas Streams and Several Amendments to Related Mercury Monitoring Provisions" (FRL No. 8459-8) received on August 27,

2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2897. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Endangered Species Program, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Remove the Idaho Springsnail From the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife" (RIN1018-AU66) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

EC-2898. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for *Catesbaea Melanocarpa*" (RIN1018-AU76) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2899. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Hine's Emerald Dragonfly" (RIN1018-AU74) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2900. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Connecticut; Establishment of Interim Progress for the Annual Fine Particle National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 8461-5) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2901. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flusilazole; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL No. 8138-6) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2902. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flutriafol; Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8135-6) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2903. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Propylene Oxide; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8143-9) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2904. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Spinosad; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8142-1) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2905. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Colorado; Revised Denver and Longmont Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plans, and Approval of Related Revisions" (FRL No. 8453-5) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2906. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Arizona - Phoenix PM-10 Nonattainment Area; Salt River Area Plan for Attainment of the 24-hour PM-10 Standard" (FRL No. 8446-1) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2907. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Idaho and Washington; Interstate Transport of Pollution; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule" (FRL No. 8456-3) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2908. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plan for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Louisiana; Clean Air Mercury Rule" (FRL No. 8455-3) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2909. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Arkansas: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL No. 8455-5) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2910. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Buprofezin; Pesticide Tolerance; Technical Correction" (FRL No. 8140-9) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2911. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cis-isomer of 1-(3-chloroallyl)-3,5,7-triaza-1-azoniaadamantane chloride; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8122-3) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2912. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fipronil; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8142-6) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2913. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lambda-Cyhalothrin; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8143-1) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2914. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Louisiana: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL No. 8455-9) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2915. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Mexico: Final

Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL No. 8455-6) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2916. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Zucchini Yellow Mosaic Virus-Weak Strain; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8137-9) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2917. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "The Year in Trade 2006"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2918. A communication from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "2007 Data Book: Healthcare Spending and the Medicare Program"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2919. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of Financial Management, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program and State Children's Health Insurance Program; Payment Error Rate Measurement" ((RIN0938-AN77)(Docket No. CMS-6026-F)) received on August 31, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2920. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program, Hospice Wage Index For Fiscal Year 2008" ((RIN0938-AO72)-(Docket No. CMS-1539-F)) received on August 31, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2921. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Physicians' Referrals to Health Care Entities With Which They Have Financial Relationships" ((RIN0938-AK67)-(Docket No. CMS-1810-F)) received on August 31, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2922. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 1045 Application to Partnerships" ((RIN1545-BC67)(TD 9353)) received on August 17, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2923. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expenses for Household and Dependent Care Services Necessary for Gainful Employment" ((RIN1545-BB86)(TD 9354)) received on August 17, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2924. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disregarded Entities; Employment and Excise Taxes" ((RIN1545-BE43)(TD 9356)) received on August 17, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2925. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transaction of Interest - Contribution of Successor Member Interest" (Notice 2007-72) received on August 17, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2926. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Under Section 6655 Regarding Estimated Tax Payments by Corporations" ((RIN1545-AY22)(TD 9347)) received on August 7, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2927. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update" (Notice 2007-68) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2928. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Elimination of Country-by-Country Reporting to Shareholders of Foreign Taxes Paid by Regulated Investment Companies" (TD 9357) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2929. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Examination and Closing Procedures for Form 8697, Look-Back Interest" (LMSB-04-0207-048) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2930. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "Modification of Notice 2003-81" (Notice 2007-71) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2931. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2007 National Pool" (Rev. Proc. 2007-55) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2932. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Biotech Industry Overview Guide" (LMSB-04-0207-019) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2933. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice on Low Normal Retirement Age" (Notice 2007-69) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2934. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure: Examination of Returns and Claims for Refund, Credit, or Abatement; Determination of Tax Liability" (Rev. Proc. 2007-58) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2935. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Industry Overview Guide" (LMSB-04-0207-018) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2936. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Domestic Production Deduction Industry Director Directive" (LMSB-04-0707-049) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2937. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarification of Section 6411 Regulations" ((RIN1545-BF66)(TD 9355)) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2938. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pharmaceutical Industry Overview Guide" (LMSB-04-0207-

010) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2939. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update to Notice 2006-89 - Section 906 of the Pension Protection Act of 2006" (Notice 2007-67) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2940. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Rev. Rul. 94-62" (Rev. Rul. 2007-58) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2941. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - September 2007" (Rev. Rul. 2007-57) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2942. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the transfer of hardware, technical data, and defense services to Canada for the NIMIQ 5/6/5R Satellites Program; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2943. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, two agreements between the American Institute in Taiwan and American organizations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2944. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2007-161 - 2007-180); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2945. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of technical data, defense services and defense articles relating to the maintenance of the C-130 fleet of Saudi Arabia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2946. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of technical

data, defense services and defense articles for the manufacture of 25MM Turrets for Kuwait; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2947. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of technical data, defense services and defense articles to support repair and modification of Singapore's AH-64D helicopters; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2948. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the effectiveness of UN efforts to prevent sexual exploitation and abuse in its peacekeeping missions; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2949. A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Joint Strategic Plan of the Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development for fiscal years 2007 to 2012; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2950. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Civil Penalties under ERISA Section 502(c)-(7)" (RIN1210-AB23) received on August 11, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2951. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Affirmative Action and Nondiscrimination Obligations of Contractors and Subcontractors Regarding Disabled Veterans, Recently Separated Veterans, Other Protected Veterans, and Armed Forces Service Medal Veterans" (RIN1215-AB46) received on August 11, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2952. A communication from the Deputy Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044) received on August 8, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2953. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2954. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the Office of Civil Rights for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2955. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's inventory of inherently governmental and commercial activities for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2956. A communication from the Acting White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2957. A communication from the Acting White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the designation of an acting officer for the position of Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2958. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2959. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the District of Columbia's Budget Request Act for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2960. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "5 CFR Part 990" (RIN3206-AJ97) received on August 8, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2961. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Eligibility for Presidential Rank Awards to Employees in Senior-Level and Scientific-Professional Positions" (RIN3206-AJ65) received on August 8, 2007; to the Committee on

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2962. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Letter Report: Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C for Fiscal Years 2005 through 2007, as of March 31, 2007"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2963. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Letter Report: Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D for Fiscal Years 2005 Through 2007, as of March 31, 2007"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2964. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Letter Report: Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B for Fiscal Years 2005 Through 2007, as of March 31, 2007"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2965. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Letter Report: Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4A for Fiscal Years 2005 through 2007, as of March 31, 2007"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2966. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, (2) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2967. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Emergency Management Agency Touhy Regulations" ((RIN1660-AA54)(Docket No. FEMA-2007-0006)) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2968. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs and Chief Medical Officer, received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2969. A communication from the Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2007 to 2012; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2970. A communication from the Under Secretary of Commerce (Intellectual Property), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Practice for Continued Examination Filings, Patent Applications Containing Patentably Indistinct Claims, and Examination of Claims in Patent Applications" ((RIN0651-AB93)(RIN0651-AB94)) received on August 8, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2971. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bureau of Justice Assistance's annual report for fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2972. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Elimination of Exemptions for Chemical Mixtures Containing the List I Chemicals Ephedrine and/or Pseudoephedrine" (RIN1117-AB11) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2973. A communication from the Deputy White House Liaison, U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Indiana, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of an acting officer for the position of Acting U.S. Attorney, received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 376. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-150).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 2018. A bill to allow the Department of Housing and Urban Development to better serve persons with limited proficiency in the English language by providing technical assistance to recipients of Federal funds; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 2019. A bill to prohibit the imposition and collection of tolls on certain highways

constructed using Federal funds; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TESTER, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 306. A resolution concerning the return of Senator Tim Johnson; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. Res. 307. A resolution supporting efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment, and research; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. Res. 308. A resolution congratulating the Warner Robins American Little League team of Warner Robins, Georgia, for winning the

championship game of the Little League World Series; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 156

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 156, a bill to make the moratorium on Internet access taxes and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce permanent.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to prohibit the import, export, and sale of goods made with sweatshop labor, and for other purposes.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] were added as cosponsors of S. 604, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to limit increases in the certain costs of health care services under the health care programs of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] were added as cosponsors of S. 626, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 630

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 630, a bill to amend part C of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a minimum payment rate by Medicare Advantage organizations for services furnished by a critical access hospital and a rural health clinic under the Medicare program.

S. 651

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 651, a bill to help promote the national recommendation of physical activity to kids, families, and communities across the United States.

S. 714

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 714, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to ensure that all dogs and cats used by research facilities are obtained legally.

S. 725

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 725, a bill to amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance

Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to reauthorize and improve that Act.

S. 772

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 772, a bill to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads.

S. 790

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 790, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to permit the simplified summer food programs to be carried out in all States and by all service institutions.

S. 807

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 807, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 to provide that manure shall not be considered to be a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 911, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 935

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 935, a bill to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 968

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 968, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide increased assistance for the prevention, treatment, and control of tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

S. 988

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 988, a bill to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

S. 1060

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1060, a bill to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of

offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, and for other purposes.

S. 1107

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1107, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce cost-sharing under part D of such title for certain non-institutionalized full-benefit dual eligible individuals.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit through 2013, and for other purposes.

S. 1246

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1246, a bill to establish and maintain a wildlife global animal information network for surveillance internationally to combat the growing threat of emerging diseases that involve wild animals, such as bird flu, and for other purposes.

S. 1251

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1251, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of horses, and for other purposes.

S. 1306

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1306, a bill to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission to classify certain children's products containing lead to be banned hazardous substances.

S. 1310

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1310, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of increased payments for ground ambulance services under the Medicare program.

S. 1338

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1338, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a two-year moratorium on certain Medicare physician payment reductions for imaging services.

S. 1374

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1374, a bill to

assist States in making voluntary high quality full-day prekindergarten programs available and economically affordable for the families of all children for at least 1 year preceding kindergarten.

S. 1416

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1416, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the deduction for mortgage insurance premiums.

S. 1451

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1451, a bill to encourage the development of coordinated quality reforms to improve health care delivery and reduce the cost of care in the health care system.

S. 1459

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1459, a bill to strengthen the Nation's research efforts to identify the causes and cure of psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis, expand psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis data collection, study access to and quality of care for people with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis, and for other purposes.

S. 1484

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1484, a bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restore the Medicare treatment of ownership of oxygen equipment to that in effect before enactment of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.

S. 1551

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1551, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

S. 1555

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1555, a bill to establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of Food and Drug Administration-approved contraception, and for other purposes.

S. 1627

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1627, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and expand the benefits for businesses operating in empowerment zones, enterprise communities, or renewal communities, and for other purposes.

S. 1651

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1651, a bill to assist certain Iraqis who have worked directly with, or are threatened by their association with, the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1661

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1661, a bill to communicate United States travel policies and improve marketing and other activities designed to increase travel in the United States from abroad.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1738, a bill to establish a Special Counsel for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction within the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, to improve the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, to increase resources for regional computer forensic labs, and to make other improvements to increase the ability of law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute predators.

S. 1744

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1744, a bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

S. 1760

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1760, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Healthy Start Initiative.

S. 1776

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1776, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish a user fee program to ensure food safety, and for other purposes.

S. 1792

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1792, a bill to amend the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act to improve such Act.

S. 1816

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1816, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a commemorative trail in connection with the Women's Rights

National Historical Park to link properties that are historically and thematically associated with the struggle for women's suffrage, and for other purposes.

S. 1905

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1905, a bill to provide for a rotating schedule for regional selection of delegates to a national Presidential nominating convention, and for other purposes.

S. 1924

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1924, a bill to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any of certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employee's duty.

S. 1942

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1942, a bill to amend part D of title V of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide grants for the renovation of schools.

S. 1951

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1951, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure that individuals eligible for medical assistance under the Medicaid program continue to have access to prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 1954

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1954, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to pharmacies under part D.

S. 1971

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1971, a bill to authorize a competitive grant program to assist members of the National Guard and Reserve and former and current members of the Armed Forces in securing employment in the private sector, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 31

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 31, a concurrent resolution expressing support for advancing vital United States interests through increased engagement in health programs that alleviate disease and reduce premature death in developing nations,

especially through programs that combat high levels of infectious disease improve children's and women's health, decrease malnutrition, reduce unintended pregnancies, fight the spread of HIV/AIDS, encourage healthy behaviors, and strengthen health care capacity.

SENATE RESOLUTION 178

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 178, a resolution expressing the sympathy of the Senate to the families of women and girls murdered in Guatemala, and encouraging the United States to work with Guatemala to bring an end to these crimes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 301

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 301, a resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of Little Rock Central High School, one of the most significant events in the American civil rights movement.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REED,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 5, 2007, at 10 a.m. to hold a nomination hearing.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet in order to conduct a hearing entitled "The 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1957 and its Continuing Importance" on Wednesday, September 5, 2007, at 10 a.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building, room 226.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet today Wednesday, September 5, 2007, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

in SD-628 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:49 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2358) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue coins in commemoration of Native Americans and the important contributions made by Indian tribes and individual Native Americans to the development of the United States and the history of the United States, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2669) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 601 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and that Messrs. GEORGE MILLER of California, ANDREWS, SCOTT of Virginia, HINOJOSA, TIERNEY, WU, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Messrs. DAVIS of Illinois, BISHOP of New York, Ms. HIRONO, Messrs. ALTMIRE, YARMUTH, COURTNEY, MCKEON, KELLER of Florida, Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS, Ms. FOXX, Messrs. KUHL of New York, WALBERG, SOUDER, EHLERS, Mrs. BIGGERT, and Mr. PRICE of Georgia, be managers of the conference on the part of the House.

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

H.R. 23. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.

H.R. 694. An act to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2850. An act to provide for the implementation of a Green Chemistry Research and Development Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2992. An act to amend the Small Business Act to improve trade programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3020. An act to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Microloan program, and for other purposes.

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

S. 377. An act to establish a United States-Poland parliamentary youth exchange program, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 196. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Rotunda and grounds of the Capitol for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama.

At 6 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution:

H. Res. 632. Resolution relative to the death of the Honorable Paul E. Gillmor, a Representative, from the State of Ohio.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 23. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2850. An act to provide for the implementation of a Green Chemistry Research and Development Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2992. An act to amend the Small Business Act to improve trade programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 3020. An act to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Microloan program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 2642) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of bill.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:31 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:16 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order.

ATTENDANCE OF A SENATOR

Mr. JOHNSON attended the session of the Senate on today.

CONCERNING THE RETURN OF SENATOR TIM JOHNSON

On the request of Mr. THUNE,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 306) concerning the return of Senator Tim Johnson, submitted today by Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TESTER, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

Pending debate,

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2642.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. DEMINT to further amend the bill on page 44, striking all beginning on line 20 through line 23, page 45 (being amendment No. 2686).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN to lay the pending amendment on the table.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN withdrew her pending motion.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2686 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REED,

Ordered, That the following be the only first-degree amendments in order to be proposed to the pending bill H.R. 2642; and that each be subject to second-degree amendments, relevant to the subject of the amendment intended to be amended:

An amendment (numbered 2661), intended to be proposed by Mr. FEINGOLD;

An amendment (numbered 2658), intended to be proposed by Mr. OBAMA;

An amendment (numbered 2660), intended to be proposed by Mrs. MCCASKILL;

An amendment (numbered 2681), intended to be proposed by Mrs. HUTCHISON;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. COLEMAN, relative to conventions;

An amendment (numbered 2664), intended to be proposed by Mr. SANDERS;

An amendment (numbered 2669), intended to be proposed by Mr. TESTER;

An amendment (numbered 2662), intended to be proposed by Mr. SALAZAR;

An amendment (numbered 2677), intended to be proposed by Mrs. MURRAY;

An amendment (numbered 2679), intended to be proposed by Ms. LANDRIEU;

An amendment (numbered 2680), intended to be proposed by Ms. STABENOW;

An amendment (numbered 2682), intended to be proposed by Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Mr. INOUE);

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. ALLARD, relative to VA land transfer in Denver;

An amendment (numbered 2673), intended to be proposed by Mr. BROWN;

An amendment (numbered 2666), intended to be proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL.

Ordered further, That, when the Senate resumes consideration of the bill on tomorrow, the only amendments remaining for disposition be amendments numbered 2664, 2662, 2673, 2666, and the amendment by Mr. COLEMAN, relative to conventions; that no further debate on motions be in order, except for debate, to be subsequently ordered, between votes; that, upon disposition of said amendments, the bill, as amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on the passage of the bill, as amended.

Ordered further, That the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate; and that no points of order be waived.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 2764

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REED,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of bill H.R. 2642, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2764) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2642.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2686 to the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 66, nays... 25

[Rollcall Vote No. 312 Leg.]

YEAS --- 66

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feinstein, Gregg, Harkin, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lott, Martinez, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith,

Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 25

Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Crapo, DeMint, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Grassley, Hagel, Hatch, Inhofe, Kyl, Lugar, McConnell, Sessions, Shelby, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REED to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. REED,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. REED for Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN) to further amend the bill on page 50, after line 17, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2661).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REED to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. REED,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. REED (for Mr. OBAMA) to further amend the bill on page 50, after line 17, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2658).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REED to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. REED,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. REED for Mrs. MCCASKILL to further amend the bill on page 46, after line 2, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2660).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REED to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. REED,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. REED (for Mrs. MURRAY) to further amend the bill on page 46, after line 2, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2677).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REED to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. REED,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. REED (for Ms. LANDRIEU) to further amend the bill on page 46, after line 2, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2679).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REED to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. REED,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. REED for Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LEVIN) to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2680).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REED to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. REED,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. REED (for Mrs. HUTCHISON) to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2681).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REED to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. REED,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. REED for Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. BYRD, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. JOHNSON) to further amend the bill on page 46, after line 2, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2669).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REED to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. REED,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. REED for Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Mr. INOUE) to further amend the bill on page 46, after line 2, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2682).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REED to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. REED,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. REED (for Mr. ALLARD) to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2688).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REED to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. REED,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED; JOINT RESOLUTION REFERRED

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REED,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 17) directing the United States to initiate international discussions and take necessary steps with other Nations to negotiate an agreement for managing migratory and transboundary fish stocks in the Arctic Ocean; and that it be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE ROTUNDA AND GROUNDS OF THE CAPITOL FOR A CEREMONY TO AWARD THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO TENZIN GYATSO, THE FOURTEENTH DALAI LAMA

On the request of Mr. REED,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 196) authorizing the use of the rotunda and grounds of the Capitol for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE WARNER ROBINS AMERICAN LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM FOR WINNING THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME OF THE LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

On the request of Mr. REED,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 308) congratulating the Warner Robins American Little League team of Warner Robins, Georgia, for winning the championship game of the Little League World Series, submitted today by Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mrs. LINCOLN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REED,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders, or their designees; that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein; that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 2642; that Mr. BUNNING then be recognized to speak for 30 minutes; that, upon conclusion of remarks by him, there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled between Mr. COLEMAN and Mr. BUNNING, or their designees, for debate on amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. COLEMAN; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to said amendment; and that, following said vote, the Senate vote in "stacked" sequence in relation to the following amendments in the following order: 2664, 2662, 2673, 2666.

Ordered further, That there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate for each amendment; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; and that each vote following the first in "stacked" sequence be 10 minutes in duration.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REED,

At 7:59 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2007

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. TESTER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, September 6, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. TESTER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.
Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2974. A communication from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of the State of New Mexico Under the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act" (RIN0583-AD29) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2975. A communication from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition of the Use of Specified Risk Materials for Human Food and Requirements for the Disposition of Non-Ambulatory Disabled Cattle; Prohibition of the Use of Certain Stunning Devices Used to Immobilize Cattle During Slaughter" (RIN0583-AC88) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2976. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Milk Income Loss Contract Program" (RIN0560-AH73) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2977. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emergency Conservation Program" (RIN0560-AH71) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2978. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the National Security Education Program for fiscal years 2005 and 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2979. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Jeffrey B. Kohler, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2980. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taxpayer Identification Numbers" (DFARS Case 2006-D037) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2981. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Congressional Notification of Architect-Engineer Services/Military Family Housing Contracts" (DFARS Case 2006-D015) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2982. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security-Guard Functions" (DFARS Case 2006-D050) received on

September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2983. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Limitation on Contracts for the Acquisition of Certain Services" (DFARS Case 2006-D054) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2984. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Report to Congress on Sustainable Ranges"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2985. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Catastrophic Act Reporting; Records Preservation Program and Appendices" (RIN3133-AD24) received on August 14, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2986. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cuban Assets Control Regulations, Burmese Sanctions Regulations, Sudanese Sanctions Regulations, and Iranian Transactions Regulations" (31 CFR Parts 515, 537, 538, and 560) received on September 4, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2987. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Corrections to the Export Administration Regulations" (RIN0694-AE07) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2988. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((Docket No. FEMA-7985)(72 FR 44416)) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2989. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Management Official Interlocks" (RIN3064-AD13) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2990. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 38488) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2991. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 38492) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2992. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth in Lending" (Docket No. R-1291) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2993. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 38488) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2994. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 41634) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2995. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Housing Operating Fund Program; Revised Transition Funding Schedule for Calendar Years 2007 Through 2012" (RIN2577-AC72) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2996. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 46397) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2997. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 46396) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2998. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Community Development Block Grant Program; Small Cities Program" (RIN2506-AC16) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2999. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((Docket No. FEMA-7983)(72 FR 40766)) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3000. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (72 FR 46394) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3001. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the accomplishments made under the Airport Improvement Program during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3002. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Service Rules for the 698-806 MHz Band and Public Safety Spectrum Requirements" ((WT Docket No. 06-150)(FCC 07-132)) received on September 4, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3003. A communication from the Chief of the Policy Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Review of the Emergency Alert System" ((EB Docket No. 04-296)(FCC 07-109)) received on September 4, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3004. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Waukomis, Oklahoma" (MB Docket No. 06-46) received on September 4, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3005. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Charleston and Englewood, Tennessee" (MB

Docket No. 05-273) received on September 4, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3006. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Telecommunications Services Inside Wiring Customer Premises Equipment and Implementation of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992: Cable Home Wiring" (FCC 07-111) received on September 4, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3007. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IP-Enabled Services; Implementation of Sections 255 and 251(a)(2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1934; Access to Telecommunications Services; Telecommunications Equipment and Customer Premises Equipment by Persons with Disabilities; Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities: The Use of N11 Codes and Other Abbreviated Dialing Arrangements" (FCC 07-110) received on September 4, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3008. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Second Report and Order, Digital Audio Broadcasting Systems and Their Impact on the Terrestrial Radio Broadcast Service" ((FCC 07-33)(MM Docket No. 99-325)) received on September 4, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3009. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emergency Rule Extension to Supersede the Previously Published 2007 Summer Flounder Specifications" (RIN0648-AT60) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3010. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Permit Optional Method of Filing Form FMC-18, Application for a License as an Ocean Transportation Intermediary" ((RIN3072-AC32)(Docket No. 07-08)) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3011. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch and Rougheye Rockfish in the Western Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XB45) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3012. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operations: Surge Brake Requirements" (RIN2126-AA91) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3013. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems Phase-in; Response to Petitions for Reconsideration" (RIN2127-AJ90) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3014. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the impact of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma on fisheries; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3015. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch for Trawl Catcher Vessels Participating in the Rockfish Entry Level Fishery in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XB81) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3016. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Revise Electronic Reporting Software and Hardware Requirements" (RIN0648-AV13) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3017. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Fisheries off West Coast States; Highly Migratory Species Fisheries; Vessel Marking Requirements" (RIN0648-AU73) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3018. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on Federal participation in the development and use of voluntary consensus standards; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3019. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Shallow-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XB96) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3020. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Closure of Quota Period I Fishery for Spiny Dogfish" (RIN0648-XB95) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3021. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel Lottery in Areas 542 and 543" (RIN0648-XC08) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3022. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Deep-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC02) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3023. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "End of the 2007 Pacific Whiting Primary Seasons for the Catcher-Processor, Mothership and Shore-Based Sectors" (RIN0648-XB00) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3024. A communication from the Chairman, Office of Proceedings,

Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rail Fuel Surcharges" (RIN2140-AA83) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3025. A communication from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the activities performed by the agency that are not inherently governmental functions; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3026. A communication from the Under Secretary of Energy (Science), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the feasibility of promoting collaborations between universities on energy projects; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3027. A communication from the Under Secretary of Energy (Science), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the improvement of inter-laboratory exchange of scientific and technical personnel; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3028. A communication from the Under Secretary of Energy (Science), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to educational programs at the Department's research and development facilities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3029. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Power Marketing Liaison, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the use of Federal power allocations by Indian tribes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3030. A communication from the Director, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the designation of corridors for oil, gas, and hydrogen pipelines and electricity transmission in eleven states; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3031. A communication from the Under Secretary of Energy (Science), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the assessment of certain energy and water related issues; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3032. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Annual Energy Review 2006"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3033. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to progress made in the construction of the Alaska natural gas

pipeline; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3034. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to failures to comply with deadlines for new or amended energy conservation standards; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3035. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "An Assessment of the Methane Hydrate Research Program and An Assessment of the 5-Year Research Plan of the Department of Energy"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3036. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Section 992 Report on Equal Employment Opportunity Practices at the Department of Energy National Laboratories"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3037. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Inventory of Assessed Federal Coal Resources and Restrictions to Their Development"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3038. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Development of America's Strategic Unconventional Fuels Resources"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3039. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Minnesota" (FRL No. 8464-8) received on September 3, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3040. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Prevention of Significant Deterioration and New Source Review" (FRL No. 8463-3) received on September 3, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3041. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of

Implementation Plans; Kentucky: Volatile Organic Compound Definition Updates" (FRL No. 8464-2) received on September 3, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3042. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina: Mecklenburg County Regulations" (FRL No. 8465-4) received on September 3, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3043. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Hampshire; Revised Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan for Nashua" (FRL No. 8463-6) received on September 3, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3044. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment, Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Ohio; Correction" (FRL No. 8464-3) received on September 3, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3045. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Residues of Quaternary Ammonium Compounds di-n-Alkyl dimethyl Ammonium chloride, Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8146-7) received on September 3, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3046. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Continuous Instrumental Test Methods: Technical Amendments" (RIN2060-AO09) received on September 3, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3047. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Integrity

Program, Fiscal Intermediary and Carrier Functions, and Conflict of Interest Requirements" (RIN0938-AN72) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3048. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Home Health Prospective Payment System Refinement and Rate Update for Calendar Year 2008" ((RIN0938-AO32)(Docket No. CMS-1541-FC)) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3049. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hospital Conditions of Participation: Laboratory Services" ((RIN0938-AJ29)-(Docket No. CMS-3014-IFC)) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3050. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Limitations on Setoff under Sections 6402 and 6411" (Rev. Rul. 2007-51) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3051. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Obsolescence of Rev. Rul. 78-369" (Rev. Rul. 2007-53) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3052. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definition of a Liability under Section 6402(a) and 6411(b)" (Rev. Rul. 2007-52) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3053. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Poker Tournament Withholding Rules" (Rev. Proc. 2007-57) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3054. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Ruling: Rulings Declared Obsolete" (Rev. Rul. 2007-60) received on September 4, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3055. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the Attorney Advisor Program" (RIN0960-AG49) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3056. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Extension of Attorney Fee Payment System to Title XVI; 5-Year Demonstration Project Extending Fee Withholding and Payment Procedures to Eligible Non-Attorney Representatives; Definition of Past-due Benefits; and Assessment for Fee Payment Services" (RIN0960-AG35) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3057. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to post-liberation Iraq covering the period of June 15, 2007, through August 15, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3058. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, correspondence from the Speaker of the National Assembly of the State of Kuwait; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 134. A resolution designating September 2007 as "Adopt a School Library Month".

S. Res. 282. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Week to raise public awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease and to foster understanding of the impact polycystic kidney disease has on patients and future generations of their families.

S. Res. 288. A resolution designating September 2007 as "National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month".

S. Res. 292. A resolution designating the week beginning September 9, 2007, as "National Assisted Living Week".

S. Res. 301. A resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of Little Rock Central High School, one of the most significant events in the American civil rights movement.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 2020. A bill to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2010, to rename the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 as the "Tropical Forest and Coral Conservation Act of 2007", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. VITTER, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2021. A bill to provide \$50,000,000,000 in new transportation infrastructure funding through bonding to empower States and local governments to complete significant infrastructure projects across all modes of transportation, including roads, bridges, rail and transit systems, ports, and inland waterways, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 2022. A bill to prohibit the closure or relocation of any county office of the Farm Service Agency until at least one year after the enactment of an Act to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs for fiscal years after 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 2023. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 805 Main Street in Ferdinand, Indiana, as the "Staff Sergeant David L. Nord Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 2024. A bill to provide for interregional primary elections and caucuses for the selection of delegates to political party Presidential nominating conventions; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. AKAKA (by request):

S. 2025. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the eligibility criteria for special monthly pension; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. AKAKA (by request):

S. 2026. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, chapter 11, to clarify that an award of benefits based on a regulatory presumption established pursuant to 28 U.S.C. section 1116 after September 30, 2002, cannot be made effective earlier than the date the regulatory presumption was established; and to clarify that the

presumption of herbicide exposure provided by 38 U.S.C. section 1116(f) applies only to veterans who served in Vietnam on land or on Vietnam's inland waterways and not to those who served only in waters offshore or in airspace above; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. AKAKA (by request):

S. 2027. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, chapter 5, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish and promote programs and activities honoring veterans and to authorize the next of kin of a deceased veteran to wear the veteran's awards and decorations under certain circumstances; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2028. A bill to require the State of Louisiana to match Federal funding to fully address the Road Home Program shortfall; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KENNEDY Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. SCHUMER, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2029. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to provide for transparency in the relationship between physicians and manufacturers of drugs, devices, or medical supplies for which payment is made under Medicare, Medicaid, or SCHIP; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mr. FEINGOLD)):

S. 2030. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require reporting relating to bundled contributions made by persons other than registered lobbyists; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. DOLE (for herself and Mr. BURR):

S. Res. 309. A resolution commending the Appalachian State University Mountaineers of Boone, North Carolina, for pulling off one of the greatest upsets in college football history; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 37

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 37, a bill to enhance the management and disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste, to assure protection of public health safety, to ensure the territorial

integrity and security of the repository at Yucca Mountain, and for other purposes.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States.

S. 453

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] were added as cosponsors of S. 453, a bill to prohibit deceptive practices in Federal elections.

S. 507

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 507, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for reimbursement of certified midwife services and to provide for more equitable reimbursement rates for certified nurse-midwife services.

S. 573

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 573, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 584

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 584, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rehabilitation credit and the low-income housing credit.

S. 597

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 597, a bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

S. 625

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 625, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S. 662

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 662, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate resources at the Harriet Beecher Stowe House in Brunswick, Maine, to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the site as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

S. 691

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr.

MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the benefits under the Medicare program for beneficiaries with kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 771

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 771, a bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to improve the nutrition and health of schoolchildren by updating the definition of "food of minimal nutritional value" to conform to current nutrition science and to protect the Federal investment in the national school lunch and breakfast programs.

S. 772

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 772, a bill to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 803, a bill to repeal a provision enacted to end Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 805, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa in the effort to achieve internationally recognized goals in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other major diseases and the reduction of maternal and child mortality by improving human health care capacity and improving retention of medical health professionals in sub-Saharan Africa, and for other purposes.

S. 860

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 860, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States the option to provide Medicaid coverage for low-income individuals infected with HIV.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 1035

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1035, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa

programs for aliens working temporarily in the United States.

S. 1090

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1090, a bill to amend the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 to assist the neediest of senior citizens by modifying the eligibility criteria for supplemental foods provided under the commodity supplemental food program to take into account the extraordinarily high out-of-pocket medical expenses that senior citizens pay, and for other purposes.

S. 1175

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1175, a bill to end the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, and for other purposes.

S. 1233

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1233, a bill to provide and enhance intervention, rehabilitative treatment, and services to veterans with traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes.

S. 1332

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1332, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs.

S. 1338

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1338, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a two-year moratorium on certain Medicare physician payment reductions for imaging services.

S. 1459

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1459, a bill to strengthen the Nation's research efforts to identify the causes and cure of psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis, expand psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis data collection, study access to and quality of care for people with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis, and for other purposes.

S. 1514

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1514, a bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

S. 1553

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1553, a bill to provide additional assistance to combat HIV/AIDS among young people, and for other purposes.

S. 1621

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1621, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain farming business machinery and equipment as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 1627

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1627, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and expand the benefits for businesses operating in empowerment zones, enterprise communities, or renewal communities, and for other purposes.

S. 1638

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1638, a bill to adjust the salaries of Federal justices and judges, and for other purposes.

S. 1661

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1661, a bill to communicate United States travel policies and improve marketing and other activities designed to increase travel in the United States from abroad.

S. 1731

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1731, a bill to provide for the continuing review of unauthorized Federal programs and agencies and to establish a bipartisan commission for the purposes of improving oversight and eliminating wasteful Government spending.

S. 1760

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1760, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Healthy Start Initiative.

S. 1833

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1833, a bill to amend the Consumer Product Safety Act to require third-party verification of compliance of children's products with consumer product safety standards promulgated by the Consumer Product Safety Commission and for other purposes.

S. 1924

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1924, a bill to

amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any of certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employee's duty.

S. 1944

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1944, a bill to provide justice for victims of state-sponsored terrorism.

S. 1951

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1951, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure that individuals eligible for medical assistance under the Medicaid program continue to have access to prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 1958

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1958, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure and foster continued patient quality of care by establishing facility and patient criteria for long-term care hospitals and related improvements under the Medicare program.

S. 1964

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1964, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish new separate fee schedule areas for physicians' services in States with multiple fee schedule areas to improve Medicare physician geographic payment accuracy, and for other purposes.

S. 2017

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2017, a bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to provide for national energy efficiency standards for general service incandescent lamps, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REED,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 6, 2007, at 10 a.m., in open session to receive a report on the findings of the Iraqi Security Forces Independent Assessment Commission.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 6, 2007 at 5 p.m. in Executive Session to continue to receive information relating to the treatment of detainees.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 6, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "An Examination of the Potential Human Health, Water Quality, and Other Impacts of the Confined Animal Feeding Operation Industry."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 6, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Carried Interest Part III: Pension Issues."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet on the nomination of Charles E.F. Millard, of New York, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 6, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate office building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, September 6, 2007, at 1:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "A DHS Status Report: Assessing Challenges and Measuring Progress."

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the Senate to conduct a markup on Thursday, September 6, 2007, at 10 a.m. in SD-266.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 954. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 365 West 125th Street in New York, New York, as the "Percy Sutton Post Office Building".

H.R. 3052. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 954 Wheeling Avenue in Cambridge, Ohio,

as the "John Herschel Glenn, Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 3062. An act to authorize appropriations to provide for South Pacific exchanges, provide technical and other assistance to countries in the Pacific region through the United States Agency for International Development, and authorize appropriations to provide Fulbright Scholarships for Pacific island students.

H.R. 3106. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 805 Main Street in Ferdinand, Indiana, as the "Staff Sergeant David L. Nord Post Office".

H.R. 3218. An act to designate a portion of Interstate Route 395 located in Baltimore, Maryland, as "Cal Ripken Way".

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 165. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Teen Driver Safety Week.

H. Con. Res. 181. Concurrent resolution recognizing and commending all volunteers and other persons who provide support to the families and children of members of the Armed Forces, including National Guard and Reserve personnel, who are deployed in service to the United States.

HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS REFERRED

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

H.R. 954. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 365 West 125th Street in New York, New York, as the "Percy Sutton Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3052. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 954 Wheeling Avenue in Cambridge, Ohio, as the "John Herschel Glenn, Jr. Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3062. An act to authorize appropriations to provide for South Pacific exchanges, provide technical and other assistance to countries in the Pacific region through the United States Agency for International Development, and authorize appropriations to provide Fulbright Scholarships for Pacific Island students; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 3106. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 805 Main Street in Ferdinand, Indiana, as the "Staff Sergeant David L. Nord Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 165. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Teen Driver Safety Week; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H. Con. Res. 181. Concurrent resolution recognizing and commending all volunteers and other persons who provide support to the families and children of members of the Armed Forces, including National Guard and Reserve personnel, who are deployed in service to the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PRYOR in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 2642) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. ALLARD, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) to further amend the bill, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2687).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mrs. HUTCHISON,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2687 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 76, nays... 15

[Rollcall Vote No. 313 Leg.]

YEAS --- 76

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Dole, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Feinstein, Graham, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kennedy, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Vitter, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 15

Barrasso, Brownback, Bunning, Coburn, DeMint, Enzi, Feingold, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Inhofe, McCaskill, Sessions, Thune, Voinovich.

So the amendment was agreed to.
On motion by Mr. REED to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. REED,
The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.
The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN) to further amend the bill on page 46, after line 2, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2664).

After debate,
The amendment was agreed to.
On motion by Mr. REED to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. REED,
The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. SALAZAR to further amend the bill on page 50, after line 17, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2662).

After debate,
On motion by Mr. BUNNING,
The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.
It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 47, nays... 45

[Rollcall Vote No. 314 Leg.]

YEAS --- 47
Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Lieberman, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 45
Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the amendment was agreed to.
On motion by Mr. SCHUMER to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. CONRAD,
The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. WEBB) to further amend the bill on page 46, after line 2, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2673).

After debate,
On motion by Mr. BROWN,
The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.
It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 52, nays... 39

[Rollcall Vote No. 315 Leg.]

YEAS --- 52
Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Collins, Conrad, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Voinovich, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 39
Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

So the amendment was agreed to.
On motion by Mr. REED to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. REED,
The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

No further amendment being in order to be proposed,

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. REED,
The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall it pass?
It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 92, nays... 1

[Rollcall Vote No. 316 Leg.]

YEAS --- 92
Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kennedy, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill,

McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 1
DeMint.
So it was
Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

On motion by Mr. REED to reconsider the vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. REED,
The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Senate insisted on its amendment, and asked a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and the chair, as authorized, appointed Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. INOUE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BYRD, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BENNETT, and Mr. COCHRAN as conferees on the part of the Senate.

Pending debate,

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT
Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2764) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.
The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,
By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GREGG,

Ordered, That the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be agreed to and considered original text for purpose of further amendment; and that no points of order be waived.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. BILL NELSON, and Mr. LAUTENBERG) to further amend the bill on page 410, after line 15, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2694).

Pending debate,
The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself, Mr. BILL NELSON, and Mr. MENENDEZ) to further amend the bill on page 410, after line 15, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2695).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. MARTINEZ to further amend the bill on page 266, striking all beginning with "manual eradication" on line 13 through "municipalities where security permits" on line 12, page 267, and inserting other words (being amendment No. 2696).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. MARTINEZ to further amend the bill on page 410, after line 15, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2697).

Pending debate,

Mr. MARTINEZ, by unanimous consent, modified his amendment No. 2694.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2697 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Mr. MARTINEZ withdrew his amendments numbered 2695, 2696, and 2697.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2694, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. GREGG to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. GREGG,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. CORKER, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. COLEMAN) to further amend the bill on page 308, striking all beginning with "health:" on line 18 through line 4, page 309, and inserting in lieu thereof "health." (being amendment No. 2708).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That Mr. BROWNBACK be recognized to propose an additional amendment; that there be 30 minutes total for debate on said amendment and the pending amendment, to be controlled by Mr. BROWNBACK, or his designee; that no second-degree amendment be in order to either amendment; that, upon conclusion of debate, the amendments be laid aside; that Mrs. BOXER then be recognized to propose an amendment; that there be 30 minutes for

debate thereon, to be controlled by Mrs. BOXER, or her designee; that no second-degree amendment be in order thereto; that, upon conclusion of debate, the amendment be laid aside; and that the Senate vote on agreeing to the amendments at a time, and in an order, to be determined by the two managers.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2708 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was deemed laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. BROWNBACK to further amend the bill on page 240, striking all beginning with "Provided" on line 4 through line 9, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2707).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. DODD, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. OBAMA) to further amend the bill on page 410, after line 15, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2719).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENSIGN,

Ordered, That he be recognized to propose an amendment; that he be recognized to speak for 5 minutes thereon; that, following remarks by him, Mr. LIEBERMAN be recognized to propose an amendment; and that he be recognized to speak for 5 minutes thereon.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2719 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. ENSIGN to further amend the bill on page 231, striking lines 1 through 7 (being amendment No. 2700).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. ENSIGN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. KYL, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. GRAHAM, and Ms. COLLINS) to further amend the bill on page 410, after line 15, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2691).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pending debate,

RECESS FOR VISIT BY MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

Mr. HARKIN introduced to the Senate 5 members of the Parliament of the Republic of Slovenia.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

At 4:45 p.m.,

The Senate recessed for two minutes to greet its guests.

AT 4:47 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. KLOBUCHAR in the chair) called the Senate to order.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2764.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2691 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. COBURN, by unanimous consent, to further amend the bill on various pages and lines by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendments considered en bloc and designated numbers 2704, 2705, 2706, and 2716).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2716 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That, at 5:45 p.m. today, the Senate vote in "stacked" sequence in relation to the following amendments in the following order; and that no amendment to the amendments be in order: amendments numbered 2700, 2691, 2707, 2719, and 2708.

Ordered further, That there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote in "stacked" sequence; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2716 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Mr. COBURN withdrew his amendment No. 2705.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2716 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. COBURN to further amend the bill on page 410, after line 15, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2773).

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2700 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 30, nays... 63

[Rollcall Vote No. 317 Leg.]

YEAS --- 30

Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cornyn, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Vitter.

NAYS --- 63

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. CARDIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2691 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That the yeas and nays, previously ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, be vitiated.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2691 to the bill, as amended.

The amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2707 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. BROWNBACK,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 48, nays... 45

[Rollcall Vote No. 318 Leg.]

YEAS --- 48

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Landrieu, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 45

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Collins, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. BROWNBACK to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. BROWNBACK,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2719 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 53, nays... 41

[Rollcall Vote No. 319 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 41

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo,

DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2708 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. BROWNBACK,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 41, nays... 53

[Rollcall Vote No. 320 Leg.]

YEAS --- 41

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McConnell, Nelson (NE), Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

NAYS --- 53

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Subsequently (on September 10, 2007):

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That, on rollcall vote No. 320, his vote be changed from "yea" to "nay", thus changing the result to yeas 40, nays 54.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2773 to the bill, as amended.

ORDER FOR FURTHER
CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE
REPORT ON BILL H.R. 2669 ON
TOMORROW

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate resume consideration of the conference report on bill H.R. 2669 at 9 a.m. on tomorrow; that there

be 75 minutes, equally divided and controlled between Mr. KENNEDY and Mr. ENZI, remaining for debate under the statutory limitation; and that, at 10:15 a.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said conference report, with no intervening action or debate.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT
The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2764.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2773 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. VITTER to further amend the bill on page 410, after line 15, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2774).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. DOLE to further amend the bill on page 410, after line 15, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2772).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. GREGG to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. GREGG,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2774 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN for Mr. DODD (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. FEINGOLD) to further amend the bill on page 410, after line 15, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2721).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. GREGG,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2774 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding a "managers" amendment, the only amendments remaining in order be the

following; and that no second-degree amendment be in order thereto:

Amendments Numbered 2773, 2716, 2706, 2704, 2689, 2701, 2774;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. LEVIN, relative to Iraq refugees;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. KYL, relative to material support;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. COLEMAN, relative to UNDP;

Amendment No. 2692, as modified;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. KYL, relative to Egypt;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. BINGAMAN, relative to UNFPA.

Ordered further, That the Senate vote in "stacked" sequence in relation to the aforementioned amendments in the aforementioned order; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote; that, each vote following the first in "stacked" sequence be 10 minutes in duration; that, upon disposition of said amendments, the bill, as amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2774 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Mr. VITTER requested the yeas and nays on the question of agreeing to his pending amendment.

There was not a sufficient second.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2774 to the bill, as amended.

Mr. VITTER requested the yeas and nays on his pending amendment.

There was not a sufficient second.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2774 to the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 81, nays... 10

[Rollcall Vote No. 321 Leg.]

YEAS --- 81

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Leahy, Lieberman, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Wyden.

NAYS --- 10

Durbin, Feinstein, Harkin, Kennedy, Lautenberg, Levin, Menendez, Reed, Schumer, Whitehouse.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. GREGG to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2773 to the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. GREGG,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 92, nays... 1

[Rollcall Vote No. 322 Leg.]

YEAS --- 92

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lott, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 1

Lugar.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2716 to the bill, as amended.

Mr. COBURN requested the yeas and nays on the question of agreeing to his pending amendment.

There was not a sufficient second.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2716 to the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 46, nays... 47

[Rollcall Vote No. 323 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson,

Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 47

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2706 to the bill, as amended.

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2704 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. COBURN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 33, nays... 60

[Rollcall Vote No. 324 Leg.]

YEAS --- 33

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bond, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, DeMint, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, McCaskill, Nelson (FL), Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Vitter, Warner, Webb.

NAYS --- 60

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Boxer, Brownback, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dole, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Voinovich, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Mr. LEAHY, by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was modified, as indicated, and agreed to:

Mr. LUGAR, amendment No. 2779; Mr. COLEMAN, amendment No. 2712, as modified; Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. DURBIN, and Mrs. BOXER), amendment No. 2701, as modified; Mr. BAYH, amendment No. 2782, as modified; Mr. CARDIN, amendment No. 2689; Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI), amendment No. 2718; Mr. DOMENICI, amendment No. 2693, as modified; Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. KENNEDY), amendment No. 2781, as modified; Mr. COLEMAN, amendment No. 2710, as modified; Mr. CORNYN, amendment No. 2713, as modified; Mr. CORNYN, amendment No. 2771; Mrs. MCCASKILL, amendment No. 2709, as modified; Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON), amendment No. 2703; Mr. KYL, amendment No. 2723; Mr. GREGG, amendment No. 2727; Mr. GREGG, amendment No. 2726; Mr. GREGG, amendment No. 2725; Mr. GREGG, amendment No. 2728; Mr. LEAHY, amendments Numbered 2730, 2731, 2733, as modified, 2734, 2735, 2736, 2737, 2738, 2740, 2741, 2742, 2743, 2744, 2746, 2747, 2748, 2749, 2750, 2751, 2752, 2753, 2754, as modified, 2755, 2756, 2757, 2758, 2759, 2760, 2761; Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mrs. BOXER), amendment No. 2762, as modified; Mr. LEAHY, amendments Numbered 2764, 2765, 2766, 2767, as modified, 2769, as modified; Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. DOMENICI), amendment No. 2692, as modified; Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. COLEMAN), amendment No. 2784; Mr. LEAHY, amendment No. 2785; Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. ENSIGN), amendment No. 2786; Mr. LEAHY, amendment No. 2787; Mr. LEAHY, amendment No. 2788; Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. LUGAR), amendment No. 2789.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That, following the vote, the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended; and

No further amendment being proposed,

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall the bill, as amended, pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 81, nays... 12

[Rollcall Vote No. 325 Leg.]

YEAS --- 81

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Crapo, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 12

Barrasso, Brownback, Chambliss, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, DeMint, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Inhofe, Isakson.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate insisted on its amendment, and asked a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and the chair, as authorized, appointed the following as conferees on the part of the Senate: Mr. LEAHY, Mr. INOUE, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. REED, Mr. BYRD, Mr. GREGG, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BOND, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. COCHRAN.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL
H.R. 2669

On the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2669) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 601 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008; and

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the conference report.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That there be only debate for the remainder of today.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 8:55 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 8:55 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of the conference report on bill H.R. 2669, as pursuant to the order of today.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT
ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. ENZI.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL
H.R. 2669

The Senate resumed consideration of the conference report on bill H.R. 2669.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,
At 10:17 p.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 8:55 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2007

Mr. SHERROD BROWN, from the State of Ohio, called the Senate to order at 8:55 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. BROWN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, September 7, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a Senator from the State of Ohio, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. BROWN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL
H.R. 2669

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2669) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 601 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the conference report.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. GREGG,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the conference report.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 79, nays... 12

[Rollcall Vote No. 326 Leg.]

YEAS --- 79

Akaka, Alexander, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley,

Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kennedy, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 12

Allard, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Coburn, DeMint, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Inhofe, McConnell, Vitter.

So the conference report was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the conference report.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2007

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, on Monday, September 10, 2007, at 10 a.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of William Lindsay Osteen, Jr., of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, Martin Karl Reidinger, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, and Janis Lynn Sammartino, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California; that there be 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Mr. LEAHY and Mr. SPECTER, or their designees, on said nominations; that, at 11 a.m., the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order; that motions to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; that the President then be notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume legislative session.

ORDER FOR MORNING BUSINESS
AND CONSIDERATION OF BILL
H.R. 3074 ON MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 10, 2007

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, following executive session on Monday, September 10, 2007, there be a period of 30 minutes for the transaction of morning business; that Mr. BARRASSO be recognized to speak therein; and that, upon conclusion of remarks by him, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 3074) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of a committee was submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 1692. A bill to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 2031. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to provide grants and flexibility through demonstration projects for States to provide universal, comprehensive, cost-effective systems of health care coverage, with simplified administration; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 2032. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a competitive grant program for the Puget Sound area to provide comprehensive conservation planning to address water quality; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. 2033. A bill to provide for greater disclosure to, and empowerment of, consumers who have entered into a contract for cellular telephone service; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. VITTER):

S. Res. 310. A resolution commending the city of Lafayette, Louisiana, for engaging in a year-long celebration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of Marie-Joseph-Paul-Yves-Roch-Gilbert Du Motier, commonly known as the Marquis de Lafayette; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mrs. DOLE, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr.

MENENDEZ, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 311. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 206

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 206, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 415

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 415, a bill to amend the Revised Statutes of the United States to prevent the use of the legal system in a manner that extorts money from State and local governments, and the Federal Government, and inhibits such governments' constitutional actions under the first, tenth, and fourteenth amendments.

S. 940

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 940, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the subpart F exemption for active financing income.

S. 988

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 988, a bill to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

S. 1145

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1145, a bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform.

S. 1150

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1150, a bill to enhance the State inspection of meat and poultry in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1161

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1161, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize the expansion of medicare coverage of medical nutrition therapy services.

S. 1175

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1175, a bill to end the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, and for other purposes.

S. 1316

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1316, a bill to establish and clarify that Congress does not authorize persons convicted of dangerous crimes in foreign courts to freely possess firearms in the United States.

S. 1494

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1494, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the special diabetes programs for Type I diabetes and Indians under that Act.

S. 1621

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1621, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain farming business machinery and equipment as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 1944

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1944, a bill to provide justice for victims of state-sponsored terrorism.

SENATE RESOLUTION 292

At the request of Mr. THUNE, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 292, a resolution designating the week beginning September 9, 2007, as "National Assisted Living Week".

AUTHORITY FOR A COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Friday, September 7, at 9 a.m. in open session, and possibly closed session, to receive a report on the Government Accountability Office's assessment of 18 Iraq benchmarks.

DESIGNATING "ADOPT A SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 134) designating September 2007 as "Adopt a School Library Month".

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS
NATIONAL POLYCYSTIC KIDNEY
DISEASE AWARENESS WEEK

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 282) supporting the goals and ideals of a National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Week to raise public awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease and to foster understanding of the impact polycystic kidney disease has on patients and future generations of their families.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL
PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS
MONTH"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 288) designating September 2007 as "National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month".

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL
ASSISTED LIVING WEEK"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 292) designating the week beginning September 9, 2007, as "National Assisted Living Week".

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE
DESEGREGATION OF LITTLE ROCK
CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 301) recognizing the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of Little Rock Central High School, one of the most significant events in the American civil rights movement.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING ESTABLISHMENT OF
A MUSEUM OF THE HISTORY OF
AMERICAN DIPLOMACY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 253) expressing the sense of the Senate that the establishment of a Museum of the History of American Diplomacy through private donations is a worthy endeavor.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO THE 250TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH THE
MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE

On the request of Mr. BROWN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 310) commending the city of Lafayette, Louisiana, for engaging in a year-long celebration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of Marie-Joseph-Paul-Yves-Roch-Gilbert Du Motier, commonly known as the Marquis de Lafayette, submitted today by Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. VITTER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING NATIONAL OVARIAN
CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

On the request of Mr. BROWN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 311) supporting the goals and ideals of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, submitted today by Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mrs. DOLE, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 10, 2007, AND FOR
PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on Monday, September 10, 2007; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

At 12:29 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on Monday, September 10, 2007.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2007

Mr. JIM WEBB, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WEBB led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, September 10, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JIM WEBB, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. WEBB took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, September 7, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, September 7, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 10 a.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Friday, September 7, 2007, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving two rollcall votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Friday, September 7, 2007,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

Pursuant to the order of Friday, September 7, 2007,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PRYOR in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3074) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That an amendment (No. 2790, in the nature of a substitute) be deemed proposed and agreed to; that said amendment be considered original text for the purpose of further amendment; and that no points of order be waived.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to further amend the bill on page 129, by striking section 218, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2791).

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to insert, in lieu of the language to be inserted by the pending amendment, other words (being amendment No. 2792).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That, at 3:30 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 2792; and that, following said vote, amendment No. 2791, as may be amended, be agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2792 to amendment No. 2791 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the yeas and nays, previously ordered on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 2791, be vitiated.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2792 to amendment No. 2791 to the bill, as amended.

RELATIVE TO THE CRANDALL CANYON MINE DISASTER IN UTAH

On the request of Mr. HATCH,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WEBB in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 312) honoring the sacrifice and courage of the 6 miners who were trapped, the 3 rescue workers who were killed, and the many others who were injured in the Crandall Canyon mine disaster in Utah, and recognizing the community and the rescue crews for their outstanding efforts in the aftermath of the tragedies, submitted today by Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BENNETT), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 3074.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2792 to amendment No. 2791 to the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on

the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The hour of 3:30 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 60, nays... 33

[Rollcall Vote No. 329 Leg.]

YEAS --- 60

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 33

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, Sessions, Shelby, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. BOND,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to No. 2791, as amended, to the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. INOUE, and Ms. LANDRIEU) to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2797).

Pending debate,

Mrs. MURRAY asked unanimous consent that there be 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on the pending amendment; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to said amendment; that no second-degree amendments be in order thereto, prior to the vote; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment.

Mr. BOND objected.

The question being on agreeing to No. 2797 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. INHOFE to further amend the bill on page 147, after line 8, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2796).

Pending debate,

MORNING BUSINESS

The following morning business occurred on today:

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Monday, September 10, 2007, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 377. A bill to establish a United States-Poland parliamentary youth exchange program, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3059. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Craney Island Dredged Material Management Facility; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3060. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the implementation of the Underground Storage Tank Program in Indian Country; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3061. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a flood damage reduction project in California; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3062. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of Electronic Submissions in Agency Hearings" (RIN3150-AH74), received on September 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3063. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NRC Size Standards; Revision" (RIN3150-AI15), received on September 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3064. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: TN-68 Revision 1" (RIN3150-AI21), received on September 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3065. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, National Wildlife Refuge System, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2007-2008 Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations for the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge" (RIN1018-AV36), received on September 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3066. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting: Final Frameworks for Early Season Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations" (RIN1018-AV12), received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3067. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting and Permits: Regulations for Managing Resident Canada Goose Populations" (RIN1018-AV15), received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3068. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting: Early Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for Certain Migratory Game Birds in the Contiguous United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands" (RIN1018-AV12), received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3069. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Commerce (Economic Development), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the activities of the Economic Development Administration during fiscal years 2005 and 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3070. A communication from the Executive Director for Operations, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's inventory of commercial activities and inherently governmental functions for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3071. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2007 through 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3072. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants" (RIN3150-AG24), received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3073. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, draft legislation intended to collect certain fees under the Toxic Substance Control Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3074. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Use of Byproduct Material - Minor Corrections and Clarifications" (RIN3150-AI14), received on August 17, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3075. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the worst forms of child labor; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3076. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for the Handling of Retaliation Complaints Under the Employee Protection Provisions of Six Federal Environmental Statutes and Section 211 of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, as amended" (RIN1218-AC25), received on September 4, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3077. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additive Permitted in Feed and Drinking Water of Animals; Selenium Yeast" (Docket No. 1998F-0196), received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3078. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a petition filed by the workers from the Rocky Flats Plant requesting their addition to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3079. A communication from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's annual report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3080. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Evaluating the Effectiveness of Citizen Review Panels: A Feasibility Study"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3081. A communication from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's budget request for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3082. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices: Immunology and Microbiology Devices: Classifications of In Vitro Immunodeficiency Virus Drug Resistance Genotype Assay" (Docket No. 2007N-0294), received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3083. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, (2) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3084. A communication from the Deputy Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044), received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3085. A communication from the Chief, Border Security Regulations Branch, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Advance Electronic Transmission of Passenger and Crew Member Manifests for Commercial Aircraft and Vessels" (RIN1651-AA62), received on August 14, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3086. A communication from the Certifying Officer, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Management of Federal Agency

Disbursements" (RIN1510-AB07), received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3087. A communication from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's annual report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3088. A communication from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments to Office of Government Ethics Freedom of Information Act Regulation: Designations under E.O. 13392 and Updates to Contact Numbers and Addition of E-Mail Address" (RIN3209-AA37), received on September 4, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3089. A communication from the Executive Director, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's financial statement for the period of October 1, 2005, to September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3090. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of the Chief Acquisition Officer, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-18" (FAC 2005-18), received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3091. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, an inventory of the Office's federal activities as of June 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3092. A communication from the Regulatory Contact, National Archives and Record Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NARA Reproduction Fees" (RIN3095-AB49), received on August 17, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3093. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nonforeign Area Cost-of-Living Allowance Rates; U.S. Virgin Islands" (RIN3206-AL12), received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3094. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-100, "Joe Pozell Square Designation Act of 2007" received on

September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3095. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-96, "District of Columbia Consumer Protection Fund Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3096. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-97, "District of Columbia Regional Airports Authority Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3097. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-98, "Calvin Woodland Sr. Place Designation Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3098. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-99, "Adams Alley Designation Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3099. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-103, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 28, S.O. 04-13414, and Closing Clarification in Square 739, S.O. 06-221, Amendment Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3100. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-102, "Historic Preservation Tax Credit Partnership and Limited Liability Company Clarification Amendment Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3101. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-101, "Senior Driver Empowerment Amendment Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3102. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of

Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-94, "Retail Class Exemption Clarification Temporary Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3103. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-95, "Heat Wave Safety Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3104. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-92, "Unfoldment, Inc., Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3105. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-93, "Bank Charter Modernization Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3106. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-91, "Non-Resident Taxi Drivers Registration Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3107. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-90, "Eastern Market and Georgetown Public Library Disaster Relief Temporary Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3108. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-89, "Capitol Riverfront Business Improvement District Amendment Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3109. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-88, "Election Date Amendment Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3110. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of

Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-84, "Ballpark Hard and Soft Costs Cap Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3111. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-85, "Ballpark Parking Completion Amendment Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3112. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-86, "One-Time Relocation of Licensees Displaced by the Ballpark and Skyland Development Project Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3113. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-87, "District of Columbia Sentencing and Criminal Code Revision Commission Amendment Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3114. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Deputy Administrator for National Preparedness, received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3115. A communication from the Chairman, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Board's inherently governmental and commercial activities during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3116. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's commercial and inherently governmental activities during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3117. A communication from the Inspector General, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Audit Report Register for the six-month period ending March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3118. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, proposed legislation entitled, "Native American and

Native Hawaiian Housing Reauthorization and Improvement Act of 2007"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3119. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indian Housing Block Grant Program - Extension of Annual Performance Report Due Date" (RIN2577-AC74), received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3120. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy, designation of an acting officer and nomination for the position of Director of the Indian Health Service, received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3121. A communication from the Under Secretary of Commerce (Intellectual Property), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Patent Fees for Fiscal Year 2007" (RIN0651-AB81), received on August 14, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3122. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Commerce, transmitting, a draft bill entitled the "Patent Law Treaty Implementation Act"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3123. A communication from the Acting Chief, Regulatory Management Division, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Temporary Adjustment of the Immigration and Naturalization Benefit Application and Petition Fee Schedule" (RIN1615-AB61), received on September 4, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3124. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Commerce, transmitting, a draft bill entitled the "Hague Agreement Implementation Act"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3125. A communication from the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Homeland Security, transmitting, proposed legislation entitled the "Nonimmigrant Alien Labor Enforcement Reform Act of 2007"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3126. A communication from the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada, transmitting, correspondence commemorating American Independence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3127. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the designation of an acting officer for the position of Acting Assistant Attorney General, received on

September 5, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3128. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of an acting officer for the position of Acting Assistant Attorney General, received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3129. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to foreign military sales; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3130. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of an acting officer for the position of Acting Deputy Attorney General, received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3131. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the designation of an acting officer for the position of Acting Associate Attorney General, received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3132. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Surety Guarantees, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Surety Bond Guarantee Program-Preferred Surety Qualification, Increased for Veteran and Service-Disabled Veteran-Owner Business, Deadline for Payment of Guarantee Fees, Denial of Liability, and Technical Amendments" (RIN3245-AF39), received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-3133. A communication from the Director, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure of Information to Organ Procurement Organizations" (RIN2900-AM65), received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3134. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's FAIR Act inventory for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3135. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Registration of Intermediaries" (RIN3038-AC37), received on September 6, 2007; to

the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3136. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules Relating to Review of National Futures Associations Decisions in Disciplinary, Membership Denial, Registration, and Member Responsibility Actions" (RIN3038-AC43), received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3137. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Navy, case number 06-03; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3138. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Army, case number 05-03; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3139. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Navy, case number 07-01; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3140. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Army, case number 06-11; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3141. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Army, case number 06-02; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3142. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of (13) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the next higher grade in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3143. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Defense Stockpile Annual Materials Plan for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3144. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Requirements for Insurance" (12 CFR Part 741), received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3145. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting,

pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report relative to the national emergency blocking property of persons undermining the democratic process in Zimbabwe that was declared in Executive Order 13288 of March 6, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3146. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency relative to persons who commit or support terrorism as declared in Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3147. A communication from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Administrator, received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3148. A communication from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Deputy Secretary of Transportation, received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3149. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch and Pelagic Shelf Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XB79), received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3150. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Yellowfin Sole by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XB87), received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3151. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XB86), received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3152. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Rock Sole, Flathead Sole, and 'Other Flatfish' by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XB88), received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3153. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Processor Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XB89), received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3154. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Correction to Inseason Adjustments to Groundfish Management Measures" (RIN0648-AV69), received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3155. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partial Approval of Final Rule to Modify the Halibut and Sablefish Individual Fishery Quota Program; Approval of Final Rule to Implement Amendment 67 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-AS84), received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3156. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emergency Action to Lower the Haddock Minimum Size Limit to 18 Inches to Reduce Regulatory Discarding" (RIN0648-AV75), received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3157. A communication from the Acting White House Liaison, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on the nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary (Postsecondary Education), received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3158. A communication from the Acting White House Liaison, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of

Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the discontinuation of service in an acting role for the position of Assistant Secretary (Postsecondary Education), received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3159. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; General and Plastic Surgery Devices; Classification of Absorbable Poly(hydroxybutyrate) Surgical Suture Produced by Recombinant DNA Technology" (Docket No. 2007N-0267), received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3160. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary (Planning and Evaluation), received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3161. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Labor (Administration and Management), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's inventory of commercial and inherently governmental activities for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 2034. A bill to amend the Oregon Wilderness Act of 1984 to designate the Copper Salmon Wilderness and to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the North and South Forks of the Elk River in the State of Oregon as wild or scenic rivers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2035. A bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2036. A bill to temporarily raise conforming loan limits in high cost areas and portfolio caps applicable to Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, to provide the necessary financing to curb foreclosures by facilitating the refinancing of at-risk subprime borrowers

into safe, prime loans, to preserve liquidity in the mortgage lending markets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BENNETT):

S. Res. 312. A resolution honoring the sacrifice and courage of the 6 miners who were trapped, the 3 rescue workers who were killed, and the many others who were injured in the Crandall Canyon mine disaster in Utah, and recognizing the community and the rescue crews for their outstanding efforts in the aftermath of the tragedies; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. Res. 313. A resolution supporting the We Don't Serve Teens campaign; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON):

S. Res. 314. A resolution designating September 13, 2007, as "National Celiac Disease Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 368

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 368, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 400

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 400, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that dependent students who take a medically necessary leave of absence do not lose health insurance coverage, and for other purposes.

S. 449

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 449, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide standards and procedures to guide both State and local law enforcement agencies and law enforcement officers during internal investigations, interrogation of law enforcement officers, and administrative disciplinary hearings, to ensure accountability of law enforcement officers, to

guarantee the due process rights of law enforcement officers, and to require States to enact law enforcement discipline, accountability, and due process laws.

S. 469

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 582, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to classify automatic fire sprinkler systems as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 648

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 648, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the eligibility age for receipt of non-regular military service retired pay for members of the Ready Reserve in active federal status or on active duty for significant periods.

S. 667

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 667, a bill to expand programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse and neglect prevention, and early identification of developmental and health delays, including potential mental health concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 671

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 671, a bill to exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from the numerical limitations on immigrant visas.

S. 694

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 694, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of light motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 714

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 714, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to ensure that all dogs and cats used by research facilities are obtained legally.

S. 771

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of

S. 771, a bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to improve the nutrition and health of schoolchildren by updating the definition of "food of minimal nutritional value" to conform to current nutrition science and to protect the Federal investment in the national school lunch and breakfast programs.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 803, a bill to repeal a provision enacted to end Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 805, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa in the effort to achieve internationally recognized goals in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other major diseases and the reduction of maternal and child mortality by improving human health care capacity and improving retention of medical health professionals in sub-Saharan Africa, and for other purposes.

S. 807

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 807, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 to provide that manure shall not be considered to be a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

S. 829

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 829, a bill to reauthorize the HOPE VI program for revitalization of severely distressed public housing, and for other purposes.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 911, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 911, supra.

S. 912

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 912, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the incentives for the

construction and renovation of public schools.

S. 935

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 935, a bill to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 968

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 968, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide increased assistance for the prevention, treatment, and control of tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 969, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the definition of supervisor.

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 969, supra.

S. 988

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND] were added as cosponsors of S. 988, a bill to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 999, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

S. 1087

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1087, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages on account of sex, race, or national origin, and for other purposes.

S. 1204

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1204, a bill to enhance Federal efforts focused on public awareness and education about the risks and dangers associated with Shaken Baby Syndrome.

S. 1247

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1247, a bill to amend the Weir Farm National Historic Site Establishment Act of 1990 to limit the development of any property acquired by the Secretary of the Interior for the development of visitor and administrative facilities for the

Weir Farm National Historic Site, and for other purposes.

S. 1295

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] and the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1295, a bill to amend the African Development Foundation Act to change the name of the Foundation, modify the administrative authorities of the Foundation, and for other purposes.

S. 1359

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1359, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance public and health professional awareness and understanding of lupus and to strengthen the Nation's research efforts to identify the causes and cure of lupus.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1386

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1386, a bill to amend the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, to provide better assistance to low- and moderate-income families, and for other purposes.

S. 1430

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1430, a bill to authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000,000 or more in Iran's energy sector, and for other purposes.

S. 1545

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1545, a bill to implement the recommendations of the Iraq Study Group.

S. 1576

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1576, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health and healthcare of racial and ethnic minority groups.

S. 1627

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1627, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and expand the benefits for businesses operating in empowerment zones, enterprise

communities, or renewal communities, and for other purposes.

S. 1638

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1638, a bill to adjust the salaries of Federal justices and judges, and for other purposes.

S. 1792

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1792, a bill to amend the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act to improve such Act.

S. 1800

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] were added as cosponsors of S. 1800, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require emergency contraception to be available at all military health care treatment facilities.

S. 1812

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1812, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to strengthen mentoring programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1841

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1841, a bill to provide a site for the National Women's History Museum in Washington, District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S. 1903

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1903, a bill to extend the temporary protected status designation of Liberia under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act so that Liberians can continue to be eligible for such status through September 30, 2008.

S. 1921

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1921, a bill to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1930

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1930, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prevent illegal logging practices, and for other purposes.

S. 1944

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1944, a bill to provide justice for victims of state-sponsored terrorism.

S. 1958

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1958, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure and foster continued patient quality of care by establishing facility and patient criteria for long-term care hospitals and related improvements under the Medicare program.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 13, a joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the International Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding.

SENATE RESOLUTION 82

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 82, a resolution designating August 16, 2007 as "National Airborne Day".

SENATE RESOLUTION 241

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 241, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should reaffirm the commitments of the United States to the 2001 Doha Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health and to pursuing trade policies that promote access to affordable medicines.

SENATE RESOLUTION 269

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 269, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster General that a commemorative postage stamp be issued in honor of former United States Representative Barbara Jordan.

AUTHORITY FOR A COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Monday, September 10, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Confronting

the Terrorist Threat to the Homeland: Six Years After 9/11.”

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:05 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agreed to the report of the committee on conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2669) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 601 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008.

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

H.R. 2786. An act to reauthorize the programs for housing assistance for Native Americans.

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

S. 377. An act to establish a United States-Poland parliamentary youth exchange program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2358. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue coins in commemoration of Native Americans and the important contributions made by Indian tribes and individuals Native Americans to the development of the United States and the history of the United States, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 1:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1908. An act to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 2786. An act to reauthorize the programs for housing assistance for Native Americans; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

SUPPORTING PANCREATIC
CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of

the resolution (S. Res. 222) supporting the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL CELIAC
DISEASE AWARENESS DAY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANDERS in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 314) designating September 13, 2007, as "National Celiac Disease Awareness Day", submitted today by Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1908) to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two

leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of bill H.R. 3074.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate observe a moment of silence at 12 noon to commemorate the sixth anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:49 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. TESTER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, September 11, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. TESTER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

ORDER FOR RECOGNITION OF
LEADERS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, following the moment of silence to commemorate the sixth anniversary of September 11, 2001 at 12 noon, the majority leader and minority leader be recognized to speak.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1908) to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

OBJECTION TO AGREEING TO
CONFERENCE WITH THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES ON BILL
H.R. 1538

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that if the Senate receives a message from the House of Representatives disagreeing to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1538) to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the management of medical care, personnel actions, and quality of life issues for members of the Armed Forces who are receiving medical care in an outpatient status, and for other purposes, and asking a conference with the Senate thereon, the Senate insist on its amendment, and agree to the conference; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

Mr. CORNYN objected.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND
RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 3074) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2796, proposed by Mr. INHOFE, to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. INHOFE) to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2808).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the pending amendment be laid aside; that Ms. KLOBUCHAR be recognized to propose an amendment; that, upon conclusion of remarks by her thereon, the amendment be laid aside; and that the question then recur on agreeing to amendment No. 2808.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The pending amendment was laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. COLEMAN) to further amend the bill on page 20, after line 13, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2816).

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on amendment No. 2808 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Mrs. MURRAY raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment is sense of the Senate in nature, is not germane to appropriations, and therefore is not in order.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, under the precedent of May 17, 2000, the chair must rule on germaneness of sense of the Senate amendments on appropriations bills.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore held the point of order (that the amendment is not germane) well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2816 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. COBURN to further amend the bill on page 70, after line 20, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2810).

Pending debate,

MOMENT OF SILENCE

The hour of 12 noon having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate observed a moment of silence to commemorate the sixth anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND
RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 3074.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2810 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:25 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. MCCASKILL in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND
RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 3074.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2810 to the bill, as amended.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF A CERTAIN RESOLUTION

Mr. BUNNING asked unanimous consent that, at a time to be determined by the two leaders on today, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to a resolution, (being the text of amendment No. 2808) to be submitted by Mr. CORNYN; that a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table.

Mrs. MURRAY objected.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND
RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 3074.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2810 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY (for Mr. BINGAMAN) to further amend the bill on page 55, line 13, by striking "106-49", and

inserting "106-69" (being amendment No. 2794).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. BOND,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2810 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY (for Mr. OBAMA) to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2799).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. BOND,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2810 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY for Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DODD, and Mr. CASEY) to further amend the bill on page 147, after line 8, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2823).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. BOND,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2810 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY (for Mr. SCHUMER) to further amend the bill on page 131, by striking all beginning on line 5 through line 20, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2803).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. BOND,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2810 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Mr. GREGG asked unanimous consent that, notwithstanding rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, amendment No. 2808 be

in order; and that no point of order, under rule XVI, be in order.

Mrs. MURRAY objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2810 to the bill, as amended.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
GENERAL PETRAEUS

Mr. GREGG asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately consider, and vote on agreeing to, a resolution supporting General Petraeus in the field and the men and women who are fighting, and that the Senate rejects the despicable ad of moveon.org.

Mrs. MURRAY objected.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND
RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 3074.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2810 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That amendment No. 2816 be the pending question; and that it be modified.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2816, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That, at 4:15 p.m., the Senate vote the question of agreeing to a motion to table amendment No. 2810; that Mr. COBURN be recognized to speak for the 10 minutes prior; and that no second-degree amendments be in order thereto prior to the vote.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2816, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. LANDRIEU to further amend the bill on page 114, after line 18, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2795).

After debate,

Ms. LANDRIEU withdrew her pending amendment.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2816, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

Mr. COLEMAN asked unanimous consent that he be permitted to display 4 charts during debate on amendment No. 2816.

Mrs. MURRAY objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2816, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The hour of 4:15 p.m. having arrived, Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2810 to the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 82, nays... 14

[Rollcall Vote No. 330 Leg.]

YEAS --- 82

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Crapo, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feinstein, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 14

Barrasso, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, DeMint, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Grassley, Isakson, Kyl, McCaskill.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2816, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2796 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That, at 6 p.m., Mr. CORNYN be recognized to propose an amendment, relative to Mexican trucking; that there be 60 minutes for concurrent debate on said amendment and amendment No. 2797; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between Mr. DORGAN and Mr. CORNYN, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 2797; that,

following said vote, there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate on the amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. CORNYN; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to said amendment, with no intervening action or debate; that no amendment to either amendment be in order; and that the second vote in "stacked" sequence be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2796 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. COBURN to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2811).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. COBURN,

Ordered, That it be in order for him to propose amendments numbered 2812, 2813, and 2814 en bloc; that said amendments be considered en bloc; and that the Senate vote on question of agreeing to said amendments en bloc.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2811 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of the amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. CORNYN, there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate on amendment No. 2811; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to said amendment; that no amendments be in order thereto prior to the vote; and that said vote be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2811 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent,

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. COBURN to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2812).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent,

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. COBURN to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2813).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent,

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. COBURN to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2814).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That amendment No. 2796 be the pending question.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2796 to the bill, as amended.

Mrs. MURRAY, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2796, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2814 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent,

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY (for Mr. DURBIN) to further amend the bill on page 137, after line 17, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2800).

Mrs. MURRAY, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2800, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2814 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent,

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY for Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. DODD, and Mr. KERRY) to further amend the bill on page 95, after line 25, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2832).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2814 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent,

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY (for Mr. STEVENS) to further amend the bill on page 16, by striking all beginning on line 8 through line 2 on page 18, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2845).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2814 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The hour of 6 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN to further amend the bill on page 70, after line 20, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2842).

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2797, proposed by Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. INOUE, and Ms. LANDRIEU), to the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. DORGAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 74, nays... 24

[Rollcall Vote No. 331 Leg.]

YEAS --- 74

Akaka, Alexander, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Crapo, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Harkin, Hatch, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 24

Allard, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Cochran, Cornyn, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hutchison, Kyl, Lieberman, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Stevens, Sununu, Vitter.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. BOND,
The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. DOLE,

Ordered, That on rollcall vote No. 331, her vote be changed from “nay” to “yea”, thus making the result yeas 75, nays 23.

Pursuant to the order of today,
The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2842 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. CORNYN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 29, nays... 69

[Rollcall Vote No. 332 Leg.]

YEAS --- 29

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Carper, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Cornyn, Crapo, DeMint, Domenici, Grassley, Gregg, Hutchison, Isakson, Kyl, Lieberman, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Stevens, Sununu, Vitter.

NAYS --- 69

Akaka, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Clinton, Coburn, Conrad, Corker, Dodd, Dole, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Inhofe, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2811 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. COBURN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 80, nays... 18

[Rollcall Vote No. 333 Leg.]

YEAS --- 80

Akaka, Alexander, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 18

Allard, Bennett, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cornyn, Crapo, DeMint, Graham, Grassley, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, Sessions, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Ms. STABENOW,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2814 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That, except for a managers amendment, the following be the only amendments remaining in order to be proposed to the bill:

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. DEMINT, relative to Davis Bacon;

An amendment (numbered 2826), intended to be proposed by Mr. MENENDEZ;

An amendment (numbered 2834), intended to be proposed by Mr. MENENDEZ.

Ordered further, That no second-degree amendment be in order to any amendment prior to a vote in relation thereto; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to each vote; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that, upon disposition of the amendments, the bill, as amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on passage of the bill.

Ordered further, That all debate on amendments, except on the amendment to be proposed by Mr. DEMINT, be concluded on today; that, when the Senate resumes consideration of the bill on tomorrow, there be 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Mr. DEMINT and Mr. KENNEDY, or their designees; and that no points of order be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2814 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG) to further amend the bill on page 18, after line 2, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2826).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ to further amend the bill on various pages and lines, by striking certain sums and words, and inserting other sums and words (being amendment No. 2834).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the pending amendment (No. 2834) be agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2826 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the pending amendment be withdrawn.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2814 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Mrs. MURRAY, by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was modified, as indicated, and agreed to:

Mr. MENENDEZ, amendment No. 2829; Mr. REED, amendment No. 2852; Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. LEAHY), amendment No. 2817; Mr. DORGAN, amendment No. 2819; Ms. CANTWELL, amendment No. 2820; Mrs. MCCASKILL, amendment No. 2830; Mrs. MCCASKILL, amendment No. 2831; Mr. DURBIN, amendment No. 2850, as modified; Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself and Mr. ALLARD), amendment No. 2839, as modified; Mr. DORGAN, amendment No. 2846, as modified; Mr. FEINGOLD, amendment No. 2848, as modified; Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY), amendment No. 2857; Mr. BOND (for himself and Mr. SHELBY), amendment No. 2859; Mrs. HUTCHISON, amendment No. 2825, as modified; Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. CARPER), amendment No. 2837, as modified; Mr. SPECTER, amendment No. 2856.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2814 to the bill, as amended.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3162. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, proposed legislation intended to alter the funding structure for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3163. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the education of dependents of military personnel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3164. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Counternarcotics, Counterproliferation and Global Threats), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Russia's tactical nuclear weapons arsenal; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3165. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, a draft bill entitled the "Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Reform Act"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3166. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; MORAVAN a.s. Model Z242L Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2007-28114)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3167. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pacific Aerospace Limited Model 750XL Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket

No. 2007-CE-033)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3168. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca Arriel 2B1 Turboshaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NE-16)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3169. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca Arriel 2B Series Turboshaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2005-NE-52)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3170. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company GE 590 Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NE-05)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3171. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3226)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3172. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3228)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3173. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, Weather Takeoff Minimums; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3225)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3174. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3219)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3175. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; St. Johns, AZ" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-AWP-1)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3176. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to Class E Airspace; Laramie, WY" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 05-ANM-16)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3177. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class D and E Airspace; Aguadilla, PR" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-ASO-3)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3178. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment, Modification and Revocation of VOR Federal Airways; East Central United States" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ASW-1)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3179. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Vero Beach, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-ASO-9)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3180. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification to the Norton Sound Low, Woody Island Low, Control 1234L, and Control 1487L Offshore Airspace Areas; AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)-(Docket No. 07-AAL-29)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3181. A communication from the Acting Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Design-Build Contracting" (RIN2125-AF12) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

EC-3182. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "FMVSS No. 208 CRS Installation Procedure for LATCH-Equipped Seats" (RIN2127-AJ59) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3183. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model EMB-145LR, -145XR, and -145MP Airplanes; and Model EMB-135BJ and -135LR Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-038)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3184. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca Arrius 2F Turboshaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NE-34)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3185. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 727 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-054)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3186. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-100, -200, -200C, -300, -400, and -500 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-031)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3187. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model DHC-8-400

Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-176)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3188. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model 717-200 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-148)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3189. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A318, A319, A320 and A321 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-196)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3190. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A310 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-126)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3191. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model EMB-135BJ Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-269)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3192. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-10-30 and DC-10-30F Airplanes, Model DC-10-40 and DC-10-40F Airplanes, and Model MD-10-30F Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-271)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3193. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model MD-11 and MD-11F Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-272)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3194. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company CF6-50C Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NE-08)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3195. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Model 500, 501, 550, 551, S550, 560, 560XL, and 750 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-213)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3196. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company CF6-80 Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NE-43)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3197. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Hawker Beechcraft Corporation No. 3A20 and TC No. A24CE Formerly Held by Raytheon Aircraft Corporation and Models C90A, B200, B200C, B300, and B300C Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-004)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3198. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Diamond Aircraft Industries GmbH Model DA 42 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-027)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3199. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Diamond Aircraft Industries Model DA 42 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-022)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3200. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model AS350B, BA, B1, B2, B3, D, and AS355E Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2004-SW-36)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3201. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; MD Helicopters, Inc. Model 369A, 369D, 369E, 369F, 369FF, 369H, 369HE, 369HS, 369HM, 500N, and OH-6A Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2003-SW-37)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3202. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, Weather Takeoff" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3221)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3203. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA63)(Amdt. No. 468)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3204. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Amdt. No. 3222)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3205. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-8-33, -42, and -43 Airplanes; Model DC-8-50 Series Airplanes; Model DC-8F-54 and -55 Airplanes; Model DC-8-60 Series Airplanes; Model DC-8-60F Series Airplanes; Model DC-8-72 Airplanes; and Model DC-8-70F Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-279)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3206. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Viking Air Limited Models DHC-2 Mk. I, DHC-2 Mk. II, and DHC-2 Mk. III Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-009)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3207. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 B4-600, B4-600R, and F4-600R Series Airplanes, and Model C4-605R Variant F Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-125)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3208. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model DHC-8-400 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-289)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3209. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model DHC-8-100, DHC-8-200, and DHC-8-300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-240)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3210. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Model Mystere-Falcon 50 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-287)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3211. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model EMB-135 Airplanes and Model EMB-145, -145ER, -145MR, -145LR, -145XR, -145MP, and -145EP Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-196)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3212. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company CF34-10E Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NE-33)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3213. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials; Transportation of Lithium Batteries" (RIN2137-AD48) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3214. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, Weather Takeoff Minimums; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3223)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3215. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3224)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3216. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; REIMS AVIATION S.A. Model F406 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-89)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3217. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model ERJ 170 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-022)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3218. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 727 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. NM-75)) received on September 7, 2007; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3219. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Aerospatiale Model ATR42 and ATR72 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2006-NM-270)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3220. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Model Falcon 2000EX and Falcon 900EX Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2006-NM-249)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3221. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A310 Series Airplanes; and Airbus Model A300-600 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2006-NM-237)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3222. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eclipse Aviation Corporation Model EA500 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2007-CE-056)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3223. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Diamond Aircraft Industries GmbH Model DA 42 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2007-CE-023)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3224. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Alpha Aviation Design Limited Model R2160 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2006-CE-079)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3225. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Air Tractor, Inc. Models AT-602, AT-802, and AT-802A Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2007-CE-011)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3226. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; SOCATA - Groupe Aerospatiale Models TB9, TB10, and TB200 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2007-CE-017)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3227. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; APEX Aircraft Model CAP 10 B Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2007-CE-019)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3228. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification to the Norton Sound Low, Woody Island Low, Control 1234L and Control 1487L Offshore Airspace Areas; Alaska" ((RIN2120-AA66)-(Docket No. 06-AAL-29)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3229. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Area Navigation Route Q-22; South Central United States" ((RIN2120-AA66)-(Docket No. 07-ASW-4)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3230. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Front Royal - Warren County, VA" ((RIN2120-AA66)-(Docket No. 07-AEA-01)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3231. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Dean Memorial Airport, NH" ((RIN2120-AA66)-(Docket No. 07-ANE-91)) received on September 7, 2007; to

the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3232. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Restricted Areas 3601A and 3601B; Brookville, KS" ((RIN2120-AA66)-(Docket No. 04-ACE-32)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3233. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Low Altitude Area Navigation Routes; Los Angeles, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66)-(Docket No. 07-AWP-2)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3234. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D Airspace; Valdosta, Moody AFB, GA" ((RIN2120-AA66)-(Docket No. 07-ASO-10)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3235. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Red Dog, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)-(Docket No. 07-AAL-04)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3236. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations: Rockmart, Aragon, and Ringgold, Georgia; Anderson, South Carolina; and Chattanooga, Decatur, Harrison, Lynchburg, Spring City, and Wartrace, Tennessee" (MB Docket No. 05-282) received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3237. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations: Dinosaur, Colorado" (MB Docket No. 07-79) received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3238. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal

Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Recommendations of the Independent Panel Reviewing the Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Communications Networks" ((FCC07-107)(EB Docket No. 06-119)) received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3239. A communication from the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Office of Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2007" ((MD Docket No. 07-81)(FCC 07-140)) received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3240. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reexamination of Roaming Obligations of Commercial Mobile Radio Services Providers" ((WT Docket No. 05-265)(FCC 07-143)) received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3241. A communication from the Assistant Bureau Chief for Management, International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the Matter of Amendment of Parts 1 and 63 of the Commission's Rules" ((FCC 07-118)(IB Docket No. 04-47)) received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3242. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the safe operation of Mexico-domiciled motor carriers beyond the commercial zones; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3243. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to energy pricing programs; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3244. A communication from the General Counsel, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of Electronic Submissions in Agency Hearings" (RIN3150-AH74) received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3245. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware;

Control of VOC Emissions from Crude Oil Lightening Operations" (FRL No. 8465-9) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3246. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; VOC Emissions from Fuel Grade Ethanol Production Operations" (FRL No. 8464-4) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3247. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Clean Air Interstate Rule" (FRL No. 8465-6) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3248. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Georgia: Redesignation of Macon, Georgia 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment for Ozone" (FRL No. 8466-4) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3249. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Tennessee; Approval of Revisions to the Tennessee SIP and the Nashville/Davidson County Portion of Tennessee SIP; Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Nonattainment New Source Review" (FRL No. 8466-5) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3250. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revising the Budget Period Limitation for Research Grants and Cooperative Agreements" ((RIN2080-AA12)(FRL No. 8466-9)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3251. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to actions under the Prescription Drug User Fee Act during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3252. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Rev. Proc. 2006-53 to Reflect Statutory Changes to Section 179" (Rev. Proc. 2007-60) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3253. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Surrender of Property Subject to Levy" (Rev. Proc. 2006-42) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3254. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy Act Regulations, Periodic Participant Statements and Court Orders and Legal Processes Affecting Thrift Savings Plan Accounts" (5 CFR Parts 1630, 1640, and 1653) received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3255. A communication from the Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's budget request for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3256. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, the report of draft legislation intended to amend the law relating to the appeals of those who have been sentenced to death; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3257. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, (7) reports relative to vacancies within the Department, received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3258. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; APEX Aircraft Model CAP 10 B Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-020)) received on September 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 1138. A bill to enhance nuclear safeguards and to provide assurances of nuclear fuel supply to countries that forgo certain fuel cycle activities (Rept. No. 110-151).

S. 1687. A bill to provide for global pathogen surveillance and response (Rept. No. 110-152).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 1027. A bill to prevent tobacco smuggling, to ensure the collection of all tobacco taxes, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-153).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR:

S. 2037. A bill to amend the Consumer Product Safety Act to make it unlawful to sell a recalled product, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR:

S. 2038. A bill to prohibit the introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of children's products that contain lead, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 2039. A bill to require an assessment of the plans for the modernization and sustainment of the land-based, Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile strategic deterrent force, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. BROWN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BYRD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BAYH, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. TESTER, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S.J. Res. 18. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services within the Department of Health and Human Services relating to a cost limit for providers operated by units of government and other provisions under the

Medicaid program; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. Res. 315. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate that General David H. Petraeus, Commanding General, Multi-National Force-Iraq, deserves the full support of the Senate and strongly condemn personal attacks on the honor and integrity of General Petraeus and all the members of the United States Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. OBAMA, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BROWN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FEINGOLD, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. DODD):

S. Res. 316. A resolution designating the week of October 21 through October 27, 2007 as "National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. McCONNELL:

S. Res. 317. A resolution to constitute the minority party's membership on the Committee on Veterans' Affairs for the remainder of the 110th Congress or until their successors are chosen; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 22, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 34

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 34, a bill to promote simplification and fairness in the administration and collection of sales and use taxes.

S. 166

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 166, a bill to

restrict any State from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services.

S. 351

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 351, a bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions.

S. 505

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 505, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the above-the-line deduction for teacher classroom supplies and to expand such deduction to include qualified professional development expenses.

S. 788

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 788, a bill to authorize the Moving to Work Charter program to enable public housing agencies to improve the effectiveness of Federal housing assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 803, a bill to repeal a provision enacted to end Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 809

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 809, a bill to amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 to exempt qualified public housing agencies from the requirement of preparing an annual public housing agency plan.

S. 819

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 819, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes.

S. 849

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 849, a bill to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes.

S. 881

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] were added as cosponsors of S. 881, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 1012

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1012, a bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 1038

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1038, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand workplace health incentives by equalizing the tax consequences of employee athletic facility use.

S. 1149

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1149, a bill to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act to authorize the interstate distribution of State-inspected meat and poultry if the Secretary of Agriculture determines that the State inspection requirements are at least equal to Federal inspection requirements and to require the Secretary to reimburse State agencies for part of the costs of the inspections.

S. 1175

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1175, a bill to end the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, and for other purposes.

S. 1281

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1281, a bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain rivers and streams of the headwaters of the Snake River System as additions to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

S. 1316

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1316, a bill to establish and clarify that Congress does not authorize persons convicted of dangerous crimes in foreign courts to freely possess firearms in the United States.

S. 1328

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1328, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner

as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1430

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1430, a bill to authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000,000 or more in Iran's energy sector, and for other purposes.

S. 1451

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1451, a bill to encourage the development of coordinated quality reforms to improve health care delivery and reduce the cost of care in the health care system.

S. 1460

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1460, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Development Act of 2002 to support beginning farmers and ranchers, and for other purposes.

S. 1484

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1484, a bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restore the Medicare treatment of ownership of oxygen equipment to that in effect before enactment of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.

S. 1512

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1512, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to expand Federal eligibility for children in foster care who have attained age 18.

S. 1514

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1514, a bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

S. 1556

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1556, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage to

designated plan beneficiaries of employees, and for other purposes.

S. 1605

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1605, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect and preserve access of Medicare beneficiaries in rural areas to health care providers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1621

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1621, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain farming business machinery and equipment as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 1638

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1638, a bill to adjust the salaries of Federal justices and judges, and for other purposes.

S. 1668

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1668, a bill to assist in providing affordable housing to those affected by the 2005 hurricanes.

S. 1818

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1818, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to phase out the use of mercury in the manufacture of chlorine and caustic soda, and for other purposes.

S. 1821

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1821, a bill to prohibit the closure or relocation of any county, local, or field office of the Farm Service Agency or Natural Resources Conservation Service or any office related to the rural development mission of the Department of Agriculture until at least 1 year after the enactment of an Act to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs after fiscal year 2007.

S. 1852

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1852, a bill to designate the Friday after Thanksgiving of each year as "Native American Heritage Day" in honor of the achievements and contributions of Native Americans to the United States.

S. 1944

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 1944, a bill to provide justice for victims of state-sponsored terrorism.

S. 1958

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1958, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure and foster continued patient quality of care by establishing facility and patient criteria for long-term care hospitals and related improvements under the Medicare program.

S. 1971

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1971, a bill to authorize a competitive grant program to assist members of the National Guard and Reserve and former and current members of the Armed Forces in securing employment in the private sector, and for other purposes.

S. 1977

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1977, a bill to provide for sustained United States leadership in a cooperative global effort to prevent nuclear terrorism, reduce global nuclear arsenals, stop the spread of nuclear weapons and related material and technology, and support the responsible and peaceful use of nuclear technology.

S. 1999

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1999, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Center of Excellence in Prevention, Diagnosis, Mitigation, Treatment, and Rehabilitation of Military Eye Injuries, and for other purposes.

S. 2020

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2020, a bill to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2010, to rename the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 as the "Tropical Forest and Coral Conservation Act of 2007", and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 13, a joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the International Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding.

SENATE RESOLUTION 201

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 201, a resolution supporting the

goals and ideals of "National Life Insurance Awareness Month".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, at 2 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on Iraq.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, at 2:15 p.m. to hold a business meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 11, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed business meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

The Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:40 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2467. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 69 Montgomery Street in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the "Frank J. Guarini Post Office Building".

H.R. 2587. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 555 South 3rd Street Lobby in Memphis, Tennessee, as the "Kenneth T. Whalum, Sr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 2654. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 South Dumont Avenue in Woonsocket,

South Dakota, as the "Eleanor McGovern Post Office Building".

H.R. 2778. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3 Quaker Ridge Road in New Rochelle, New York, as the "Robert Merrill Postal Station".

H.R. 2825. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 326 South Main Street in Princeton, Illinois, as the "Owen Lovejoy Princeton Post Office Building".

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 2467. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 69 Montgomery Street in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the "Frank J. Guarini Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2587. A Bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 555 South 3rd Street Lobby in Memphis, Tennessee, as the "Kenneth T. Whalum, Sr. Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2654. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 South Dumont Avenue in Woonsocket, South Dakota, as the "Eleanor McGovern Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2778. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3 Quaker Ridge Road in New Rochelle, New York, as the "Robert Merrill Postal Station"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2825. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 326 South Main Street in Princeton, Illinois, as the "Owen Lovejoy Princeton Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

DESIGNATING "PERCY SUTTON POST OFFICE BUILDING"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 954) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 365 West 125th Street in New York, New York, as the "Percy Sutton Post Office Building".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL
CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING
PREVENTION WEEK"

On the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 316) designating the week of October 21 through October 27, 2007 as "National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week", submitted today by Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. OBAMA, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BROWN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FEINGOLD, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. DODD), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONSTITUTING MINORITY PARTY
MEMBERSHIP ON THE COMMITTEE
ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

On the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 317) to constitute the minority party's membership on the Committee on Veterans' Affairs for the remainder of the 110th Congress or until their successors are chosen, submitted today by Mr. MCCONNELL, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND
FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and

reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then resume consideration of bill H.R. 3074, as pursuant to the order of today; and that the Senate first vote in "stacked" sequence in relation to the amendment to be proposed by Mr. DEMINT.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

At 9:41 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12,
2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 9 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, September 12, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND
RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 3074) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2814, proposed by Mr. COBURN, to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2844).

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 56, nays... 37

[Rollcall Vote No. 334 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 37

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchinson, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendments numbered 2812, 2813, and

2814, proposed by Mr. COBURN, en bloc, to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY, by unanimous consent, to lay the pending amendments, en bloc, on the table.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 63, nays... 32

[Rollcall Vote No. 335 Leg.]

YEAS --- 63

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Collins, Conrad, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 32

Allard, Barrasso, Bayh, Bennett, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, DeMint, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Sununu, Thune.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. BOND,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That, following passage of the bill, as amended, the Senate insist on its amendment to the bill, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall the bill, as amended, pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 88, nays... 7

[Rollcall Vote No. 336 Leg.]

YEAS --- 88

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Crapo, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 7

Barrasso, Coburn, Cornyn, DeMint, Ensign, Enzi, Kyl.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY to reconsider the vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BOND,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate insisted on its amendment and asked a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and the chair, as authorized, appointed Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BYRD, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KOHL, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BOND, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BENNETT, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. COCHRAN as conferees on the part of the Senate.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by one of his secretaries:

NOTICE OF CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001—PM 24

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1622(d), provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. Consistent with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* the enclosed notice, stating that the emergency declared with respect to the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001, is to continue in effect for an additional year.

The terrorist threat that led to the declaration on September 14, 2001, of a national emergency continues. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue in effect after September 14, 2007, the national emergency with respect to the terrorist threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *September 12, 2007.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3259. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, five quarterly Selected Acquisition Reports for the quarter ended June 30, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3260. A communication from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's decision to conduct a public-private competition for the multi-functional Base Operating Support mission at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3261. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reports of Government Property" (DFARS Case 2005-D015),

received on September 11, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3262. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Captan, 2,4-D, Dodine, DCPA, Endothall, Fomesafen, Propyzamide, Ethofumesate, Permethrin, Dimethipin, and Fenarimol; Tolerance Actions" (FRL No. 8142-2), received on September 11, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3263. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Comprehensive Procurement Guideline V for Procurement of Products Containing Recovered Materials" ((RIN2050-AE23)(FRL No. 8468-3)), received on September 11, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3264. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nonroad Diesel Technical Amendments and Tier 3 Technical Relief Provision" ((RIN2060-AO37)(FRL No. 8467-2)), received on September 11, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3265. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act and Assessing the Environmental Effects Abroad of EPA Actions" ((RIN2020-AA42)(FRL No. 8467-5)), received on September 11, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3266. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 8456-4), received on September 11, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3267. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disaster/Combat Zone Relief and Dischargeability" (Rev. Rul. 2007-59), received on September 10, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3268. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Housing Cost Amounts Eligible for Exclusion or Deduction for 2007" (Notice 2007-77), received on September 10, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3269. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Treatment of Certain Nuclear Decommissioning Funds for Purposes of Allocating Purchase Price in Certain Deemed and Actual Asset Acquisitions" ((RIN1545-BC99)(TD 9358)), received on September 10, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3270. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a semiannual report detailing payments made to Cuba relative to its telecommunications services; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3271. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to U.S. military personnel and civilian contractors involved in the anti-narcotics campaign in Colombia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3272. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Director, received on September 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3273. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison, Office of the General Counsel, Patent and Trademark Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "April 2007 Revision of Patent Cooperation Treaty Procedures" (RIN0651-AC09), received on September 10, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3274. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the activities and operations of the Criminal Division of the Public Integrity Section during calendar year 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of a committee was submitted:

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1256. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to reauthorize loan programs under that Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-154).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BOND (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 2040. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the alternative tax liability limitation for small property and casualty insurance companies; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 2041. A bill to amend the False Claims Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 2042. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct activities to rapidly advance treatments for spinal muscular atrophy, neuromuscular disease, and other pediatric diseases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 2043. A bill to prohibit the closure or relocation of any county office of the Farm Service Agency until at least 1 year after the enactment of an omnibus law to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs for fiscal years after fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2044. A bill to provide procedures for the proper classification of employees and independent contractors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. INOUE):

S. 2045. A bill to reform the Consumer Product Safety Commission to provide greater protection for children's products, to improve the screening of noncompliant consumer products, to improve the effectiveness of consumer product recall programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 2046. A bill to establish a pilot program for police departments to use anonymous texts from citizens to augment their anonymous tip hotlines; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 2047. A bill to require enhanced disclosures to consumers purchasing flood insurance and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2048. A bill for the relief of Jose Buendia Balderas, Alicia Aranda De Buendia, and Ana Laura Buendia Aranda; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 2049. A bill to prohibit the implementation of policies to prohibit States from providing quality health coverage to children in need under the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP); to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 2050. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the five-month waiting period in the disability insurance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. Res. 318. A resolution supporting the We Don't Serve Teens campaign; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. REID, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DODD, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BROWN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Con. Res. 44. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued honoring Rosa Louise McCauley Parks; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 22, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in

the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 316, a bill to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market.

S. 399

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 399, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include podiatrists as physicians for purposes of covering physicians services under the Medicaid program.

S. 545

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 545, a bill to improve consumer access to passenger vehicle loss data held by insurers.

S. 790

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 790, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to permit the simplified summer food programs to be carried out in all States and by all service institutions.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 911, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 963

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 963, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to educational organizations to carry out educational programs about the Holocaust.

S. 1116

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1116, a bill to

facilitate the use for irrigation and other purposes of water produced in connection with development of energy resources.

S. 1160

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1160, a bill to ensure an abundant and affordable supply of highly nutritious fruits, vegetables, and other specialty crops for American consumers and international markets by enhancing the competitiveness of United States-grown specialty crops.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit through 2013, and for other purposes.

S. 1257

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1257, a bill to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives.

S. 1356

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1356, a bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to establish industrial bank holding company regulation, and for other purposes.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1587

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1587, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to allow a special depreciation allowance for reuse and recycling property and to provide for tax-exempt financing of recycling equipment, and for other purposes.

S. 1709

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1709, a bill to amend the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act of 1998 to provide additional staff and oversight of funds to carry out the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1734

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1734, a bill to provide for prostate cancer imaging research and education.

S. 1827

At the request of Mr. THUNE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1827, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act

to require prompt payment to pharmacies under part D, to restrict pharmacy co-branding on prescription drug cards issued under such part, and to provide guidelines for Medication Therapy Management Services programs offered by prescription drug plans and MA-PD plans under such part.

S. 1833

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1833, a bill to amend the Consumer Product Safety Act to require third-party verification of compliance of children's products with consumer product safety standards promulgated by the Consumer Product Safety Commission and for other purposes.

S. 1843

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1843, a bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to clarify that an unlawful practice occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, and for other purposes.

S. 1866

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1866, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to exempt certain local restrictions from review under the airport noise and access restriction review program.

S. 1867

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1867, a bill to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to conduct a study on the operation of helicopters over Long Island, New York and for other purposes.

S. 1880

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1880, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit dog fighting ventures.

S. 1956

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1956, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide equitable access for foster care and adoption services for Indian children in tribal areas, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 37

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate

Concurrent Resolution 37, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress on federalism in Iraq.

SENATE RESOLUTION 178

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 178, a resolution expressing the sympathy of the Senate to the families of women and girls murdered in Guatemala, and encouraging the United States to work with Guatemala to bring an end to these crimes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 201

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 201, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "National Life Insurance Awareness Month".

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 201, supra.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 12, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 12, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 12, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to consider an original bill entitled, "The Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Indian Health Care Improvement Act of 2007"; H.J. Res 43, "Increasing the Statutory Limit on the Public Debt"; and revising subcommittee assignments for the 110th Congress.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, September 12, 2007, at 10 a.m. to consider the nomination of the Honorable Julie L. Myers to be Assistant

Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 12, 2007, at 11 a.m. in room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

That the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 12, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in order to conduct a hearing to receive testimony on the Nomination of Robert C. Tapella of Virginia, to be Public Printer, Government Printing Office.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN LEGISLATION

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that, on Tuesday, September 18, 2007, at a time to be determined by the majority leader after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider bill S. 1257.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1257

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1257) to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1257, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1257:

HARRY REID, J. LIEBERMAN, PATRICK LEAHY, RUSSELL D. FEINGOLD, BENJAMIN CARDIN, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., BERNARD SANDERS, BARBARA MIKULSKI, BYRON L. DORGAN, PATTY MURRAY, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, MARY LANDRIEU, KENT CONRAD, ROBERT MENENDEZ, MARK PRYOR, KEN SALAZAR, JIM WEBB.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID withdrew his pending motion.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 18, 2007, the Senate vote on the

question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1257; and that there be 15 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, prior to said vote.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that, if the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1257 is agreed to, said bill be returned to the calendar and the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1585; and that the Senate proceed to consider bill S. 1257 at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF
BILL H.R. 1124 ON TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 18, 2007

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, upon conclusion of morning business on Tuesday, September 18, 2007, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 1124) to extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999; that an amendment, relative to scholarships, be deemed proposed by Mr. COBURN, and agreed to; that the only other amendment in order to be proposed be an amendment by Mr. COBURN, relative to public colleges; that there be 65 minutes for debate thereon; and that the following be recognized therein for the times indicated: Mr. COBURN, 30 minutes; Mr. VOINOVICH, 20 minutes; Mr. AKAKA, 15 minutes.

Ordered further, That, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to said amendment; that, upon disposition of said amendment, the bill, as amended, be read the third time; that the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended; and that no points of order be in order.

DESIGNATING "CAL RIPKEN WAY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3218) to designate a portion of Interstate Route 395 located in Baltimore, Maryland, as "Cal Ripken Way", received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, September 6, 2007, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

GRANTING A FEDERAL CHARTER
TO KOREAN WAR VETERANS
ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1692) to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE WE DON'T
SERVE TEENS CAMPAIGN

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 318) supporting the We Don't Serve Teens campaign, submitted today by Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. PRYOR), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDERS FOR RECESS UNTIL 9:45
A.M. ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14,
2007, ADJOURNMENT FROM
FRIDAY UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 17, 2007, AND FOR
PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it recess until 9:45 a.m. on Friday, September 14, 2007, for a pro forma session only; that the Senate then adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 17, 2007; that, on Monday next, immediately

following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 3 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, at 3 p.m., the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1585.

RECESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 3:20 p.m.,

The Senate recessed, under its order of today, until 9:45 a.m. on Friday, September 14, 2007.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2007

(Legislative day of Wednesday, September 12, 2007)

Mr. JACK REED, from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, called the Senate to order at 9:45:48 a.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, September 14, 2007,

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JACK REED, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. REED took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of Wednesday, September 12, 2007,

At 9:46:15 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of Wednesday, September 12, 2007, until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 17, 2007.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

Mr. JIM WEBB, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WEBB led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, September 17, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JIM WEBB, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. WEBB took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, September 12, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

**CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH**

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, September 12, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

**TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS**

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, September 12, 2007,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business until 3 p.m.

Pending debate,

**REPORT OF A COMMITTEE DURING
ADJOURNMENT**

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the following report of a committee was submitted on September 14, 2007:

By Mr. BYRD (for Mr. INOUE), from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 3222. A bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-155).

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
RECEIVED DURING
ADJOURNMENT**

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by one of his secretaries:

**REPORT RELATIVE TO THE STATUS OF
EACH OF THE 18 IRAQI BENCHMARKS --
PM 25**

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

Consistent with section 1314 of the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007 (Public Law 110-28) (the "Act"), attached is a report that assesses the status of each of the 18 Iraqi benchmarks contained in the Act and declares whether satisfactory progress toward meeting these benchmarks is, or is not, being achieved.

The second of two reports submitted consistent with the Act, it has been prepared in consultation with the Secretaries of State and Defense; the Commander, Multi-National Force-Iraq; the United States Ambassador to Iraq; and the Commander, United States Central Command.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *September 14, 2007.*

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-196. A resolution adopted by the California-Pacific Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church relative to the repeal of discriminatory laws; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-197. A resolution adopted by the Commission of the City of Hollywood, Florida, supporting the Energy Efficiency Promotion Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-198. A resolution adopted by the Council of the Town of Bay Harbor Islands, Florida, supporting resolution number 2007-430 of the governing board of the South Florida Water Management District; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-199. A resolution adopted by the Commission of the City of Pompano Beach, Florida, urging Congress to appropriate funds necessary to bring the Herbert Hoover Dike

into compliance with current levee protection safety standards; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-200. A resolution adopted by the Council of the Town of Davie, Florida, urging Congress to appropriate funds necessary to bring the Herbert Hoover Dike into compliance with current levee protection safety standards; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-201. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Long Beach, California, urging Congress to enact the Employee Free Choice Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-202. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Texas urging Congress to provide drought relief to Texas; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 67

Whereas, the State of Texas continues to endure substantial economic losses due to a prolonged drought that has crippled the state for nearly two years; the loss of crops and livestock and drought-induced fires have left the state's farmers and ranchers in desperate need of continued federal assistance to offset the losses suffered as a result of this natural disaster; and

Whereas, the drought has cost the state nearly \$2.5 billion in total crop loss, more than \$1 billion of which is attributed to a decrease in the cotton harvest, the state's number one cash crop; in addition, the latest forecasts for 2006 show the state's wheat harvest has decreased by more than 60 percent, corn production is down by 26 percent, soybean production has decreased by more than 30 percent, and the state's production of peanuts and sorghum is expected to be down by 40 percent; and

Whereas, an estimated \$1.6 billion in livestock losses, as well as the rising cost of hay and supplemental feed, have forced any ranchers to sell their cattle earlier than anticipated, which will undoubtedly cause a decrease in the beef supply for several years; all told, the total agricultural loss to the state stands at more than \$4 billion; and

Whereas, this dire economic impact is shared by the businesses that support the agriculture community, specifically those in rural areas, where projections estimate the loss to be nearly \$8 billion; the businesses affected include those that provide equipment or machinery, supplies, feed, and professional services such as veterinarians; and

Whereas, adding insult to injury, the drought has resulted in more than 21,000 fires, burning in excess of two million acres between January and November, 2006, and contributing to the loss of 5,000 miles of fence and 5,000 cattle in the Panhandle alone; the fires in the northern regions of the state

have certainly contributed to the diminution in hay production, and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) estimates that 77 percent of Texas' hay production was lost during the same period; and

Whereas, to alleviate this financial burden, the Texas Department of Agriculture will administer a total of \$16.1 million in assistance received from the USDA to eligible livestock producers in 216 drought-stressed counties, but with more than \$12 billion in total economic loss as a direct result of the drought, more assistance is needed; the devastation to crops and livestock in the number two agricultural state in the nation has put a financial strain on Texas farmers and ranchers, and it is imperative that the federal government continue to assist the individuals and families that have suffered during this time; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to provide further drought relief to Texas; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to the congress with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

POM-203. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois urging Congress to require the Department of Agriculture to conduct a study and report on the nutritional value of the country's school lunches; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11

Whereas, we, as a people, must not feed our children fatty and sugary foods on a daily basis because it leads to obesity and diabetes; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That State Representative Monique D. Davis and the rest of the House of Representatives urge the Congress of the United States of America to require the United States Department of Agriculture to conduct a study and report on the nutritional value of the country's school lunches; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the President pro tempore of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, and each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.

POM-204. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois urging the federal government to meet all of the financial obligations of the GI Bill; to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 123

Whereas, on June 22, 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the "Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944", better known as the "GI Bill of Rights"; and

Whereas, the bill at first was the subject of intense debate and parliamentary maneuvering, but has since been recognized as one of Congress' most important acts; and

Whereas, during the past five decades, the law has made possible the investment of billions of dollars in education and training for millions of veterans, and the nation has in return earned many times that investment in increased taxes and a dramatically changed society; and

Whereas, the law also made possible the loan of billions of dollars to purchase homes for millions of veterans and helped to transform the majority of Americans from renters to homeowners; and

Whereas, the 1944 GI Bill provided six benefits: education and training; loan guarantees for a home, farm, or business; unemployment pay; job-finding assistance; top priority for building materials for VA hospitals; and military review of dishonorable discharges; the home loan program is the only feature of the original bill that is still in force; and

Whereas, the original GI Bill ended in 1956, but subsequent GI Bills have continued the original bill's education and training benefits; the bill currently in effect is the Montgomery GI Bill, which provides benefits for veterans who served after July 1, 1985, and for military reservists; and

Whereas, in signing the original GI Bill, President Roosevelt stated that the Bill "gives emphatic notice to the men and women in our armed forces that the American people do not intend to let them down"; and

Whereas, our servicemen and women have sacrificed much for our country, and continued funding of GI Bill benefits is imperative to ensure that they are treated with the respect they deserve: Therefore be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly of the State of Illinois, that we urge the federal government to meet all of the financial obligations of the GI Bill; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to President George W. Bush, federal Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson, each member of the Illinois Congressional delegation, and the Director of the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs.

POM-205. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan urging

Congress to enact H.R. 2927; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 89

Whereas, H.R. 2927 sets tough fuel economy standards without off ramps or loopholes, by requiring separate car and truck standards to meet a total fleet fuel economy between 32 and 35 mpg by 2022—an increase of as much as 40 percent over current fuel economy standards—and requires vehicle fuel economy to be increased to the maximum feasible level in the years leading up to 2022; and

Whereas, H.R. 2927, while challenging, will provide automakers more reasonable lead time to implement technology changes in both the near and long term. Model year 2008 vehicles are already available today, and product and manufacturing planning is done through model year 2012. H.R. 2927 recognizes the critical need for engineering lead times necessary for manufacturers to make significant changes to their fleets; and

Whereas, H.R. 2927 respects consumer choice by protecting the important functional differences between passenger cars and light trucks/SUVs. Last year, 2006, was the sixth year in a row that Americans bought more trucks, minivans, and SUVs than passenger cars because they value attributes such as passenger and cargo load capacity, four-wheel drive, and towing capability that most cars are not designed to provide; and

Whereas, While some would like fuel economy increases to be much more aggressive and be implemented with much less lead time, Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards must be set at levels and in time frames that do not impose economic harm on the manufacturers, suppliers, dealers, and others in the auto industry; and

Whereas, Proponents of unrealistic and unattainable CAFE standards cite Europe's 35 mpg fuel economy, without ever mentioning Europe's \$6 per gallon gasoline prices, the high sales of diesel vehicles, the high proportion of Europeans driving manual transmission vehicles (80 percent in Europe vs. 8 percent in the U.S.), the significant differences in the size mix of vehicles, or that trucks and SUVs are virtually nonexistent among Europe households; and

Whereas, Proponents of unreasonable CAFE standards claim they will save consumers billions, but they neglect to talk about the upfront costs of such changes to the manufacturers of meeting unduly strict CAFE standards—more than \$100 billion, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration—which will lead to vehicle price increases of several thousand dollars; and

Whereas, Proponents of unrealistic CAFE standards ignore the potential safety impacts of downsized vehicles on America's highways and overlook the historical role and critical importance of manufacturing plants to our national and economic security. They seem unconcerned about threats to the 7.5 million jobs that are directly and indirectly dependent on a vibrant auto industry in the United States; and

Whereas, H.R. 2927 is a reasonable bill that balances a number of important public policy concerns. The bill represents a tough but fair compromise that deserves serious consideration and support: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the United States Congress to enact H.R. 2927, which responsibly balances achievable fuel economy increases with important economic and social concerns, including consumer demand; and be it further

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

POM-206. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois urging Congress to support funding for the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 395

Whereas, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program (UPARR) is a matching federal grant program administered by the National Park Service of the Department of the Interior; and

Whereas, the purpose of the program is to provide funding for the rehabilitation of parks and recreation areas in cities and urban communities; and

Whereas, since the establishment of the program in 1978, approximately 1500 individual grants totaling more than \$270,000,000 have been made to eligible cities and counties; and

Whereas, no funds have been appropriated under UPARR for the past 5 years; and

Whereas, urban park development is essential for economic revitalization, environmental stewardship, and public recreation; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That we urge the Congress of the United States of America to support funding for the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the President pro tempore of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, and each

member of the Illinois congressional delegation.

POM-207. A joint resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of California urging Congress to reauthorize and fund the federal Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

Whereas, from 1908 to 2000, counties in the United States received 25 percent of the revenues generated on national forest lands in lieu of lost tax revenues that could have been generated had these lands remained in private hands; and

Whereas, in the 1990s, the volume and value of timber harvested on national forest lands was dramatically reduced, which led Congress to enact the federal Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, which provided a six-year guarantee payment option that was independent of the revenue generated on the national forest lands; and

Whereas, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, as extended by the United States Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007 (Public Law 110-28), will expire on September 30, 2007, which would create a lapse in funding to critical programs in schools and counties across the United States, including California, in the coming years; and

Whereas, rural schools are dependent on federal revenue-sharing programs, including federal forest payments, for maintaining vital educational services and programs, and to ensure an equitable education for all students; and

Whereas, many of California's county public works programs will be crippled without stable, predictable, long-term funding from the act, causing the local road network to suffer long-term degradation and putting communities at risk for public safety emergencies due to cuts in staffing and operational activities; and

Whereas, a number of efforts are being made in both the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate to fully reauthorize the act through 2011, and the Legislature strongly supports these efforts; now therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California respectfully urges the 110th Congress to reauthorize and fund the federal Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 to provide a long-term, stable source of funding for schools and counties to maintain vital programs prior to September 30, 2007, to avoid any interruption in county

services and school operations; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-208. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois urging Congress to support and pass the Great Lakes Water Protection Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 602

Whereas, the Great Lakes are the World's single largest source of fresh surface water and contain about 90% of the water supply for the United States; and

Whereas, fresh water is limited in quantity and highly susceptible to contamination; and

Whereas, an estimated 24,000,000,000 gallons of sewage are dumped into the Great Lakes each year due to city sewer overflow; and

Whereas, water pollution contributes to elevated levels of E. coli bacteria and can result in contaminated drinking water and unsafe beach conditions; and

Whereas, the United States Environmental Protection Agency estimates that each year between 1,800,000 and 2,500,000 Americans become sick from drinking polluted water; and

Whereas, measures exist to eliminate sewage dumping into the Lakes and the City of Chicago has already taken steps to reduce the amount of sewage reaching Lake Michigan by creating a system of tunnels to direct sewer overflow to large storage reservoirs; and

Whereas, the Great Lakes Water Protection Act, introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives as H.R. 2907, would increase fines for sewage dumping, use penalty revenues to fund habitat and wetland projects, and increase public disclosure of dumping incidents; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That we urge the U.S. Congress to support and pass the Great Lakes Water Protection Act in an effort to clean up the Great Lakes; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.

POM-209. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan urging Congress to provide funding for the Saginaw

Bay Coastal Initiative; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10

Whereas, communities surrounding Saginaw Bay face significant environmental and economic challenges. Saginaw Bay is one of the most polluted areas in the Great Lakes. Historic and ongoing inputs of excessive nutrients, toxic contaminants, and overabundant sediments exacerbated by low water levels have led to the proliferation of undesirable nuisance plants and algae, degradation of shoreline areas, loss of fishery habitat, and impairment of fish and wildlife populations; and

Whereas, Saginaw Bay remains a vital resource for about 500,000 residents who use its waters and shoreline for recreation, drinking water, and other activities. The public health and safety of these residents and the economic vitality of local communities are threatened by the ongoing environmental problems facing Saginaw Bay. Increased coordination and partnerships with local leaders and citizens directly affected by Saginaw Bay's health are needed to restore the bay and realize its full potential as a vibrant coastal area; and

Whereas, the Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative (SBCI) will support innovative regional approaches for enhancing resource protection, improving environmental quality, and expanding local tourism and economic development within the Saginaw Bay coastal area. With appropriate funding, the initiative will create new partnerships among federal, state, and local groups and enhance local participation and responsibility in resolving environmental and economic challenges and determining the future of Saginaw Bay; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to provide funding for the Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative; and be it further

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

POM-210. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Texas urging Congress to enact legislation to eliminate the 24-month Medicare waiting period for participants in Social Security Disability Insurance; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35

Whereas, created in 1965, the federal Medicare program provides health insurance coverage for more than 40 million Americans; although most of those enrolled

in Medicare are senior citizens, approximately six million enrollees under the age of 65 have qualified because of permanent and severe disability, such as spinal cord injuries, multiple sclerosis, cardiovascular disease, cancer, or other illness or disorder; and

Whereas, despite the physical and financial hardships wrought by these conditions and the fact that Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) is designed for individuals with a work history who paid into the social security system before the onset of their disability, federal law mandates a 24-month waiting period from the time a disabled individual first receives SSDI benefits to the time Medicare coverage begins; a prerequisite to Medicare, the SSDI program itself delays benefits for five months while the person's disability is determined—effectively creating a 29-month waiting period for Medicare; and

Whereas, this restriction affects a significant number of Americans in need; as of January 2002, there were approximately 1.2 million disabled individuals who qualified for SSDI and were awaiting Medicare coverage, many of whom were unemployed because of their disability; consequently, under these conditions, by the time Medicare began, an estimated 77 percent of those individuals would be poor or nearly poor, 45 percent would have incomes below the federal poverty line, and close to 40 percent would be enrolled in state Medicaid programs; and

Whereas, furthermore, it has been estimated that as many as one-third of the individuals currently awaiting coverage may be uninsured and likely to incur significant medical care expenses during the two-year waiting period, often with devastating consequences; studies indicate that the uninsured are likely to delay or forgo needed care, leading to worsening health and even premature death, and the American Medical Association has determined that death rates among SSDI recipients are highest in the first 24 months of enrollment; and

Whereas, eliminating the 24-month waiting period not only would prevent worsening illness and disability for SSDI beneficiaries, thereby reducing more costly future medical needs and potential long-term reliance on public health care programs, but could also save the Medicaid program as much as \$4.3 billion at 2002 program levels, including nearly \$1.8 billion in savings to states and \$2.5 billion in federal savings that would help offset a substantial portion of the accompanying increase in Medicare expenditures; and

Whereas, recognizing the consequences of the waiting period to those suffering from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), or Lou Gehrig's disease, the 106th United States Congress passed H.R. 5661 in 2000 and

eliminated the requirement for enrollees diagnosed with the disease; in passing H.R. 5661, the Congress acknowledged the enormous difficulties faced by those diagnosed with severe disabilities and established precedent for the exception to be extended to all the disabled on the Medicare waiting list; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby respectfully urge the United States Congress to enact legislation to eliminate the 24-month Medicare waiting period for participants in Social Security Disability Insurance; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the Senate of the United States Congress, and all the members of the Texas delegation to the Congress with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

POM-211. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois urging Congress to pass H.R. 1279; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 480

Whereas, according to U.S. Census Bureau data for 2004, 18%, or 51,200,000 people in the U.S. are persons with disabilities; and

Whereas, according to data from the 2004 American Community Survey, 12.4%, or 1,400,000 people in Illinois are persons with disabilities; and

Whereas, by 2030, 1,200,000 individuals nationwide with developmental disabilities will be over the age of 60; and

Whereas, in the U.S., 35% of people with a mental illness or developmental disability live with caregivers between ages of 40-60, and 25% live with caregivers over the age of 60; and

Whereas, 1 in 6 people provide care for a chronically ill, older adult, friend or relative with a disability without public funds; and

Whereas, currently more than 50% of all direct support positions, often known as caregivers, personal assistants or homecare aides, turn over every year in the U.S.; in Illinois, turnover in residential and vocational settings is nearly 70%, with an estimated cost ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000 to replace a direct support worker; the high turnover results in vacancies, puts unfair demands on remaining workers and, most importantly, negatively impacts the quality and consistency of support to people with disabilities and mental illness; and

Whereas, poor wages and heavy job demands have caused this crisis; in 2005, a report by the Illinois Direct Support Professional Workforce Initiative, using data

from multiple studies, found that the average annual income for direct support professionals in residential settings, vocational settings, and in-home and respite settings ranged from \$18,366 to \$22,651; the current federal poverty level for a family of four is \$20,650; and

Whereas, it is essential that people with disabilities and mental illness have access to support that allows them to live and work in the communities of their choice; and

Whereas, in order to stabilize and increase the number of direct support professionals in the workforce, the wages and benefits of direct support professionals must be improved and made equitable among long term support options; and

Whereas, Medicaid is the single-largest payor of long-term support and services for people with disabilities; enhanced Federal Medicaid matching funds should be available to assist states committed to addressing wage differentials among direct support professionals by increasing the wages of direct support professionals and supporting and improving the stability of the direct support professional workforce; and

Whereas, the Direct Support Professionals Fairness and Security Act of 2007, as introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives in H.R. 1279, would provide a voluntary option to states to receive additional Medicaid funding to reimburse community-based organizations to raise the wages of direct support professionals; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That we urge the Congress of the United States to support and pass H.R. 1279 so that states will have additional options to raise the wages of direct support professionals; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage the State of Illinois to take advantage of this option should it become available; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution be sent to George W. Bush and each member of the Illinois delegation.

POM-212. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois urging Congress to pass the Savings for Working Families Act; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 51

Whereas, for the second year in a row, the national personal savings rate remains below zero; and

Whereas, a negative savings rate in the United States has not occurred since the Great Depression; and

Whereas, nationally, one in five families have a negative net worth; about one-third of low-income households and more than one-

tenth of moderate-income households report having no financial assets at all; and

Whereas, the United States Congress has reintroduced legislation in the 110th Congress creating the Savings for Working Families Act that would ensure that our nation's savings and ownership policies assist working-poor families by enabling them to save, build wealth, and enter the financial mainstream through the use of Individual Development Accounts; and

Whereas, Individual Development Accounts help low-income families build assets for buying a first home, receiving post-secondary education, or starting or expanding a small business; and

Whereas, the President of the United States included funding for 900,000 Individual Development Accounts in his 2007 budget request, and, meanwhile, the Congress, in a bi-partisan effort, gathered 68 co-sponsors (35 Democrats and 33 Republicans) on the bill; and

Whereas, the Savings for Working Families Act creates a tax credit for financial institutions that match the savings of the working poor through Individual Development Accounts; and

Whereas, financial institutions offering Individual Development Accounts will be reimbursed through a federal tax credit for all matching funds, up to \$500 per year for four years, and receive a tax credit of \$50 per account per year for account management; and

Whereas, those who save in an Individual Development Account must complete financial education from a nonprofit organization prior to the asset purchase; therefore be it

Resolved, by The House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly of the State of Illinois, the Senate Concurring Herein,

That the Illinois General Assembly urges the members of the Illinois delegation to the United States Congress to give full consideration to the passage of the Savings for Working Families Act as represented in House Resolution 1514; and be it further

Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be sent to each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.

POM-213. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico expressing its support of the financing of the State Children's Health Insurance Program through available federal funds; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3259

The State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), Public Law 105-33, as amended, and known as the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, provides block grants to states for health care insurance coverage for

uninsured children under 18 years of age and who fall on or below 200% of the poverty level established by the Federal Government (FPL) or as established by the state governments. The states may provide this coverage by expanding Medicaid benefits, by expanding or creating a children's health insurance program or by a combination of both.

In June 1998, the Health Care Finance Administration (HCFA), presently known as the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), authorized the implementation of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) in Puerto Rico. This new program constitutes an expansion of the Medical Assistance Program (MEDICAID), which originally established the Program for a ten (10) year period, which concludes in August 2007.

The Children's Health Insurance Program provides coverage to children between the ages of 0-18 who fall below 200% of the poverty level and not eligible for Medicaid and who do not have private medical insurance because their parents' income does not allow for it.

The Children's Health Insurance Program provides preventive service, hospitalization services, medical services, surgical services, mental health services, diagnostic tests, clinical laboratory tests, outpatient rehabilitation services, dental services, pharmacy services and ambulance services. It also offers childcare services from birth to 18 years of age, including vaccinations according to their age. It further provides physical, mental, dental health and nutrition education and counseling. The Medical Assistance Program of the Department of Health of Puerto Rico receives a grant through legislation of the United States Congress that is matched in fifty percent with state funds; from the total funds, an amount of up to 15 percent may be used for the administration of the Program and the remainder is distributed for the payment of direct services to patients.

The SCHIP must be reauthorized by the Federal Government on or before September 2007, in order for it to be able to continue operating and providing services to millions of children in the United States, including those of Puerto Rico. It further provides \$48.1 million in benefits (a 23% increase since 2006) to low income children who do not meet the Medicaid requirements. Although Puerto Rico does not receive parity, as the other states do, these funds have benefited low income children.

The Senate of Puerto Rico recognizes the importance of the SCHIP in Puerto Rico for the welfare of children, for the prevention and treatment of childhood diseases, and for reducing the general costs of health care. It also exhorts the Government of Puerto Rico to use all resources available so that the

children of our Island who are under the poverty level may have access to these health services.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF
PUERTO RICO:

Section 1.—To express the support of the Senate of Puerto Rico to the financing of the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) through available federal funds, and to exhort the United States Congress to assure an increase in federal funds for the SCHIP, including the territories, as well as Puerto Rico.

Section 2.—A copy of this Resolution translated into English, shall be remitted to the President of the United States, to the Leaders of the Minority and Majority in both Chambers of Congress, to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and to the Resident Commissioner in Washington.

Section 3.—This Resolution shall take effect immediately after its approval.

POM-214. A joint resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois urging Congress to reauthorize the State Children’s Health Insurance Program; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 26

Whereas, the Legislature of the State of Illinois regards the health of our children to be of paramount importance to families in our State; and

Whereas, the Legislature of the State of Illinois regards poor child health as a threat to the educational achievement and social and psychological well-being of the children of our State; and

Whereas, the Legislature of the State of Illinois considers protecting the health of our children to be essential to the well-being of our youngest citizens and the quality of life in our State; and

Whereas, the Legislature considers the All Kids Program, which is currently providing health coverage to approximately 160,000 children, to be an integral part of the arrangements for health benefits for the children of the State of Illinois; and

Whereas, the Legislature recognizes the value of the All Kids Program in preserving child wellness, preventing and treating childhood disease, improving health outcomes, and reducing overall health costs; and

Whereas, the Legislature of the State of Illinois considers the federal funding available for the All Kids Program to be indispensable to providing health benefits for children of modest means: Therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly of the State of Illinois, the Senate concurring herein, That we urge the members of the Illinois delegation to the United States Congress to ensure that the Congress timely reauthorizes the State Children’s Health

Insurance Program (SCHIP) to ensure federal funding for the All Kids Program; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature proclaims that all components of State government should work together with educators, health care providers, social workers, and parents to ensure that all available public and private assistance for providing health benefits to uninsured children in this State be used to the maximum extent possible; and be it further

Resolved, That a suitable copy of this solution be sent to each member of the Illinois Congressional delegation.

POM-215. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois urging Congress to enact legislation to repeal the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision from the Social Security Act; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 134

Whereas, the federal Social Security Act includes two provisions, the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision, that reduce the Social Security benefits payable to persons who are entitled to benefits under the public retirement systems of the State under certain conditions; and

Whereas, these provisions penalize individuals who dedicate the majority of their productive years to public service to the State of Illinois, including educators, police officers, and firefighters; and

Whereas, these provisions take away benefits that public employees or their spouses have earned by paying into the Social Security system; and

Whereas, these provisions often leave public employees facing poverty in their retirement; and

Whereas, the State of Illinois is benefited by the recruitment of the best and most able individuals for public employment, but is hindered from doing so because of the offset penalties; and

Whereas, these provisions discourage individuals from moving from private sector employment into positions of public employment: Therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That we encourage and support action by the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to repeal the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision from the Social Security Act, or reduce the effects thereof; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to President George W. Bush and to each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.

POM-216. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois urging Congress to repeal the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision from the Social Security Act; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 0134

Whereas, The Federal Social Security Act includes two provisions, the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision, that reduce the Social Security benefits payable to persons who are entitled to benefits under the public retirement systems of the State under certain conditions; and

Whereas, These provisions penalize individuals who dedicate the majority of their productive years to public service to the State of Illinois, including educators, police officers, and firefighters; and

Whereas, These provisions take away benefits that public employees or their spouses have earned by paying into the Social Security system; and

Whereas, These provisions often leave public employees facing poverty in their retirement; and

Whereas, The State of Illinois is benefited by the recruitment of the best and most able individuals for public employment, but is hindered from doing so because of the offset penalties; and

Whereas, These provisions discourage individuals from moving from private sector employment into positions of public employment: Therefore be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That we encourage and support action by the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to repeal the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision from the Social Security Act, or reduce the effects thereof; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to President George W. Bush and to each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.

POM-217. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging Congress to increase efforts to provide assistance in the Darfur region of Sudan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 59

Whereas, over the past few years, the government of Sudan and the government-backed militia have carried out a campaign of murder, rape, and terror in the Darfur region. More than 1.5 million people are estimated to have been displaced from their homes, while tens of thousands of civilians have been killed or pushed into disease and

malnutrition. A 2004 cease-fire agreement has proven ineffective, and the conditions for those who have been displaced can only be described as a nightmare; and

Whereas, the United States, the United Nations, the African Union, and other nations and organizations have largely ignored the grave human rights violations and suffering that are taking place. The situation in the Darfur region is acknowledged to be ethnic cleansing and may amount to genocide; and

Whereas, while the United States and other countries have tried to bring a halt to the suffering, a greater sense of urgency needs to be brought to these efforts. Our country must do all it can to influence the leadership of the United Nations to increase the number of troops on the ground to protect civilians and to bring pressure on the Sudanese government to halt its illegal and immoral acts. Clearly, the United States must play a leadership role in working with other nations, the United Nations, and the African Union in the effort to bring relief to this region of sorrows: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States and the United States State Department to increase efforts to halt the violence and to provide humanitarian assistance to the victims of the atrocities in the Darfur region of Sudan; and be it further

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

POM-218. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging Congress to enact legislation to prohibit federal funds from going to any business or entity that works with the Sudanese government; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 63

Whereas, with casualties running in the hundreds of thousands and millions displaced, the humanitarian crisis in the Darfur region of the Sudan has defied solution for many years. The heartbreaking atrocities being carried out by the Sudanese government and the Janjaweed militia, which were acknowledged to be genocide by the Bush administration in 2004, clearly cannot be brought to a halt by diplomatic means or by the weight of criticism from around the world; and

Whereas, with each report of tribal massacre, rape, and unspeakable cruelty, the need for effective action grows. Many are reminded of the pressures that were brought to bear upon the South African system of apartheid a generation ago by a rising tide of

economic sanctions from the United States and other countries; and

Whereas, it is long past time for the United States to put in place formal measures to halt the flow of American dollars to any entity or business that works with the Sudanese government in any capacity other than those that are purely humanitarian or peacekeeping in nature. Government contracts and pension funds must not be going to businesses or entities operating in the Sudan. American businesses dealing with the Sudanese government should disclose their actions. It is a moral imperative that we must make every possible effort to stop the atrocities so that a long-term solution to the region's problems can be found: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to prohibit federal funds from going to any business or entity that works with the Sudanese government in any capacity other than solely humanitarian or peacekeeping efforts; and be it further

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

POM-219. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island urging Congress to fulfill its funding commitments under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5227

Whereas, more than thirty years ago, the Congress of the United States enacted the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.) with a commitment of forty percent (40%) federal funding for the costs to local school districts and states to carry out the mandates of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA"); and

Whereas, in 1994, the Congress of the United States recognized their "commitment of forty percent (40%) federal funding" was not being met, and states were only being federally funded at a rate of eight percent (8%).

Whereas, the federal appropriation of 10 billion dollars for the 2004 federal fiscal year funded only eighteen and sixty-five hundredths percent (18.65%), and the 10.6 billion dollars for FY 2005 covers only about nineteen percent (19%) of the special education tab. For FY 2006, funding was only at seventeen and eight-tenths percent (17.8%) of the national average per pupil expenditure, still well below the forty percent (40%) federal contribution commitment; and

Whereas, local school districts in Rhode Island and throughout the United States are mandated to meet the spiraling costs of carrying out the provisions of IDEA; and

Whereas, the failure of the Congress of the United States to fully fund its original commitment of forty percent (40%) federal funding has placed a severe burden upon local school districts to meet the costs of the federal mandate, resulting in an insufferable burden upon local taxpayers and diversion of funds from other education programs, thus lessening the quality of education; and

Whereas, more than thirty years after the enactment of IDEA, it is time that the Congress of the United States appropriate the funds necessary to fully fund its original commitment to provide forty percent (40%) federal funding of the costs incurred carrying out the provisions of IDEA: Now, therefore be it

Resolved, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations hereby memorializes the Congress of the United States to fulfill the original commitment of the Congress of the United States to provide for forty percent (40%) federal funding to local school districts to carry out the mandates of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to: (1) each member of the Rhode Island delegation in the Congress of the United States; (2) the President of the United States; (3) the President of the Senate in the Congress of the United States; (4) the Speaker of the House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States; (5) the Chairmen of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committees in the Senate in the Congress of the United States; and (6) the Chairmen of the Education and the Workforce Committees in the House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States.

POM-220. A joint resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of California urging Congress to renew the Special Statutory Funding Program for Type I Diabetes Research; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8

Whereas, diabetes is a chronic, debilitating disease affecting every organ system; and

Whereas, Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease in which a person's pancreas stops producing insulin, a hormone that enables people to get energy from food; and

Whereas, Type 1 diabetes is a nonpreventable and so far incurable chronic

disease that is one of the most prevalent diseases affecting children; and

Whereas, Type 2 diabetes is a metabolic disorder in which a person's body still produces insulin but is unable to use it effectively; and

Whereas, Type 2 diabetes disproportionately affects the African-American, Latino, Native American, and Pacific Islander communities; and

Whereas, diabetes affects nearly 21 million American and over two million Californians and is on the rise; and

Whereas, diabetes is the most costly chronic disease, costing the California health care system over 12 billion per year; and

Whereas, the complications from diabetes have devastating effects, such as kidney failure, blindness, nerve damage, amputation, heart attack and stroke; and

Whereas, diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death in California; and

Whereas, caring for diabetic students in public schools has further complicated the lives of parents, students, and school staff alike; and

Whereas, diabetes has significant indirect economic costs in lost production estimated over \$37 billion nationwide; and

Whereas, researching a cure for type 1 diabetes will assist in curing type 2 diabetes and many other autoimmune diseases; and

Whereas, finding a cure for diabetes will be far more cost effective than life-long treatment and will improve the quality of life and life expectancy of millions of Americans; and

Whereas, funding for the federal Special Statutory Funding Program for Type 1 Diabetes Research, as mandated by Section 330B of the Public Health Service Act, ends with the 2008 fiscal year; and

Whereas, funding for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians, as mandated by Section 330C of the Public Health Service Act, ends with the 2008 fiscal year: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California proclaims its intention to develop a state-funded program for diabetes research; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of the State of California urges the President and Congress of the United States to renew the Special Statutory Funding Program for Type 1 Diabetes Research and the Special Diabetes Program for Indians; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-221. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois urging Congress to consider certain issues while contemplating reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 396

Whereas, the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) requires reauthorization in 2007: Therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That we urge the United States Congress to address the following concerns when considering the reauthorization of NCLB:

(1) allow states the flexibility to use growth model assessment models to enhance existing measures of student progress;

(2) provide flexibility in program implementation with respect to varying student and teacher needs related to diversity of geography, wealth, and background;

(3) revise assessment guidelines for special needs students so that such students are more fairly assessed considering their specific individualized education programs and, therefore, better served;

(4) resolve other contradictions between NCLB and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA);

(5) address issues arising from students who are counted in multiple groups when determining adequate yearly progress;

(6) allow schools to offer, and provide full funding for, important supplemental education services before schools are forced to offer choice;

(7) provide greater flexibility when determining the sizes of groups regarding assessment subgroups;

(8) school improvement grants must be funded so that the sanctions placed on schools will result in improved student achievement and the reversal of negative trends;

(9) seek greater consistency in state certification criteria and the federal "highly qualified" designation;

(10) the highly qualified teacher provisions of NCLB require clarification, greater flexibility regarding alignment with state certification, and appropriate, specific, technical assistance in order to ensure compliance; and

(11) resident school districts of special needs students attending private schools must pay for IDEA services delivered at a private school; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to President of the United States George W. Bush, United States Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings,

and each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.

POM-222. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois urging Congress to pass legislation that would allow not-for-profit organizations and family members to mail without charge on two days of every month; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 622

Whereas, legislation has been introduced in previous years to provide free mailing privileges for letters and packages to American troops overseas; two bills have been introduced into the 109th Congress—H.R. 923 and H.R. 2874 (H.R. 2874 supersedes H.R. 887, a very similar bill introduced by former Representative Harold Ford on February 17, 2005); and

Whereas, H.R. 923, the Mailing Support to Troops Act of 2005 (introduced on February 17, 2005 by Representative Fossella, with 71 current cosponsors), in its original form would allow family members of service personnel to mail letters and packages free of charge to active members of the military serving in Afghanistan or Iraq and to servicemen and women hospitalized as a result of disease or injury suffered in Afghanistan or Iraq; mailers would need only to write on the envelope or box, "Free Matter for Member of the Armed Forces of the United States", or words to that effect specified by the Postal Service (USPS); mail matter that contains any advertising would specifically be excluded; H.R. 923 would authorize appropriations to reimburse USPS for its extra expenses in transporting such mail; H.R. 923 was referred to the Committee on Government Reform; and

Whereas, H.R. 2874, the Supply Our Soldiers Act of 2005, was introduced by Representative Ford on June 14, 2005, and had 31 cosponsors; it would attempt to make it easier for families and charities to ship letters and packages to soldiers serving in combat zones; soldiers mobilizing for overseas duty would be given an allotment of special stamps (equivalent in value to \$150 per calendar quarter) that they can send to their loved ones, or to selected charities, to allow them to send letters and packages without further postage to the service members; there would be a 10-pound limit on packages sent to individuals; the Postal Service would be reimbursed by the Defense Department for providing this service, and Section 3 of the bill would authorize appropriations to the Defense Department for this purpose and for any other expenses it incurs; by putting individual service men and women into the authorization chain for the mail they receive this bill would avoid the problem of subsidizing unsolicited mail to the

troops; additionally, by capping the allotment per service member, it would mitigate potential stress on the military postal system; H.R. 2874 was referred to the Committees on Armed Services and Government Reform; and

Whereas, on September 29, 2005, the House Committee on Government Reform marked up H.R. 923, and in doing so, accepted an amendment in the nature of a substitute that adopted the core concept, as well as the title, of H.R. 2874; as amended and ordered to be reported by voice vote of the Committee, H.R. 923 requires the Department of Defense, in consultation with the Postal Service, to establish a one-year program under which qualified members of the armed services would receive a monthly voucher that can be redeemed, by their families or friends, to pay the postal expenses of sending one letter or parcel (weighing up to 15 pounds) to the service member; the Department of Defense would reimburse the Postal Service for the postal benefits provided by the vouchers; Committee Chairman Tom Davis said that the substitute language had the approval of Representative Fossella, the Committee on Armed Services, and the Postal Service; the Congressional Budget Office estimated that nearly all of the about 145,000 American service personnel who would be eligible for the postage benefit would take advantage of it, and assigned it a budget cost of \$30 million over fiscal years 2006 and 2007; and

Whereas, the language of H.R. 923 was added by the House Armed Services Committee as Sections 575, 576 ("Funding"), and 577 ("Duration") to H.R. 5122, the Sonny Montgomery National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal Year 2007; H.R. 5122 was passed by the House on May 11, 2006; on June 22, 2006, the Senate substituted its own defense authorization language for the House language and passed H.R. 5122; the Senate version does not contain the postal benefits authorized in the House bill, so whether the language survives is now a matter to be decided by the conference committee; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That we urge the Congress of the United States to pass legislation that would allow not-for-profit organizations and family members to mail without charge, twice per month, on the first and 15th day of each month, letters and packages to members of the U.S. Armed Services in combat zones; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the President pro tempore of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, and each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.

POM-223. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois urging Congress to support a constitutional amendment to allow foreign-born citizens to run for President; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 71

Whereas, many Americans adopt children from countries and raise them in the United States; and

Whereas, these foreign-born children automatically become United States citizens upon adoption; and

Whereas, we tell these children that we live in a free society where men and women have equal rights and equal worth, that they control their own destinies, and that their opportunities are limitless; then these children are denied the ability to seek the highest office in the land, because of the circumstances of their birth; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That we urge the United States Congress to support a constitutional amendment to allow foreign-born citizens to run for President of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and to each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.

POM-224. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Missouri urging Congress to repeal the REAL ID Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

Whereas in May 2005, the United States Congress enacted the REAL ID Act of 2005 as part of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief Act (PL 109-13), which was signed by President Bush on May 11, 2005, and which becomes effective May 11, 2008; and

Whereas some of the requirements of the REAL ID Act are that states shall:

(1) Issue a driver's license or state identification card in a uniform format, containing uniform information, as prescribed by the federal Department of Homeland Security;

(2) Verify the issuance, validity, and completeness of all primary documents used to issue a driver's license, such as those showing that the bearer is a United States citizen or a lawful alien, a lawful refugee, or a person holding a valid visa;

(3) Provide for secure storage of all primary documents that are used to issue a federally approved driver's license or state identification card;

(4) Provide fraudulent document recognition training to all persons engaged in issuing driver's licenses or state identification cards; and

(5) Issue a driver's license or state identification card in a prescribed format if it is a license or card that does not meet the criteria provided for a federally approved license or identification card; and

Whereas use of the federal minimum standards for state driver's licenses and state-issued identification cards will be necessary for any type of federally regulated activity for which an identification card must be displayed, including flying in a commercial airplane, making transactions with a federally licensed bank, entering building, or making application for federally supported public assistance benefits, including Social Security; and

Whereas some of the intended privacy requirements of the REAL ID Act, such as the use of common machine-readable technology and state maintenance of a database that can be shared with the United States government and agencies of other states, may actually make it more likely that a federally required driver's license or state identification card, or the information about the bearer on which the license or card is based, will be stolen, sold, or otherwise used for purposes that were never intended or that are criminally related than if the REAL ID Act had not been enacted; and

Whereas these potential breaches in privacy that could result directly from compliance with the REAL ID Act may violate the right to privacy secured in the Missouri Constitution, for thousands of residents of Missouri; and

Whereas the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, the National Governors' Association, and the National Conference of State Legislatures have estimated, in an impact analysis dated September 2006, that the cost to the states to implement the REAL ID Act will be more than \$11 billion over 5 years, and it is estimated that the implementation of the REAL ID Act will cost Missouri millions to fully implement the Act, none of such costs being paid for by the federal government; and

Whereas for all of these reasons, the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, the National Governors' Association, and the National Conference of State Legislatures, in a letter dated March 17, 2005, to the majority and minority leaders of the United States Senate, opposed the adoption of the REAL ID Act, but the opposition of those groups, and the groups' request that Congress rely on driver's license security provisions already passed by

Congress in the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, was largely ignored by Congress; and

Whereas the regulations that are to be adopted by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to implement the requirements of the REAL ID Act have yet to be adopted and, in reality, will probably not become effective until the Spring of 2007, effectively giving the states only one year in which to become familiar with the implementing regulations and comply with those regulations and the requirements of the REAL ID Act; and

Whereas the mandate to the states, through federal legislation that provides no funding for its requirements, to issue what is, in effect, a national identification card appears to be an attempt to "commandeer" the political machinery of the states and to require the states to be agents of the federal government, in violation of the principles of federalism contained in the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, as interpreted by the United States Supreme Court in *New York v. United States*, 488 U.S. 1041 (1992), *United States v. Lopez*, 514 U.S. 549 (1995), and *Priniz v. United States*, 521 U.S. 898 (1997):

Whereas state legislatures in Georgia, Massachusetts, Montana, New Mexico, New Hampshire, and Washington, have, through legislation or resolutions, opposed the implementation of the REAL ID Act; and

Whereas the Missouri General Assembly affirms its abhorrence of and opposition to global terrorism, and affirms its commitment to protecting the civil rights and civil liberties of all Missouri residents and opposes any measures, including the REAL ID Act, that unconstitutionally infringe upon those civil rights and civil liberties: now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of the House of Representatives, Ninety-Fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby calls on Congress to repeal the REAL ID Act; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution and be immediately transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States; the President of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and each member of Congress from the State of Missouri.

POM-225. A joint resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois supporting the campaign against terrorism; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27

Whereas, the State of Illinois recognizes the Constitution of the United States as our charter of liberty and that the Bill of Rights enshrines the fundamental and inalienable

rights of Americans, including the freedoms of privacy and from unreasonable searches; and

Whereas, each of Illinois' duly elected public servants has sworn to defend and uphold the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Illinois; and

Whereas, the State of Illinois denounces and condemns all acts of terrorism by any entity, wherever the acts occur; and

Whereas, terrorist attacks against Americans, such as those that occurred on September 11, 2001, have necessitated the crafting of effective laws to protect citizens of the United States and others from terrorist attacks; and

Whereas, any new security measures of federal, state, and local governments should be carefully designed and employed to enhance public safety without infringing on the civil liberties and rights of innocent citizens of Illinois and the United States; and

Whereas, the federal Real ID Act of 2005 creates a national identification card by requiring uniform information be placed on every state drivers' license, requiring this information to be machine-readable in a standard format and requiring this card for any federal purpose including air travel; and

Whereas, Real ID will be a costly unfunded mandate on the State with the National Governors' Association, the National Conference of State Legislators, and the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators estimating that Real ID will cost at least \$11 billion nationally over the next 5 years; and

Whereas, Real ID requires the creation of a massive public sector database containing the drivers' license information on every American, accessible to every state motor vehicle employee and state and federal law enforcement officer; and

Whereas, Real ID enables the creation of an additional massive private sector database of drivers' license information gained from scanning the machine-readable information contained on every driver's license; and

Whereas, these public and private databases are certain to contain numerous errors and false information, creating significant hardship for Americans attempting to verify their identity in order to fly, open a bank account, or perform any of the numerous functions required to live in the United States today; and

Whereas, the Federal Trade Commission estimates that 10 million Americans are victims of identity theft annually and these thieves are increasingly targeting motor vehicle departments, Real ID will enable the crime of identity theft by making the personal information of all Americans including name, date of birth, gender, driver's license or identification card number, digital photograph, address, and signature accessible from tens of thousands of locations; and

Whereas, Real ID requires the drivers' licenses to contain actual home addresses in all cases and makes no provision for securing personal information for individuals in potential danger such as undercover police officers and victims of stalking or criminal harassment; and

Whereas, Real ID contains no exemption for religion, limits religious liberty, and tramples the beliefs of groups such as the Amish and some Evangelical Christians; and

Whereas, Real ID contains onerous record verification and retention provisions that place unreasonable burdens on both state Driver Services offices and on third parties required to verify records; and

Whereas, Real ID will likely place enormous burdens on consumers seeking a new driver's license including longer lines, higher costs, increased document requests, and a waiting period; and

Whereas, Real ID will put under-resourced motor vehicle administration staff on the front lines of immigration enforcement by forcing them to determine citizenship status, increasing the potential for discrimination based on race and ethnicity, and placing an excessive burden on foreign-born license applicants and motor vehicle staff; and

Whereas, Real ID was passed without sufficient deliberation by Congress and never received a hearing by any Congressional committee or any vote solely on its own merits; and

Whereas, Real ID eliminated a process of negotiated rulemaking initiated under the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, which had convened federal, state, and local policy makers, privacy advocates, and industry experts to solve the problem of misuse in identity documents; and

Whereas, more than 600 organizations opposed the passage of Real ID including the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois; and

Whereas, Real ID would provide little security benefit and still leave identification systems open to insider fraud, counterfeit documentation, and database failures: Therefore be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly of the State of Illinois, the Senate concurring herein, That the Illinois General Assembly supports the Government of the United States in its campaign against terrorism and affirms the commitment of the United States that the campaign not be waged at the expense of essential civil rights and liberties of citizens of this country that are protected in the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights; and be it further

Resolved, That the members of the Illinois General Assembly oppose any portion of the REAL ID Act that violates the rights and liberties guaranteed under the Illinois

Constitution or the United States Constitution, including the Bill of Rights; and be it further

Resolved, That the Illinois General Assembly urges the Illinois Congressional delegation in the United States Congress to support measures to repeal the Real ID Act of 2005; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be delivered to President George W. Bush, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich, Senator Richard Durbin, Senator Barack Obama, and each of the members of the Illinois Congressional delegation.

POM-226. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois urging Congress to enact legislation making each federal election day a national holiday; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 50

Whereas, citizen participation in the electoral process is the cornerstone of our American democracy; and

Whereas, unfortunately, the rate of voter turnout for elections in this country has declined over the years and is lower than the rate enjoyed by some other democracies around the world; and

Whereas, Germany and Italy, for instance, have experienced a growth in their percentages of voter participation since making their election days national holidays; and

Whereas, making each federal election day a national holiday in the United States would make it easier for Americans to get to the polls, and election authorities would find a greater number of election workers and accessible buildings available; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That we urge the United States Congress to enact, and the President to approve, legislation making each federal election day a national holiday; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be presented to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, and each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.

POM-227. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois urging Congress to do what is necessary to ensure that returning veterans get the best in healthcare; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 375

Whereas, a significant growth in Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) has been identified over the past few years with the

escalation of combat veterans returning home from the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts; nation-wide calls for more assistance for those returning with mental issues as a result of combat have been growing, and this resolution is in response to those calls; and

Whereas, as of January 2007, more than 1.6 million U.S. service men and women had served in Afghanistan and Iraq; and

Whereas, in October 2005, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs reported that more than 430,000 U.S. soldiers have been discharged from the military following service in Afghanistan and Iraq; more than 119,000 have sought help for medical or mental health issues from the Department of Veterans Affairs to date; and

Whereas, in January 2006, the Journal of the American Medical Association reported that 35% of Iraq Veterans have already sought help for mental health concerns; a 2003 New England Journal of Medicine Study found that more than 60% of Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom veterans showing symptoms of PTSD were unlikely to seek help due to fears of stigmatization or loss of career advancement opportunities; and

Whereas, in 2005, the Department of Veterans Affairs reported that 18% of Afghanistan Veterans and 20% of Iraq Veterans in their care were suffering from some type of service-connected psychological disorder; and

Whereas, the Department of Veterans Affairs has seen a tenfold increase in PTSD cases in 2006; according to the VA, more than 37,000 Vets of Iraq and Afghanistan are suffering from mental health disorders, and more than 16,000 have already been diagnosed with PTSD; and

Whereas, according to the Army, since March 2003, at least 45 U.S. soldiers and 9 Marines have committed suicide in Iraq; at least 20 soldiers and 23 Marines have committed suicide since returning home, though exact numbers are not available; and

Whereas, the United States Congress is currently considering H.R. 612, H.R. 1538, S. 713, and H.R. 1268, which address the tragic Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder situation among our returning veterans; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That our returning veterans deserve the very best in healthcare, including mental care, and that both the Federal Government and State Governments must work together to provide this healthcare; and be it further

Resolved, That the State of Illinois wishes to be a model State for the medical care that we offer to our returning soldiers in joint partnership with the Federal Government; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge Congress to act on H.R. 612, H.R. 1538, S. 713, and H.R. 1268 for the safety and well-being of our returning veterans who face mental illness caused by their fulfillment of their duties; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution be sent to the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker and the Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Illinois Congressional Delegation, and the Director of the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs.

POM-228. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Texas urging Congress to support the Belated Thank You to the Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2005; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16

Whereas, the United States Merchant Marine is made up of a fleet of ships used for commercial transport during peace time and as an auxiliary to the United States Navy during times of war; and

Whereas, the members of the U.S. Merchant Marine served the United States bravely in World War II, suffering the highest casualty rate of any branch of the military; in spite of their dedicated and heroic service, these men and women are not considered veterans under the Social Security Act, thereby denying them the financial support in their later years that is afforded to those whom they served alongside in war time; and

Whereas, merchant mariners are considered military personnel in times of war and have an illustrious history of defending this country that started with contributing to American independence by disrupting the British supply chain during the Revolutionary War; and

Whereas, the Merchant Marine ranks during World War II were filled through campaigns by the War Shipping Administration and military recruiters, served under the auspices of the military, included transferred members from other branches of the military, and instructed by their commanders about the critical, patriotic importance of service on troop and supply ships; and

Whereas, the delivery of tanks, aircraft, jeeps, gasoline, medicine, and food rations by the Merchant Marine to troops in every theater of World War II was integral to the Allies' victory; and

Whereas, despite accolades from then General Dwight D. Eisenhower and President Franklin D. Roosevelt for the vital military contribution and service in every invasion from Normandy to Okinawa, the merchant mariners were excluded from the GI Bill of

Rights enacted in 1945, and for 43 years the U.S. government denied them benefits ranging from housing to health care until Congress awarded them veterans' status in 1988—too late for 125,000 mariners to benefit, roughly half of those who had served; moreover, these merchant mariners continue to be denied veterans' benefits under the Social Security Act; and

Whereas, the Belated Thank You to the Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2005 appropriately honors the service of World War II merchant mariners and attempts to rectify the previous denial of financial benefits by providing a monthly monetary benefit, from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, for each Merchant Marine World War II veteran, or surviving spouse, and bestowing veteran status upon them under the Social Security Act, qualifying these brave individuals for Social Security veterans' benefits: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to support the Belated Thank You to the Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2005; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to the congress with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 471. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to The Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitor Center Foundation, Inc. certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in Nebraska, to be used as an historical interpretive site along the trail (Rept. No. 110-156).

S. 637. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Chattahoochee Trace National Heritage Corridor in Alabama and Georgia, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-157).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 645. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to provide an alternate sulfur

dioxide removal measurement for certain coal gasification project goals (Rept. No. 110-158).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1182. A bill to amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to increase the authorization of appropriations and modify the date on which the authority of the Secretary of the Interior terminates under the Act (Rept. No. 110-159).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 1203. A bill to enhance the management of electricity programs at the Department of Energy (Rept. No. 110-160).

S. 1728. A bill to amend the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 to reauthorize the Na Hoa Pili O Kaloko-Honokohau Advisory Commission (Rept. No. 110-161).

H.R. 85. A bill to provide for the establishment of centers to encourage demonstration and commercial application of advanced energy methods and technologies (Rept. No. 110-162).

H.R. 247. A bill to designate a Forest Service trail at Waldo Lake in the Willamette National Forest in the State of Oregon as a national recreation trail in honor of Jim Weaver, a former Member of the House of Representatives (Rept. No. 110-163).

H.R. 407. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing the Columbia-Pacific National Heritage Area in the States of Washington and Oregon, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-164).

H.R. 995. A bill to amend Public Law 106-348 to extend the authorization for establishing a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States (Rept. No. 110-165).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment and with a preamble:

H. Con. Res. 116. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located in Jackson, Wyoming, shall be designated as the "National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States" (Rept. No. 110-166).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 169. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to clarify Federal authority relating to land acquisition from willing sellers for the majority of the trails in the System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-167).

S. 278. A bill to establish a program and criteria for National Heritage Areas in the

United States, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-168).

S. 289. A bill to establish the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-169).

S. 443. A bill to establish the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-170).

S. 444. A bill to establish the South Park National Heritage Area in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-171).

S. 647. A bill to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-172).

S. 722. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to jointly conduct a study of certain land adjacent to the Walnut Canyon National Monument in the State of Arizona (Rept. No. 110-173).

S. 800. A bill to establish the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in the State of New York, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-174).

S. 817. A bill to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide additional authorizations for certain National Heritage Areas, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-175).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 838. A bill to authorize funding for eligible joint ventures between United States and Israeli businesses and academic persons, to establish the International Energy Advisory Board, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-176).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 955. A bill to establish the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-177).

S. 1089. A bill to amend the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Act to allow the Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects to hire employees more efficiently, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-178).

S. 1148. A bill to establish the Champlain Quadricentennial Commemoration Commission and the Hudson-Fulton 400th Commemoration Commission, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-179).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 1100. A bill to revise the boundary of the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site in the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-180).

H.R. 1126. A bill to reauthorize the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988 (Rept. No. 110-181).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2051. A bill to amend the small rural school achievement program and the rural and low-income school program under part B of title VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 2052. A bill to allow for certiorari review of certain cases denied relief or review by the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2053. A bill to amend part A of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve elementary and secondary education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID (for Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2054. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to make grants to assist cities with a vacant housing problem, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 2055. A bill for the relief of Alejandro Gomez and Juan Sebastian Gomez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. KYL, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. VITTER, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. COBURN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. LOTT):

S. 2056. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restore financial stability to Medicare anesthesiology teaching programs for resident physicians; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 2057. A bill to reauthorize the Merit Systems Protection Board and the Office of Special Counsel, to modify the procedures of the Merit Systems Protection Board and the Office of Special Counsel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 2058. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to close the Enron loophole,

prevent price manipulation and excessive speculation in the trading of energy commodities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. Con. Res. 45. A concurrent resolution commending the Ed Block Courage Award Foundation for its work in aiding children and families affected by child abuse, and designating November 2007 as National Courage Month; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. OBAMA:

S. Con. Res. 46. A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 29

At the request of Mr. VITTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 29, a bill to clarify the tax treatment of certain payments made to homeowners by the Louisiana Recovery Authority and the Mississippi Development Authority.

S. 36

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 36, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act to establish a biofuels promotion program to promote sustainable production of biofuels and biomass, and for other purposes.

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 154

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 154, a bill to promote coal-to-liquid fuel activities.

S. 155

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 155, a bill to promote coal-to-liquid fuel activities.

S. 283

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 283, a bill to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003, and for other purposes.

S. 380

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 380, a bill to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

S. 469

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

S. 613

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 613, a bill to enhance the overseas stabilization and reconstruction capabilities of the United States Government, and for other purposes.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 626, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 644

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 644, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recodify as part of that title certain educational assistance programs for members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces, to improve such programs, and for other purposes.

S. 645

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 645, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to provide an alternate sulfur dioxide removal measurement for certain coal gasification project goals.

S. 648

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 648, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the eligibility age for receipt of non-regular military service retired pay for members of the Ready Reserve in active federal status or on active duty for significant periods.

S. 667

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 667, a bill to expand programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse and neglect prevention, and early identification of developmental and health delays, including potential mental health concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 721

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 721, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] were added as cosponsors of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 803, a bill to repeal a provision enacted to end Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 805, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa in the effort to achieve internationally recognized goals in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other major diseases and the reduction of maternal and child mortality by improving human health care capacity and improving retention of medical health professionals in sub-Saharan Africa, and for other purposes.

S. 819

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 819, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes.

S. 908

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 908, a bill to establish a Consortium on the Impact of Technology in Aging Health Services.

S. 935

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 935, a bill to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 962

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 962, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize and improve the carbon capture

and storage research, development, and demonstration program of the Department of Energy and for other purposes.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 969, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the definition of supervisor.

S. 1015

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1015, a bill to reauthorize the National Writing Project.

S. 1159

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1159, a bill to amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part.

S. 1160

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1160, a bill to ensure an abundant and affordable supply of highly nutritious fruits, vegetables, and other specialty crops for American consumers and international markets by enhancing the competitiveness of United States-grown specialty crops.

S. 1172

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1172, a bill to reduce hunger in the United States.

S. 1175

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] were added as cosponsors of S. 1175, a bill to end the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, and for other purposes.

S. 1190

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1190, a bill to promote the deployment and adoption of telecommunications services and information technologies, and for other purposes.

S. 1257

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1257, a bill to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives.

S. 1261

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1261, a bill to amend title 10 and 38, United States Code, to repeal the 10-year limit on use of Montgomery GI Bill educational assistance benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 1267

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1267, a bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

S. 1443

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1443, a bill to provide standards for renewable fuels and coal-derived fuels.

S. 1451

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1451, a bill to encourage the development of coordinated quality reforms to improve health care delivery and reduce the cost of care in the health care system.

S. 1545

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1545, a bill to implement the recommendations of the Iraq Study Group.

S. 1638

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1638, a bill to adjust the salaries of Federal justices and judges, and for other purposes.

S. 1669

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1669, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to ensure payment under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) for covered items and services furnished by school-based health clinics.

S. 1718

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1718, a bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for reimbursement to servicemembers of tuition for programs of education interrupted by military service, for deferment of students loans and reduced interest rates for servicemembers during periods of military service, and for other purposes.

S. 1760

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1760, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Healthy Start Initiative.

S. 1800

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1800, a bill to amend title 10, United

States Code, to require emergency contraception to be available at all military health care treatment facilities.

S. 1827

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1827, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require prompt payment to pharmacies under part D, to restrict pharmacy co-branding on prescription drug cards issued under such part, and to provide guidelines for Medication Therapy Management Services programs offered by prescription drug plans and MA-PD plans under such part.

S. 1842

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1842, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for patient protection by limiting the number of mandatory overtime hours a nurse may be required to work in certain providers of services to which payments are made under the Medicare Program.

S. 1848

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1848, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to address the impact of globalization, to reauthorize trade adjustment assistance, to extend trade adjustment assistance to service workers, communities, firms, and farmers, and for other purposes.

S. 1885

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1885, a bill to provide certain employment protections for family members who are caring for members of the Armed Forces recovering from illnesses and injuries incurred on active duty.

S. 1895

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN], the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1895, a bill to aid and support pediatric involvement in reading and education.

S. 1905

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN], the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1905, a bill to provide for a rotating schedule for regional selection of delegates to a national Presidential nominating convention, and for other purposes.

S. 1930

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG] were added as cosponsors of S. 1930, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prevent illegal logging practices, and for other purposes.

S. 1944

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. DEMINT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1944, a bill to provide justice for victims of state-sponsored terrorism.

S. 1951

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1951, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure that individuals eligible for medical assistance under the Medicaid program continue to have access to prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 1954

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1954, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to pharmacies under part D.

S. 1971

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1971, a bill to authorize a competitive grant program to assist members of the National Guard and Reserve and former and current members of the Armed Forces in securing employment in the private sector, and for other purposes.

S. 1998

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1998, a bill to reduce child marriage, and for other purposes.

S. 2017

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2017, a bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to provide for national energy efficiency standards for general service incandescent lamps, and for other purposes.

S. 2020

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2020, a bill to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2010, to

rename the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 as the "Tropical Forest and Coral Conservation Act of 2007", and for other purposes.

S. 2041

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2041, a bill to amend the False Claims Act.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 13, a joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the International Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 39

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 39, a concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a world day of remembrance for road crash victims.

SENATE RESOLUTION 201

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 201, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "National Life Insurance Awareness Month".

SENATE RESOLUTION 222

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 222, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

SENATE RESOLUTION 224

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 224, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, September 12, 2007,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1585) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2275, proposed by Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. SMITH, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. KERRY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. OBAMA, and Mrs. CLINTON), to amendment No. 2274, proposed by Mr. DODD for Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. SMITH, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. KERRY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. OBAMA, and Mrs. CLINTON), to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment 2011 (in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. LEVIN, by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was modified, as indicated, and agreed to en bloc: Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN), amendment No. 2174, as modified; Mr. LEVIN, amendment No. 2175; Mr. SESSIONS, amendment No. 2168; Mrs. CLINTON, amendment No. 2108; Mr. HAGEL, amendment No. 2015; Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. PRYOR), amendment No. 2050; Mr. BINGAMAN, amendment No. 2120; Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. WYDEN), amendment No. 2056; Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr. SHELBY), amendment No. 2147; Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. LOTT), amendment No. 2047; Mr. COLEMAN, amendment No. 2117; Mr. MCCAIN, amendment No. 2190; Mr. REED (for himself and Ms. COLLINS), amendment No. 2199; Mr. GREGG (for himself and Mrs. BOXER), amendment No. 2203; Mr. INHOFE, amendment No. 2201; Mr. INHOFE, amendment No. 2200; Mr. GREGG, amendment No. 2112; Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LOTT, and Mr. REED), amendment No. 2099; Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN), amendment No. 2212; Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE), amendment No. 2222; Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. WEBB), amendment No. 2230, as modified; Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN), amendment No. 2234, as modified; Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. WEBB), amendment No. 2272; Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mrs. CLINTON), amendment No. 2220; Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. WARNER), amendment No. 2276; Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mrs. DOLE), amendment No. 2257; Mr. AKAKA, amendment No. 2281; Mrs. MCCASKILL, amendment No. 2250; Mr. MENENDEZ,

amendment No. 2254; Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. REED, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Ms. COLLINS), amendment No. 2268; Mr. SESSIONS, amendment No. 2292; Mrs. DOLE, amendment No. 2305; Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR), amendment No. 2216; Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. DODD, and Mrs. DOLE), amendment No. 2309; Mr. SCHUMER, amendment No. 2308; Mr. SALAZAR (for himself and Mr. CARDIN), amendment No. 2310; Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself and Ms. COLLINS), amendment No. 2617; Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. CRAPO), amendment No. 2313; Mr. CHAMBLISS, amendment No. 2863; Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. ISAKSON, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR), amendment No. 2282; Mr. BINGAMAN, amendment No. 2210; Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. WYDEN), amendment No. 2291; Mr. BROWN, amendment No. 2096; Mr. DORGAN, amendment No. 2315; Mr. DODD, amendment No. 2176; Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. BAYH, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. KERRY, Mr. VITTER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. KENNEDY), amendment No. 2326; Mr. PRYOR, amendment No. 2263; Mr. CHAMBLISS, amendment No. 2294; Mr. LEVIN, amendment No. 2277, as modified; and Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. BUNNING), amendment No. 2862.

On motion by Mr. WARNER to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendments en bloc.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2275 to amendment No. 2274 to the language of the bill to be stricken by amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That all pending amendments with the exception of amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute) be withdrawn; that Mr. LEAHY, or his designee, be recognized to propose an amendment relative to "habeas corpus"; that Mr. GRAHAM, or his designee, then be recognized to propose an amendment to strike section 1023; and that other amendments relative to these amendments still be in order.

Pursuant to the foregoing order, Amendments numbered 2275, 2274, 2087, and 2088 were withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN for Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BYRD, Mr.

BINGAMAN, Mr. OBAMA, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DODD, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. PRYOR) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title X, subtitle E, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2022).

The pending amendment was deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. WARNER for Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. KYL) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) by striking section 1023 (being amendment No. 2064).

Pending debate,

Mr. REID called for the regular order with respect to amendment No. 2022.

Whereupon,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2022 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending amendment No. 2022, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2022 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute):

HARRY REID, DICK DURBIN, CARL LEVIN, CHRISTOPHER DODD, JEFF BINGAMAN, BARACK OBAMA, ROBERT BYRD, KEN SALAZAR, DEBBIE STABENOW, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, PATRICK J. LEAHY, S. WHITEHOUSE, DANIEL K. AKAKA, RUSSELL D. FEINGOLD, AMY KLOBUCHAR, BILL NELSON.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED; BILL REFERRED

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 2006) to provide for disaster assistance for power transmission and distribution facilities, and for other purposes; and that it be referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the minority control the first 30 minutes therein, and the majority control the second 30 minutes therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to consider bill H.R. 1124, as pursuant to the order of September 12, 2007.

Ordered further, That, following disposition of bill H.R. 1124 on tomorrow, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:12 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, September 18, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The morning hour being deemed expired,
and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

EXTENDING THE DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA COLLEGE ACCESS ACT
Pursuant to the order of Wednesday,
September 12, 2007,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TESTER in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1124) to extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.
The question being on passage of the bill.
Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. COBURN to amend the bill, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2888).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside,
by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. COBURN to amend the bill, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2887).

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday,
September 12, 2007,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2888 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. COBURN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 38, nays... 59

[Rollcall Vote No. 337 Leg.]

YEAS --- 38

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter.

NAYS --- 59

Akaka, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein,

Grassley, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. AKAKA to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BUNNING,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 96, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 338 Leg.]

YEAS --- 96

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

On motion by Mr. AKAKA to reconsider the vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. AKAKA,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

At 12:53 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 1257

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, September 12, 2007,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, by Mr. REID on that day, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1257) to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, September 12, 2007,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Wednesday, September 12, 2007, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1257.

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, September 12, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 57, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 339 Leg.]

YEAS --- 57

Akaka, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Hatch, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 42

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. BENNETT,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NATIONAL DEFENSE
AUTHORIZATION ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. McCaskill in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1585) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2022, proposed by Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BYRD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. OBAMA, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DODD, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. PRYOR), to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. SMITH asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose an amendment, relative to hate crimes.

Mr. MCCAIN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2022 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. INHOFE asked unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside; and that it be in order to propose an amendment.

Mr. CONRAD objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2022 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That the following Senators be recognized to speak in the order indicated: Mr. SPECTER, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. CHAMBLISS; and that, upon conclusion of remarks by them, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2022 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and, referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2059. A bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to clarify the eligibility requirements with respect to airline flight crews; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. DODD, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 2060. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a Volunteer Teacher Advisory Committee; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DODD, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. OBAMA, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 2061. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to exempt certain home health workers from the provisions of such Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. REID, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 2062. A bill to amend the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 to reauthorize that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself and Mr. GREGG):

S. 2063. A bill to establish a Bipartisan Task Force for Responsible Fiscal Action, to assure the economic security of the United States, and to expand future prosperity and growth for all Americans; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 2064. A bill to fund comprehensive programs to ensure an adequate supply of nurses; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 2065. A bill to provide assistance to community health coalitions to increase access to and improve the quality of health care services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. OBAMA:

S. 2066. A bill to establish nutrition and physical education standards for schools; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. LOTT, Mrs. DOLE, Mr.

ISAKSON, Mr. BUNNING, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 2067. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to recreational vessels; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. Res. 319. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the United States Transportation Command on its 20th anniversary; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 320. A resolution recognizing the achievements of the people of Ukraine in pursuit of freedom and democracy, and expressing the hope that the parliamentary elections on September 30, 2007, preserve and extend these gains and provide for a stable and representative government; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. THUNE, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. TESTER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BROWN, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. Con. Res. 47. A concurrent resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the United States Air Force as an independent military service; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 156

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 156, a bill to make the moratorium on Internet access taxes and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce permanent.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure and foster continued patient quality of care by establishing facility and patient criteria for

long-term care hospitals and related improvements under the Medicare program.

S. 469

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

S. 573

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 573, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 626, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 638

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 638, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 819

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 819, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 911, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 935

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 935, a bill to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 988

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of

S. 988, a bill to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit through 2013, and for other purposes.

S. 1418

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1418, a bill to provide assistance to improve the health of newborns, children, and mothers in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 1430

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1430, a bill to authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000,000 or more in Iran's energy sector, and for other purposes.

S. 1459

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1459, a bill to strengthen the Nation's research efforts to identify the causes and cure of psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis, expand psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis data collection, study access to and quality of care for people with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis, and for other purposes.

S. 1465

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1465, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of certain medical mobility devices approved as class III medical devices.

S. 1515

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1515, a bill to establish a domestic violence volunteer attorney network to represent domestic violence victims.

S. 1518

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1518, a bill to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1638

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1638, a bill to adjust the salaries of Federal justices and judges, and for other purposes.

S. 1708

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1708, a bill to provide for the expansion of Federal efforts concerning the prevention, education, treatment, and research activities related to Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, including the establishment of a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee.

S. 1760

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1760, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Healthy Start Initiative.

S. 1843

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1843, a bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to clarify that an unlawful practice occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, and for other purposes.

S. 1895

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1895, a bill to aid and support pediatric involvement in reading and education.

S. 1944

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1944, a bill to provide justice for victims of state-sponsored terrorism.

S. 1958

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1958, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure and foster continued patient quality of care by establishing facility and patient criteria for long-term care hospitals and related improvements under the Medicare program.

S. 1984

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1984, a bill to strengthen immigration enforcement and border security and for other purposes.

S. 2049

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of

S. 2049, a bill to prohibit the implementation of policies to prohibit States from providing quality health coverage to children in need under the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 45

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 45, a concurrent resolution commending the Ed Block Courage Award Foundation for its work in aiding children and families affected by child abuse, and designating November 2007 as National Courage Month.

SENATE RESOLUTION 106

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 106, a resolution calling on the President to ensure that the foreign policy of the United States reflects appropriate understanding and sensitivity concerning issues related to human rights, ethnic cleansing, and genocide documented in the United States record relating to the Armenian Genocide.

SENATE RESOLUTION 315

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 315, a resolution to express the sense of the Senate that General David H. Petraeus, Commanding General, Multi-National Force-Iraq, deserves the full support of the Senate and strongly condemn personal attacks on the honor and integrity of General Petraeus and all the members of the United States Armed Forces.

SENATE RESOLUTION 316

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 316, a resolution designating the week of October 21 through October 27, 2007 as "National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. AKAKA,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 18, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 18, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 18, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a nomination hearing.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining Approaches to Corporate Fraud Prosecutions and the Attorney-Client Privilege Under the McNulty Memorandum" on Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at 10:30 a.m., in the Dirksen Senate Office Building, room 226.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 18, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a closed business meeting.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:35 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 954. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 365 West 125th Street in New York, New York, as the "Percy Sutton Post Office Building".

H.R. 3218. An act to designate a portion of Interstate Route 395 located in Baltimore, Maryland, as "Cal Ripken Way".

At 2:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1154. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Michael Ellis DeBakey, M.D.

H.R. 1657. An act to establish a Science and Technology Scholarship Program to award scholarships to recruit and prepare students for careers in the National Weather Service and in National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration marine research, atmospheric research, and satellite programs.

H.R. 3527. An act to extend for two months the authorities of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

H.R. 3528. An act to provide authority to the Peace Corps to provide separation pay for host country resident personal services contractors of the Peace Corps.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 1657. An act to establish a Science and Technology Scholarship Program to award scholarships to recruit and prepare students for careers in the National Weather Service and in National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration marine research, atmospheric research, and satellite programs; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MENTAL HEALTH PARITY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 558) to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services.

The question being agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY) to insert, in lieu of the language proposed to be inserted by the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), other words (being amendment No. 2908, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question then being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The question being on the passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then resume consideration of bill H.R. 1585; that there be 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two

leaders, or their designees; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2022.

Ordered further, That Senators have until 10 a.m. on tomorrow to "file" germane second-degree amendments to amendment No. 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:47 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19,
2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, September 19, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

NATIONAL DEFENSE
AUTHORIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1585) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2022, proposed by Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BYRD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. OBAMA, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DODD, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. LAUTENBERG), to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on September 17, 2007, to bring to a close debate on the amendment No. 2022.

Pursuant to the order of Monday, September 17, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 56, nays... 43

[Rollcall Vote No. 340 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Sununu, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 43

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lieberman, Lott, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Stevens, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2022 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That the pending amendments be laid aside; and that Mr. WEBB be recognized to propose an amendment.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The pending amendments were laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. WEBB (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SMITH, Mr. OBAMA, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BYRD, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. DODD, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. TESTER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CARPER, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. WYDEN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title X, subtitle C, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2909).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title X, subtitle C, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2918).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That the following be recognized to speak at the following times for the times indicated: 5 p.m., Mr. DURBIN for 5 minutes; 5:05 p.m., Mr. CARPER for 5 minutes; 5:10 p.m., Mr. REID for 10 minutes; and 5:20 p.m., Mr. MCCAIN and Mr. WEBB, 5 minutes, equally divided and controlled; that, at 5:25 p.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 2909, with no intervening action or debate; that, upon disposition of said amendment, there be 10 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for

debate between Mr. MCCAIN and Mr. WEBB, on amendment No. 2918; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 2918; that no amendment to either amendment be in order; that each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yeas votes to be agreed to; that, if the Senate fails to agree to either amendment with a minimum of 60 yeas votes, the amendment be withdrawn; and that, if the Senate agrees to either amendment with a minimum of 60 yeas votes, a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2918 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The hour of 5:25 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2909 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. WEBB,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 56, nays... 44

[Rollcall Vote No. 341 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Stabenow, Sununu, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 44

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lieberman, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Specter, Stevens, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yeas votes, as pursuant to the order of today).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment, not having received 60 yeas votes, was withdrawn.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2918 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. MCCAIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 55, nays... 45

[Rollcall Vote No. 342 Leg.]

YEAS --- 55

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kyl, Landrieu, Lieberman, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 45

Akaka, Baucus, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yeas votes, as pursuant to the order of today).

On motion by Mr. LEVIN to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment, not having received 60 yeas votes, was withdrawn.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2022 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 2022 be withdrawn; that Mr. CORNYN be recognized to propose an amendment, and to speak thereon; and that, following remarks by him, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2064, proposed by Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. KYL), to

amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. CORNYN to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in title X, subtitle C, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2934).

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3275. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to U.S. support for Operation Bahamas, Turks and Caicos; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3276. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Potato Cyst Nematode; Quarantine and Regulations" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0143) received on September 12, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3277. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 777 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-178)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

EC-3278. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; BAE Systems Limited Model BAe 146 and Avro 146-RJ Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-277)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3279. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330 and A340 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-215)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

EC-3280. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-400, 747-400D, and 747-400F Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-238)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3281. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Gulfstream Model GIV-X, GV, and GV-SP Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-110)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3282. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model 717-200 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-219)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3283. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model EMB-145XR Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-021)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3284. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; MD Helicopters, Inc., Model 369, YOH-6A, 369A, OH-6A, 369H, 369HM, 369HS, 369HE, 369D, 369E, 369F, and 369FF Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-SW-18)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3285. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class D and E Airspace; Aguadilla, PR; Correction" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-ASO-3)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3286. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; EADS SOCATA Model TBM 700 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-40)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3287. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-100)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

EC-3288. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 757-200, -200CB, and -300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-077)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3289. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 and A310 Airplanes; and Airbus Model A300 B4-600, B4-600R, and F4-600R Series Airplanes, and Model C4-605R Variant F Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-122)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

EC-3290. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 B4-600, B4-600R, and F4-600R Series Airplanes, and Model C4-605R Variant F Airplanes; and Model A310 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2004-NM-117)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3291. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness

Directives; Airbus Model A300 B4-600, B4-600R, and F4-600R Series Airplanes, and Model A300 C4-605R Variant F Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-085)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3292. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc RB211 Series Turbofan Engines; Correction" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2003-NE-12)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3293. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Centreville, AL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-ASO-7)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3294. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment, Modification and Revocation of VOR Federal Airways; East Central United States" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ASW-1)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3295. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model CL-600-2B19 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-088)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3296. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-800 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-124)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3297. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-10-10 and DC-10-10F Airplanes, and Model DC-10-15 Airplanes, Model DC-10-30 and DC-10-30F Airplanes, Model DC-10-40 and

DC-10-40F Airplanes, Model MD-10-10F and MD-10-30F Airplanes, and Model MD-11 and MD-11F Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-079)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3298. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A318, A319, A320, and A321 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-190)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3299. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; BAE Systems Limited Model ATP Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-275)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3300. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A310 and A300-600 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-139)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3301. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace Regional Aircraft Jetstream HP.137 Jetstream Mk.1, Jetstream Series 200, Jetstream Series 3101, and Jetstream Model 3201 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-035)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3302. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc RB211-524 and -535 Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NE-10)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3303. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pacific Aerospace Corporation, Ltd. Model 750XL Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-037)) received

on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3304. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model CL-600-1A11, CL-600-2A12, CL-600-2B16, Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-189)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3305. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330 and A340 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-174)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3306. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; AEROTECHNIC Vertiebs-u. Service GmbH Model Honeywell CAS67A ACAS II Systems Appliances" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-026)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3307. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cirrus Design Corporation Models SR20 and SR22 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-042)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3308. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model 717-200 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-108)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3309. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas DC-10-30 and DC-10-30F Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-273)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3310. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation

Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; PLAGGIO AERO INDUSTRIES S.p.A. Model P-180 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-029)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3311. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. ERJ 170 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-252)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3312. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-8-62, DC-8-62F, DC-8-63, DC-8-63F, DC-8-72, DC-8-72F, and DC-8-73F Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-255)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3313. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A318, A319, A320, and A321 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-154)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3314. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Hartzell Propeller Inc. Model HC-B5MP-3()/M10282A() +6 and HC-B5MP-3()/M10876()()() Five-Bladed Propellers" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 86-ANE-7)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3315. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Schempp-Hirth GmbH and Co. KG Models Mini-Nimbus B and Mini-Nimbus HS-7 Sailplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-35)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3316. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A318-100 and A319-100 Series Airplanes; Model A320-111 Airplanes; Model A320-200, A321-200, A330-200, A330-300, A340-200, and A340-300 Series Airplanes; Model A340-541 Airplanes; and Model A340-642 Airplanes; Equipped with Certain Sogerma-Services Powered Seats" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-242)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

EC-3317. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model CL-600-2B16 Airplanes and Model CL-600-2B19 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-178)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3318. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Air Tractor, Inc. Model AT-602 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2004-CE-50)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3319. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Sayre, PA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AEA-006)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3320. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Ridgeway, PA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AEA-03)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3321. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Troy, PA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 05-AEA-007)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3322. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of

Class E Airspace; Jersey Shore Airport, PA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AEA-02)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3323. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Wellsboro, PA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AEA-005)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3324. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Wilkes Barre, PA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AEA-004)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3325. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Class D Airspace; Elko, NV" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AWP-11)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3326. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3191)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3327. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, Weather Takeoff Minimums; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Docket No. 30519)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3328. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, Weather Takeoff Minimums; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Docket No. 30521)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3329. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Docket No. 30522)) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3330. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation; Lamps and Reflective Devices" (RIN2126-AB07) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3331. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Side Impact Protection Upgrade" (RIN2127-AJ10) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3332. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vehicles Built in Two or More Stages" (RIN2127-AI93) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3333. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Insurer Reporting Requirements Update to Appendices A, B, and C" (RIN2127-AJ98) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3334. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Navigation and Navigable Waters; Technical, Organizational, and Conforming Amendments" (RIN1625-ZA13) received on September 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3335. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vessel Documentation; Recording of Instruments" ((RIN1625-AB18)(Docket No. USCG-2007-28098)) received on September 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3336. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulations (including six regulations beginning with CGD01-07-093)" (RIN1625-AA09) received on September 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3337. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone: Waters Surrounding U.S. Forces Vessel SBX-1, HI" ((RIN1625-AA87)(COTP Honolulu 07-005)) received on September 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3338. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone: Hawaii Super Ferry Arrival/Departure, Nawiliwili Harbor, Kauai, Hawaii" ((RIN1625-AA87)(COTP Honolulu 07-005)) received on September 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3339. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone: Oahu, Maui, Hawaii and Kauai, HI" ((RIN1625-AA87)(CGD14-07-001)) received on September 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3340. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulations: Sacramento River, Rio Vista, CA" ((RIN1625-AA87)(CGD11-07-013)) received on September 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3341. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulations (including two regulations beginning with CGD01-07-019)" (RIN1625-AA09) received on September 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3342. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area: Buzzards Bay,

Massachusetts" (RIN1625-AA17) received on September 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3343. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Amendments to the Open Burning Regulation" (FRL No. 8469-4) received on September 13, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3344. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of the Deferred Effective Date for 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards for the Denver Early Action Compact" (FRL No. 8469-8) received on September 13, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3345. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Priorities List, Final Rule" (FRL No. 8468-4) received on September 13, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3346. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pendimethalin; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8147-8) received on September 13, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3347. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticide Tolerance Nomenclature Changes; Technical Amendment" (FRL No. 8126-5) received on September 13, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3348. A communication from the Director of the Regulations and Rulings Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Materials and Processes Authorized for the Treatment of Wine and Juice" ((RIN1513-AA96)(T.D. TTB-61)) received on September 12, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3349. A communication from the Director of the Regulations and Rulings Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and

Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Firearms Excise Tax; Exemption for Small Manufacturers, Producers, and Importers" ((RIN1513-AB25)(T.D. TTB-62)) received on September 12, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3350. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Interpretive Bulletin 95-1" (RIN1210-AB22) received on September 12, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3351. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a petition filed by the workers from the Hanford Nuclear Reservation requesting their addition to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3352. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a petition filed by the workers from the Ames Laboratory in Ames, Iowa, requesting their addition to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3353. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Buy American Reports for fiscal years 2005 and 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3354. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, a draft bill intended to assist formerly homeless veterans who reside in permanent housing; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3355. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pay Administration Under the Fair Labor Standards Act" (RIN3206-AK89) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BAYH:

S. 2068. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional standard deduction for real property taxes for nonitemizers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 2069. A bill to increase the United States financial and programmatic contributions to promote economic opportunities for women in developing countries; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. COBURN, Mr. KYL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. GREGG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HATCH, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. VITTER, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 2070. A bill to prevent Government shutdowns; read the first time.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. OBAMA, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. 2071. A bill to enhance the ability to combat methamphetamine; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. DODD, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. REED, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. SPECTER, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. Res. 321. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the Israeli-Palestinian peace process; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 322. A resolution honoring the lifetime achievements of General George Sears Greene on the occasion of the 100th anniversary rededication of the monument in his honor; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 38

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 38, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a program for the provision of

readjustment and mental health services to veterans who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.

S. 326

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special period of limitation when uniformed services retirement pay is reduced as result of award of disability compensation.

S. 400

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] were added as cosponsors of S. 400, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that dependent students who take a medically necessary leave of absence do not lose health insurance coverage, and for other purposes.

S. 545

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 545, a bill to improve consumer access to passenger vehicle loss data held by insurers.

S. 674

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 674, a bill to require accountability and enhanced congressional oversight for personnel performing private security functions under Federal contracts, and for other purposes.

S. 694

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 694, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of light motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 702

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 702, a bill to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to State courts to develop and implement State courts interpreter programs.

S. 772

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 772, a bill to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 803, a bill to repeal a provision enacted to end

Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 988

At the request of Mr. THUNE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 988, a bill to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

S. 1014

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1014, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide parental choice for those students that attend schools that are in need of improvement and have been identified for restructuring.

S. 1015

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1015, a bill to reauthorize the National Writing Project.

S. 1084

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1084, a bill to provide housing assistance for very low-income veterans.

S. 1175

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1175, a bill to end the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, and for other purposes.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1430

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1430, a bill to authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000,000 or more in Iran's energy sector, and for other purposes.

S. 1518

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1518, a bill to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1543

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1543, a bill to establish a national geothermal initiative to encourage increased production of energy from geothermal resources, and for other purposes.

S. 1627

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON]

and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1627, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and expand the benefits for businesses operating in empowerment zones, enterprise communities, or renewal communities, and for other purposes.

S. 1651

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1651, a bill to assist certain Iraqis who have worked directly with, or are threatened by their association with, the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1661

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1661, a bill to communicate United States travel policies and improve marketing and other activities designed to increase travel in the United States from abroad.

S. 1818

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1818, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to phase out the use of mercury in the manufacture of chlorine and caustic soda, and for other purposes.

S. 1827

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1827, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require prompt payment to pharmacies under part D, to restrict pharmacy co-branding on prescription drug cards issued under such part, and to provide guidelines for Medication Therapy Management Services programs offered by prescription drug plans and MA-PD plans under such part.

S. 1895

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1895, a bill to aid and support pediatric involvement in reading and education.

S. 1944

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1944, a bill to provide justice for victims of state-sponsored terrorism.

S. 1951

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1951, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure that individuals eligible for medical assistance under the Medicaid program continue to have access to prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 1954

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1954, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to pharmacies under part D.

S. 1958

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1958, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure and foster continued patient quality of care by establishing facility and patient criteria for long-term care hospitals and related improvements under the Medicare program.

S. 1965

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1965, a bill to protect children from cybercrimes, including crimes by online predators, to enhance efforts to identify and eliminate child pornography, and to help parents shield their children from material that is inappropriate for minors.

S. 2020

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2020, a bill to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2010, to rename the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 as the "Tropical Forest and Coral Conservation Act of 2007", and for other purposes.

S. 2037

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2037, a bill to amend the Consumer Product Safety Act to make it unlawful to sell a recalled product, and for other purposes.

S. 2038

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2038, a bill to prohibit the introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of children's products that contain lead, and for other purposes.

S. 2044

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2044, a bill to provide procedures for the proper classification of employees and independent contractors, and for other purposes.

S. 2047

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2047, a bill to require enhanced disclosures to consumers purchasing flood insurance and for other purposes.

S. 2064

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2064, a bill to fund comprehensive programs to ensure an adequate supply of nurses.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 18

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 18, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services within the Department of Health and Human Services relating to a cost limit for providers operated by units of government and other provisions under the Medicaid program.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 47

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 47, a concurrent resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the United States Air Force as an independent military service.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. OBAMA,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 19, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 19, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., to hold a nomination hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 19, 2007, at 3 p.m., to hold a hearing on protecting natural treasures through international organizations.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, September 19, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 19, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs to be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 19, 2007, to conduct an oversight hearing on information technology within the Department of Veterans Affairs.

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

The Joint Economic Committee be authorized to meet on Wednesday, September 19, 2007, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet on Wednesday, September 19, 2007, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE LAW

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law, be authorized to meet on Wednesday, September 19, 2007 at 2:30 p.m., in the Dirksen Senate Office Building room 226.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION SAFETY, INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY, AND WATER QUALITY

The Subcommittee on Transportation Safety, Infrastructure Security, and Water Quality be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 19, 2007, at 10 a.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 9:32 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2669. An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 601 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 3:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1852. An act to modernize and update the National Housing Act and enable the Federal Housing Administration to use risk-based pricing to more effectively reach underserved borrowers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3096. An act to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 207. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the

United States Air Force as an independent military service.

At 4:07 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives; delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3580. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs and for medical devices, to enhance the postmarket authorities of the Food and Drug Administration with respect to the safety of drugs, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore reported that he had signed the following enrolled bills, which were previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 954. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 365 West 125th Street in New York, New York, as the "Percy Sutton Post Office Building".

H.R. 3218. An act to designate a portion of Interstate Route 395 located in Baltimore, Maryland, as "Cal Ripken Way".

HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

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

H.R. 1852. An act to modernize and update the National Housing Act and enable the Federal Housing Administration to use risk-based pricing to more effectively reach underserved borrowers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 3096. An act to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 207. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the United States Air Force as an independent military service; to the Committee on Armed Services.

RELATIVE TO PEACE CORPS SEPARATION PAY

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3528) to provide authority to the Peace Corps to provide separation pay for host country resident personal services contractors of the Peace Corps, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of;

which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS
OF GENERAL GEORGE SEARS
GREENE

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 322) honoring the lifetime achievements of General George Sears Greene on the occasion of the 100th anniversary rededication of the monument in his honor, submitted today by Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. SCHUMER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2070) to prevent Government shutdowns, introduced today by Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. COBURN, Mr. KYL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. GREGG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HATCH, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. VITTER, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. BROWNBACK), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. DURBIN asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30

a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 10:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled; that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein; and that, at 10:30 a.m., the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1585.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

At 7:29 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2007

Mr. MARK L. PRYOR, from the State of Arkansas, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Reverend Angel Berrios, of Severn, Maryland, offered a prayer, and Mr. PRYOR led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, September 20, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK L. PRYOR, a Senator from the State of Arkansas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. PRYOR took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED

WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries:

NOTICE OF CONTINUATION OF THE
NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED
WITH RESPECT TO PERSONS WHO
COMMIT, THREATEN TO COMMIT, OR
SUPPORT TERRORISM -- PM 26

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication, stating that the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism is to continue in effect beyond September 23, 2007.

The crisis constituted by the grave acts of terrorism and threats of terrorism committed by foreign terrorists, including the terrorist attacks in New York, in Pennsylvania, and against the Pentagon committed on September 11, 2001, and the continuing and immediate threat of further attacks on United States nationals or the United States that led to the declaration of a national emergency on September 23, 2001, has not been resolved. These actions pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism, and maintain in force the comprehensive sanctions to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, *September 20, 2007.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3356. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Add the Republic of Georgia to List of Regions Where African Swine Fever Exists" (Docket No. APHIS-2007-0108) received on September 18, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3357. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy; Minimal-Risk Regions; Importation of Live Bovines and Products Derived from Bovines" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0041) received on September 18, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3358. A communication from the Chairman and CEO, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's inventory of commercial activities for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3359. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act that occurred in the Department's Grants-in-Aid for Airports Account; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3360. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Data Rights" (DFARS Case 2006-D055) received on September 18, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3361. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Labor Reimbursement on Department of Defense Non-Commercial Time-and-Materials Labor-Hour Contracts" (DFARS Case 2006-D030) received on September 18, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3362. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Acquisition of Major Weapon Systems as Commercial Items" (DFARS Case 2006-D012) received on September 18, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3363. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emergency Acquisitions" (DFARS Case 2006-D036) received on September 18, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3364. A communication from the Chief of the Recruiting Policy Branch, Department of the Army, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Recruiting and Enlistments" (RIN0702-AA57) received on September 18, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3365. A communication from the Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Limitations on Terms of Consumer Credit Extended to Service Members and Dependents" (RIN0790-AI20) received on September 18, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3366. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Government National Mortgage Association, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Government National Mortgage Association: Mortgage-Backed Securities Program - Payments to Securityholders; Book-Entry Procedures; and Financial Reporting" (RIN2503-AA19) received on September 18, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3367. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amitraz, Atrazine, Ethephon, Ferbam, Lindane, Propachlor, and Simazine; Tolerance Actions" (FRL No. 8147-5) received on September 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3368. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Chloroneb, Cypermethrin, Methidathion, Nitrpyrin, Oxyfluorfen, Pirimiphos-methyl, Sulfosate, Tebuthiuron, Thiabendazole, Thidiazuron, and Tribuphos; Tolerance Actions" (FRL No. 8143-2) received on September 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3369. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator,

Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Desmedipham; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8146-8) received on September 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3370. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Polychlorinated Biphenyls; Manufacturing Exemption" (FRL No. 8143-4) received on September 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3371. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances" (FRL No. 8135-8) received on September 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3372. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Trifloxystrobin; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8147-3) received on September 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3373. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tier I Issue: Government Settlements Directive Number 2" (LMSB-04-0707-050) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3374. A communication from the Acting Regulations Officer, Office of the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Updates to Applicability of the Supplemental Security Income Reduced Benefit Rate for Individuals Residing in Medical Treatment Facilities" (RIN0960-AF99) received on September 18, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3375. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Revisit User Fee Program for Medicare Survey and Certification Activities" (RIN0938-AO96) received on September 18, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3376. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the extension of memoranda concerning Peru; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3377. A communication from the Chairman, National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Eighth Annual Report to Congress on the Implementation of the Administrative Simplification Provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3378. A communication from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the organization's inventory of commercial activities for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3379. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Employee Contribution Election and Contribution Allocations; Correction of Administrative Errors; Availability of Records; Death Benefits; Loan Program; Thrift Savings Plan" (5 CFR Parts 1600, 1605, 1631, 1651, 1655 and 1690) received on September 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3380. A communication from the Director, Division of Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reemployment of Civilian Retirees to Meet Exceptional Employment Needs" (RIN3206-AI32) received on September 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3381. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification that the cost of response and recovery efforts in Texas has exceeded the \$5,000,000 limit; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3382. A communication from the Chief of the Regulatory Management Division, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Classification for Victims of Criminal Activity; Eligibility for 'U' Nonimmigrant Status" (RIN1615-AA67) received on September 18, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3383. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General for Administration, National Security Division, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant

to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Intelligence and Counterintelligence Records System, JUSTICE/NSD-001" (AAG/A Order No. 023-2007) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3384. A communication from the Past National President, American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., transmitting, pursuant to law, the organization's annual tax audit; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3385. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, a draft bill intended to establish the position of Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, Logistics, and Construction within the Department; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 1771. A bill to increase the safety of swimming pools and spas by requiring the use of proper anti-entrapment drain covers and pool and spa drainage systems, to educate the public about pool and spa safety, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-182).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 2072. A bill to authorize Western States to make selections of public land within their borders in lieu of receiving 5 percent of the proceeds of the sale of public land lying within said States as provided by their respective enabling Acts; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself and Mr. BOND):

S. 2073. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act relating to the statute of limitations that applies to certain claims; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 2074. A bill to provide for safe and humane policies and procedures pertaining to the arrest, detention, and processing of aliens in immigration enforcement operations; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 2075. A bill to ensure that women seeking an abortion receive an ultrasound and the opportunity to review the ultrasound before giving informed consent to receive an

abortion; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID:

S. 2076. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to require the President to designate certain geographical areas as national renewable energy zones, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2077. A bill to establish a program to assure the safety of fresh produce intended for human consumption, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2078. A bill to require updating of State building energy efficiency codes and standards; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2079. A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish an energy efficiency resource standard for retail electricity and natural gas distributors; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 2080. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to ensure that sewage treatment plants monitor for and report discharges of raw sewage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 2081. A bill to require manufacturers to demonstrate sufficient means to cover, for certain products distributed in commerce, costs of potential recalls, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. REID):

S. 2082. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a Coordinated Environmental Public Health Network, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. Res. 323. A resolution recognizing Kikkoman Foods, Inc., for its 50 years of operations in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Ms COLLINS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. LOTT, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. TESTER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr.

JOHNSON, Mr. SUNUNU, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. Res. 324. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "National Life Insurance Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 156

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 156, a bill to make the moratorium on Internet access taxes and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce permanent.

S. 388

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 388, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a national standard in accordance with which nonresidents of a State may carry concealed firearms in the State.

S. 667

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 667, a bill to expand programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse and neglect prevention, and early identification of developmental and health delays, including potential mental health concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 772

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 772, a bill to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads.

S. 799

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 799, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide individuals with disabilities and older Americans with equal access to community-based attendant services and supports, and for other purposes.

S. 885

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 885, a bill to ensure and foster continued patient safety and quality of care by making the antitrust laws apply to negotiations between groups of independent pharmacies and health plans and health insurance issuers in the same manner as such laws apply to collective bargaining by labor organizations under the National Labor Relations Act.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 911, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to

advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 921

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 921, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1001

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1001, a bill to restore Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia.

S. 1050

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1050, a bill to amend the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Public Health Service Act to set standards for medical diagnostic equipment and to establish a program for promoting good health, disease prevention, and wellness and for the prevention of secondary conditions for individuals with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1146

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1146, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans who live in rural areas, and for other purposes.

S. 1267

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1267, a bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

S. 1328

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1328, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships.

S. 1338

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1338, a bill to amend title XVIII of the

Social Security Act to provide for a two-year moratorium on certain Medicare physician payment reductions for imaging services.

S. 1445

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1445, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish, promote, and support a comprehensive prevention, research, and medical management referral program for hepatitis C virus infection.

S. 1465

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1465, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of certain medical mobility devices approved as class III medical devices.

S. 1494

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1494, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the special diabetes programs for Type I diabetes and Indians under that Act.

S. 1518

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1518, a bill to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1543

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1543, a bill to establish a national geothermal initiative to encourage increased production of energy from geothermal resources, and for other purposes.

S. 1576

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1576, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health and healthcare of racial and ethnic minority groups.

S. 1661

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1661, a bill to communicate United States travel policies and improve marketing and other activities designed to increase travel in the United States from abroad.

S. 1703

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1703, a bill to prevent and reduce trafficking in persons.

S. 1718

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms.

KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1718, a bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for reimbursement to servicemembers of tuition for programs of education interrupted by military service, for deferment of students loans and reduced interest rates for servicemembers during periods of military service, and for other purposes.

S. 1760

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] were added as cosponsors of S. 1760, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Healthy Start Initiative.

S. 1845

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1845, a bill to provide for limitations in certain communications between the Department of Justice and the White House Office relating to civil and criminal investigations, and for other purposes.

S. 1848

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1848, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to address the impact of globalization, to reauthorize trade adjustment assistance, to extend trade adjustment assistance to service workers, communities, firms, and farmers, and for other purposes.

S. 1852

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1852, a bill to designate the Friday after Thanksgiving of each year as "Native American Heritage Day" in honor of the achievements and contributions of Native Americans to the United States.

S. 1895

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1895, a bill to aid and support pediatric involvement in reading and education.

S. 1906

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1906, a bill to understand and comprehensively address the oral health problems associated with methamphetamine use.

S. 1909

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1909, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage, as supplies associated with the injection of insulin, of

home needle removal, decontamination, and disposal devices and the disposal of needles and syringes through a sharps-by-mail or similar program under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 2020

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2020, a bill to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2010, to rename the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 as the "Tropical Forest and Coral Conservation Act of 2007", and for other purposes.

S. 2034

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2034, a bill to amend the Oregon Wilderness Act of 1984 to designate the Copper Salmon Wilderness and to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the North and South Forks of the Elk River in the State of Oregon as wild or scenic rivers, and for other purposes.

S. 2045

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2045, a bill to reform the Consumer Product Safety Commission to provide greater protection for children's products, to improve the screening of noncompliant consumer products, to improve the effectiveness of consumer product recall programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2061

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2061, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to exempt certain home health workers from the provisions of such Act.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 13, a joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the International Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding.

SENATE RESOLUTION 201

At the request of Mr. VITTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 201, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "National Life Insurance Awareness Month".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 20, 2007 at 9:55 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 20, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Frozen Out: A Review of Bank Treatment of Social Security Benefits".

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, September 20, 2007, at 10 a.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a hearing entitled "Expanding Opportunities for Women Entrepreneurs: The Future of Women's Small Business Programs." on Thursday, September 20, 2007, beginning at 10 a.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs to be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 20, 2007, to conduct a Joint Hearing to receive the 2007 legislative presentation by the American Legion. The Committee will meet in 345 Cannon House Office Building, at 9:30 a.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 20, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, FEDERAL SERVICES, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

The Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, September 20, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. for a hearing entitled "High Risk IT Investments: Is Poor Management Leading to Billions in Waste."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS

The Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests of the Committee on Energy and

Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 20, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:44 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2761. An act to extend the Terrorism Insurance Program of the Department of the Treasury, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 2761. An act to extend the Terrorism Insurance Program of the Department of the Treasury, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2070) to prevent Government shutdowns, introduced on yesterday by Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. COBURN, Mr. KYL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. GREGG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HATCH, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. VITTER, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. SESSIONS), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

NATIONAL DEFENSE
AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2008

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1585) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2934, proposed by Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. VITTER), to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That it be in order for Mrs. BOXER to propose an amendment (numbered 2947) relative to the subject matter of amendment No. 2934; that there be a period of 20 minutes for concurrent debate on said amendments; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled in the usual form between Mrs. BOXER and Mr. CORNYN, or their designees; that no amendments be in order to either amendment; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 2947; that, upon disposition of said amendment, there be two minutes for debate on amendment No. 2934; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; that each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yeas votes to be agreed to; that, if the Senate fails to agree to either amendment with a minimum of 60 yeas votes, the amendment be withdrawn; that all occur without intervening action or debate; and that the second vote in "stacked" sequence be 10 minutes in duration.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The pending amendments were laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. DURBIN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in subtitle E of title X, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2947).

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 51, nays... 46

[Rollcall Vote No. 343 Leg.]

YEAS --- 51

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feinstein, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 46

Alexander, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yeas votes, as pursuant to the order of today).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment, not having received 60 yeas votes, was withdrawn.

Subsequently,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. STEVENS,

Ordered, That, on rollcall Vote No. 343, his vote be changed from "yea" to "nay", thus making the result yeas 50, nays 47.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2934 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID requested the yeas and nays on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

There was not a sufficient second.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2934 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 72, nays... 25

[Rollcall Vote No. 344 Leg.]

YEAS --- 72

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Leahy, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Mikulski, Murkowski, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Roberts, Salazar, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb.

NAYS --- 25

Akaka, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Clinton, Dodd, Durbin, Feingold, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Lautenberg, Levin, Menendez, Murray, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. MCCAIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2064, proposed by Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. KYL), to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That Mr. FEINGOLD be recognized to propose an amendment (numbered 2924); that there be 120 minutes for debate thereon, divided and controlled, as follows: Mr. FEINGOLD, 90 minutes; Mr. MCCAIN, 30 minutes; that no amendment to the amendment be in order; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment, with no intervening action or debate; and that, if the Senate fails to agree to the amendment with a minimum of 60 yea votes, the amendment be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2064 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. DODD, and Mr. WYDEN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in subtitle C of title XV, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2924).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. FEINGOLD,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 28, nays... 70

[Rollcall Vote No. 345 Leg.]

YEAS --- 28

Akaka, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cardin, Clinton, Dodd, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Menendez, Murray, Obama, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 70

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Ensign,

Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kyl, Landrieu, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Mikulski, Murkowski, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Roberts, Salazar, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment, not having received 60 yea votes, was withdrawn.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2064 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That when the Senate resumes consideration of bill H.R. 1585 on tomorrow, the time until 9:50 a.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate between Mr. LEVIN and Mr. MCCAIN, or their designees; that the time from 9:50 a.m. to 10 a.m. be controlled by the two leaders, or their designees; that the majority leader, or his designee, control the last 5 minutes of debate; that, at 10 a.m., the Senate vote in relation to an amendment (numbered 2898), to be proposed by Mr. LEVIN, without intervening action or debate; that no amendments be in order thereto prior to the vote; that the amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that, if the Senate fails to agree to the amendment with a minimum of 60 yea votes, the amendment be withdrawn; that, upon disposition of said amendment, Mr. BIDEN be recognized to propose an amendment; that when the Senate resumes consideration of the amendment to be proposed by Mr. BIDEN, there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate between Mr. BIDEN and Mr. MCCAIN, or their designees, prior to a vote in relation to said amendment; and that no further amendments be in order prior to a vote thereon.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2064 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. SMITH, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. CLINTON, and Ms. SNOWE) to further

amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in subtitle C of title XV, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2898).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That, should an amendment to be proposed by Mr. BIDEN receive 60 yea votes, it be agreed to; and that, if the Senate fails to agree to the amendment with a minimum of 60 yea votes, said amendment be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2898 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. LEVIN, by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was modified, as indicated, and agreed to, en bloc: Mr. BOND, amendment No. 2875; Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM), amendment No. 2865; Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM), amendment No. 2867; Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM), amendment No. 2868; Mr. AKAKA, amendment No. 2871; Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. MCCAIN), amendment No. 2866; Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. WARNER), amendment No. 2869; Mr. INHOFE, amendment No. 2293; Mrs. BOXER, amendment No. 2285; Mr. SALAZAR (for himself and Mr. ALLARD), amendment No. 2880; Mr. KYL, amendment No. 2892; Mr. LEVIN, amendment No. 2278; Mr. BINGAMAN, amendment No. 2119; Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL), amendment No. 2123; Mrs. MURRAY, amendment No. 2921; Mrs. HUTCHISON, amendment No. 2233, as modified; Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. KERRY), amendment No. 2299; Ms. SNOWE, amendment No. 2300; Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM), amendment No. 2864; Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BUNNING, and Ms. MURKOWSKI), amendment No. 2262; Mrs. MCCASKILL, amendment No. 2939; Mrs. MCCASKILL, amendment No. 2940; Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BAUCUS, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DORGAN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BYRD, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CASEY, Mrs.

BOXER, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. WYDEN), amendment No. 2893; and Mr. REED (for himself and Mrs. DOLE), amendment No. 2941.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendments en bloc.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2898 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL H.R. 1495

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That, at 3 p.m. on Monday, September 24, 2007, the Senate proceed to consider the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1495) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; that the time until 5:45 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate thereon between the two leaders, or their designees; that Mr. FEINGOLD control 30 minutes therein; and that, at 5:45 p.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the conference report, with no intervening action or debate.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1585.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2898 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. COLEMAN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in subtitle C of title XV, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3017).

Pending debate,

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENTS ACT

On the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANDERS in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3580) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs and for medical devices, to enhance the postmarket authorities of the Food and Drug Administration with respect to the safety of drugs, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1585.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3017 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KERRY,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from Treaty Document 110-7, received from the President on today.

JOINT REFERRAL OF NOMINATION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KERRY,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the nomination of Christopher A. Padilla to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade be jointly referred to the Committees on Finance and Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF "NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE AWARENESS MONTH"

On the request of Mr. KERRY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 324) supporting

the goals and ideals of "National Life Insurance Awareness Month", submitted today by Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. LOTT, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. TESTER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. SUNUNU, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:15 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KERRY,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:15 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of bill H.R. 1585, as pursuant to the order of today.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KERRY,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. SESSIONS.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,
At 8:37 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:15 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2007

Mr. SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, called the Senate to order at 9:15 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, September 21, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. WHITEHOUSE took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

NATIONAL DEFENSE
AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2008

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1585) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3017, proposed by Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. COLEMAN), to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 47, nays... 47

[Rollcall Vote No. 346 Leg.]

YEAS --- 47

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dorgan, Feingold, Feinstein, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Obama, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 47

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchinson, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lieberman, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The amendment, not having received 60 yea votes, was withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2898, proposed by Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. SMITH, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. CLINTON, and Ms. SNOWE), to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mrs. LINCOLN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in subtitle C of title XV, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2997).

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 2084. An original bill to promote school safety, improved law enforcement, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-183).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. SUNUNU):

S. 2083. A bill to require any Federal or State court to recognize any notarization made by a notary public licensed by a State other than the State where the court is located when such notarization occurs in or affects interstate commerce; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 2084. An original bill to promote school safety, improved law enforcement, and for other purposes; from the Committee on the Judiciary; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 2085. A bill to delay for 6 months the requirement to use of tamper-resistant prescription pads under the Medicaid program; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE
RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. Res. 325. A resolution supporting efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment, and research; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS
S. 45

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 45, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make a technical correction in the definition of outpatient speech-language pathology services.

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 458

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 458, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the

treatment of certain physician pathology services under the Medicare program.

S. 502

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] were added as cosponsors of S. 502, a bill to repeal the sunset on the reduction of capital gains rates for individuals and on the taxation of dividends of individuals at capital gains rates.

S. 921

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 921, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 932

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 932, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize physical therapists to evaluate and treat Medicare beneficiaries without a requirement for a physician referral, and for other purposes.

S. 960

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 960, a bill to establish the United States Public Service Academy.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] were added as cosponsors of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1445

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1445, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish, promote, and support a comprehensive prevention, research, and medical management referral program for hepatitis C virus infection.

S. 1589

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 1589, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to reduce the costs of prescription drugs for enrollees of Medicaid managed care organizations by extending the discounts

offered under fee-for-service Medicaid to such organizations.

S. 1699

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1699, a bill to amend the provisions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding school library media specialists, and for other purposes.

S. 1841

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1841, a bill to provide a site for the National Women's History Museum in Washington, District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S. 1895

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1895, a bill to aid and support pediatric involvement in reading and education.

S. 1909

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1909, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage, as supplies associated with the injection of insulin, of home needle removal, decontamination, and disposal devices and the disposal of needles and syringes through a sharps-by-mail or similar program under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 1958

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1958, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure and foster continued patient quality of care by establishing facility and patient criteria for long-term care hospitals and related improvements under the Medicare program.

S. 1995

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1995, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the tax on beer to its pre-1991 level.

S. 2051

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2051, a bill to amend the small rural school achievement program and the rural and low-income school program under part B of title VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

S. 2054

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2054, a bill to authorize the Secretary of

Housing and Urban Development to make grants to assist cities with a vacant housing problem, and for other purposes.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE IN PURSUIT OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 320) recognizing the achievements of the people of Ukraine in pursuit of freedom and democracy, and expressing the hope that the parliamentary elections on September 30, 2007, preserve and extend these gains and provide for a stable and representative government.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

GANG ABATEMENT AND PREVENTION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 456) to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. CASEY for Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. HATCH) to amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), by striking section 215 (being amendment No. 3022).

The amendment was agreed to.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 24, 2007, AND FOR
PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 24, 2007; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 3 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for 10 minutes each; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled in the usual form between the two leaders or their designees; that the first 30 minutes be controlled by the majority party; that Mr. BYRD be recognized for 25 minutes therein; and that the second 30 minutes therein be controlled by the minority party.

Ordered further, That, at 3 p.m. on Monday next, the Senate proceed to consider the conference report on bill H.R. 1495, as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

At 2:24 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 24, 2007.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

Mr. JIM WEBB, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WEBB led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, September 24, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable JIM WEBB, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. WEBB took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, September 21, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, September 21, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Friday, September 21, 2007,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

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

H.J. Res. 43. A joint resolution increasing the statutory limit on the public debt (Rept. No. 110-184).

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

The following bill was introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. LOTT:

S. 2086. A bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend funding for 18 months for the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE
RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. KYL):

S. Res. 326. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. DOLE (for herself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. Res. 327. A resolution recognizing the 218th anniversary of the United States Marshals Service; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. SUNUNU)):

S. Res. 328. A resolution condemning the assassination on September 19, 2007, of Antoine Ghanem, a member of the Parliament of Lebanon who opposed Syrian interference in Lebanon; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. OBAMA):

S. Res. 329. A resolution congratulating Southern Illinois University Edwardsville as it celebrates its 50th anniversary; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 22, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 502

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 502, a bill to repeal the sunset on the reduction of capital gains rates for individuals and on the taxation of dividends of individuals at capital gains rates.

S. 507

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 507, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for reimbursement of certified midwife services and to provide for more equitable reimbursement rates for certified nurse-midwife services.

S. 597

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 597, a bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 881

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 881, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 958

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 958, a bill to establish an adolescent literacy program.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 999, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

S. 1015

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1015, a bill to reauthorize the National Writing Project.

S. 1465

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1465, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of certain medical mobility devices approved as class III medical devices.

S. 1627

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1627, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and expand the benefits for businesses operating in empowerment zones, enterprise communities, or renewal communities, and for other purposes.

S. 1638

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1638, a bill to adjust the salaries of Federal justices and judges, and for other purposes.

S. 1675

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1675, a bill to implement the recommendations of the Federal Communications Commission report to the Congress regarding low-power FM service.

S. 1743

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1743, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the dollar limitation on contributions to funeral trusts.

S. 1944

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1944, a bill to provide justice for victims of state-sponsored terrorism.

S. 1951

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of S. 1951, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure that individuals eligible for medical assistance under the Medicaid program continue to have access to prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 1954

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1954, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to pharmacies under part D.

S. 1965

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1965, a bill to protect children from cybercrimes, including crimes by online predators, to enhance efforts to identify and eliminate child pornography, and to help parents shield their children from material that is inappropriate for minors.

S. 1991

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1991, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of extending the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to include additional sites associated with the preparation and return phases of the expedition, and for other purposes.

S. 2002

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2002, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify certain provisions applicable to real estate investment trusts, and for other purposes.

S. 2004

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2004, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish epilepsy centers of excellence in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2020

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2020, a bill to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2010, to rename the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 as the "Tropical Forest and Coral Conservation Act of 2007", and for other purposes.

S. 2044

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] were added as cosponsors of S. 2044, a bill to provide procedures for the proper classification of employees and independent contractors, and for other purposes.

S. 2060

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2060, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a Volunteer Teacher Advisory Committee.

S. 2071

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2071, a bill to enhance the ability to combat methamphetamine.

S. 2085

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2085, a bill to delay for 6 months the requirement to use of tamper-resistant prescription pads under the Medicaid program.

SENATE RESOLUTION 325

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 325, a resolution supporting efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment, and research.

AUTHORITY FOR A COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND
NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Monday, September 24, 2007, at 3 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:22 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2881. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, to improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes.

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

H.R. 3528. An act to provide authority to the Peace Corps to provide separation pay for host country resident personal services contractors of the Peace Corps.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR

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

H.R. 2881. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, to improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL
H.R. 1495

The hour of 3 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Friday, September 21, 2007, as modified,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1495) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes;

The Senate proceeded to consider the conference report.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

Pending debate,

Mr. DEMINT asked unanimous consent that it be in order for him to raise a point of order under rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate against the pending conference report.

Mrs. BOXER objected.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the conference report.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 81, nays... 12

[Rollcall Vote No. 347 Leg.]

YEAS --- 81

Akaka, Alexander, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kennedy, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 12

Allard, Burr, Coburn, DeMint, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Gregg, Kyl, McCaskill, Sessions, Sununu.

So the conference report was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER to reconsider the vote agreeing to the conference report.

On motion by Mr. INHOFE,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL H.R. 1255

Mrs. FEINSTEIN asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 1255) to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records; that an amendment be proposed thereto and agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be read the third time; and passed, with no intervening action or debate; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Mr. BUNNING objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL S. 223

Mrs. FEINSTEIN asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider the bill (S. 223) recognizing the efforts and contributions of the members of the Monuments, Fine Arts, and Archives program under the Civil Affairs and Military Government Sections of the United States Armed Forces during and following World War II who were responsible for the preservation, protection, and restitution of artistic and cultural treasures in countries occupied by the Allied armies; that the reported amendment be agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be read the third time; and passed, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. ENSIGN objected.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

CONDEMNING THE
ASSASSINATION OF ANTOINE
GHANEM

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANDERS in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 328) condemning the assassination on September 19, 2007, of Antoine Ghanem, a member of the Parliament of Lebanon who opposed Syrian interference in Lebanon, submitted today by Mr. REID for Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. SUNUNU), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY OF SOUTHERN
ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
EDWARDSVILLE

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 329) congratulating Southern Illinois University Edwardsville as it celebrates its 50th anniversary, submitted today by Mr. DURBIN

(for himself and Mr. OBAMA), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for 10 minutes each; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the first 30 minutes therein be controlled by the minority party; and that the second 30 minutes therein be controlled by the majority party.

Ordered further, That upon conclusion of morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1585.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:04 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2007

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. TESTER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, September 25, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. TESTER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business. Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3386. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving exports to Turkey including seven Boeing 737-800 passenger aircraft; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3387. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mississippi Regulatory Program" (Docket No. MS-021-FOR), received on September 24, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3388. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alachlor; Pesticide Tolerance" ((FRL No. 8147-2)(Docket No. EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0146)), received on September 21, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3389. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio" ((FRL No. 8470-7)(Docket No. EPA-R05-OAR-2006-0544)), received on September 21, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3390. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Louisiana; Clean Air Interstate Rule Nitrogen Oxides Trading Programs" ((FRL No. 8473-5)(Docket No. EPA-R06-OAR-2007-0651)), received on September 21, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3391. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" ((FRL No. 8471-9)(Docket No. EPA-R07-OAR-2007-0926)), received on September 21, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3392. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Arkansas; Clean Air Interstate Rule Nitrogen Oxides Ozone Season Trading Program" ((FRL No. 8473-3)(Docket No. EPA-R06-OAR-2007-0886)), received on September 21, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3393. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Award of United States-Mexico Border Program and Alaska Rural and Native Villages Program Grants Authorized by the Revised Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2007" (FRL No. 8472-1), received on September 21, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3394. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Methamidophos, Oxydemeton-methyl, Profenofos, and Trichlorfon; Tolerance Actions" ((FRL No. 8147-6)-(Docket No. EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0261)), received on September 21, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3395. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyraclostrobin; Pesticide Tolerance" ((FRL No. 8148-6)(Docket No. EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0522)), received on September 21, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3396. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sulfosulfuron; Pesticide Tolerance" ((FRL No. 8147-4)(Docket No. EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0206)), received on September 21, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3397. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments to Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Correction of Effective Date Under Congressional Review Act" ((FRL No. 8473-1)(Docket No. EPA-R03-OAR-2007-0174)), received on September 21, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3398. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tepaloxymid; Pesticide Tolerance" ((FRL No. 8148-1)(Docket No. EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0145)), received on September 21, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3399. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Requirements for Expanded Definition of Byproduct Material" (RIN3150-AH84), received on September 24, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3400. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Trade and Commercial

Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Import Restrictions Imposed on Archaeological Material from Mali" (RIN1505-AB86), received on September 20, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3401. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Import Restrictions Imposed on Archaeological Material from Guatemala" (RIN1505-AB87), received on September 21, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3402. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Child Care and Development Fund; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3403. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - October 2007" (Rev. Rul. 2007-63), received on September 20, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3404. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Closing of Determination Letter Program for Adopters of Pre-Approved Defined Contribution Plans" (Announcement 2007-90), received on September 20, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3405. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fringe Benefits Aircraft Valuation Formula" (Rev. Rul. 2007-55), received on September 20, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3406. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hotel Industry Overview Guide" (LMSB-04-0807-054), received on September 24, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3407. A communication from the Chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Annual Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3408. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "The Mentoring Children of

Prisoners Program"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3409. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2007 to 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3410. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Report on the Necessity and Desirability of Amending the Federal Rules of Evidence to Codify a 'Harm to Child' Exception to the Marital Privileges"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-229. A resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Armstrong, Pennsylvania, urging Congress to allow federal financial participation for medical benefits to incarcerated individuals until convicted and sentenced; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-230. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of New Hampshire urging Congress to fully fund the federal government's share of special education services in public schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas, since its enactment in 1975, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) has helped millions of children with special needs to receive a quality education and to develop to their full capacities; and

Whereas, IDEA has moved children with disabilities out of institutions and into public school classrooms with their peers; and

Whereas, IDEA has helped break down stereotypes and ignorance about people with disabilities, improving the quality of life and economic opportunity for millions of Americans; and

Whereas, when the federal government enacted IDEA, it promised to fund up to 40 percent of the average per pupil expenditure in public elementary and secondary schools in the United States; and

Whereas, the federal government currently funds, on average, less than 17 percent of the average per pupil expenditure in public elementary and secondary schools in the United States; and

Whereas, local school districts and state government end up bearing the largest share of the cost of special education services; and

Whereas, the federal government's failure to adequately fulfill its responsibility to special needs children undermines public support for special education and creates

hardship for disabled children and their families; and

Whereas, the general court is currently challenged with the responsibility of defining and funding an adequate education for all children in this state; and

Whereas, these legislative efforts are significantly burdened and constrained by the costs incurred by the federal government's failure to meet its full financial promise under IDEA: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That the New Hampshire general court urges the President and the Congress, prior to spending any surplus in the federal budget, to fund 40 percent of the average per pupil expenditure in public elementary and secondary schools in the United States as promised under IDEA to ensure that all children, regardless of disability, receive a quality education and are treated with the dignity and respect they deserve; and

That copies of this resolution be forwarded by the senate clerk to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the members of the New Hampshire congressional delegation.

POM-231. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Texas urging Congress to restore full funding to the Community Oriented Policing Services program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 125

Whereas, in 1994, the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act created the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program and for more than a decade the COPS initiative has awarded more than \$11 billion to over 13,000 agencies across the country; in the last six years, however, the COPS program has suffered numerous cuts in funding, threatening to reverse the improvements in law enforcement credited to the program at a time when national security is a concern at all levels of government; and

Whereas, the recently filed Prosperous and Secure Neighbor Alliance Act of 2007 would allocate \$170 million to the United Mexican States to professionalize the Mexican police force for patrols along the U.S.-Mexico border, sending a significant portion of the limited federal aid available to Mexico, further jeopardizing the efforts of state and local law enforcement agencies that depend on continued funding through the COPS program; and

Whereas, among the initiatives established under the COPS program is the universal hiring program that resulted in the hiring or redeployment of more than 118,000 law enforcement officers in over 12,000 enforcement agencies nationwide and

training initiatives that have helped deliver to more than 340,000 officers classes on topics ranging from ethics to terrorism; in offering grants to implement innovative programs such as these, COPS has played a significant role in reducing the crime rate in many areas of the country; but recent cuts to the program have negatively impacted recipient agencies across the country and specifically along the Texas-Mexico border where Texas law officers are consistently understaffed, underpaid, and overworked; and

Whereas, while the United States must rely on neighboring nations to do their part to maintain border security, it is equally crucial that programs such as COPS continue to receive the funding necessary to provide adequate resources to safeguard our borders and achieve a level of security expected by the American people; unfortunately, sending funds to Mexico and at the same time reducing federal assistance locally substantially imperils this worthy goal: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to restore full funding to the Community Oriented Policing Services program to assist Texas law enforcement in patrolling the border before authorizing funding for the police force of the United Mexican States; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to the congress with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

POM-232. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to take such actions as are necessary to research and promote Virtual Command Technology to improve police, emergency medical services, and fire protection; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41

Whereas, Virtual Command Technology, the remote viewing of a developing emergency which gives firefighters, EMS professionals, and police officers a virtual presence at the scene, will be of enormous significance to the future security of people and property by giving fire, EMS, and police departments unprecedented knowledge of any developing emergency within seconds of its beginning; and

Whereas, in an emergency, time of response and information about the emergency are crucial for successful

mitigation in a fire, health, or security incident; and

Whereas, the use of Virtual Command Technology enables fire, EMS, and police responders to reach the emergency with their critical incident planning and preparation in progress as they gain complete situational awareness of the incident and are able to put mitigation plans in place, then take action immediately upon arrival at the scene; and

Whereas, the advantage of Virtual Command Technology is that first responders can understand a developing emergency and react to it within seconds of the alert, as opposed to conventional technology, which only allows for response upon arrival at the scene; and

Whereas, Virtual Command Technology integrates video with a unique graphic display of alarm activity utilizing a database of building floor plans overlaid with icons representing sensors, detectors, and critical emergency building information; and

Whereas, in a fire emergency, smoke detector and temperature sensor conditions are updated every second, with the change in color showing the observer the nature of the developing emergency and the actual temperature; and

Whereas, in a security emergency, sensor conditions are updated every second, with icons changing color to allow monitoring personnel to locate perpetrators and track movement throughout the facility; and

Whereas, Virtual Command Technology provides crucial information to commanders enabling them to understand the emergency situation, conduct incident planning, and issue instructions while they are en route to a location so that upon arrival, all responders have their assignments and can begin incident mitigation immediately; and

Whereas, commercial, government, public, and private entities are encouraged to consider Virtual Command Technology for their security and fire protection; and

Whereas, in this consideration, the three key elements of Virtual Command Technology should be understood: (1) the protected facility is networked to police, EMS, and fire dispatch centers for immediate notification and visual validation of an emergency; (2) the protected facility is networked to a tactical monitoring station for situational awareness of a developing security incident; and (3) responding units can view the incident remotely utilizing a mobile computer networked to the facility by a broadband wireless connection; and

Whereas, in October 2006 the effectiveness of Virtual Command Technology was demonstrated in a series of comparative tactical exercises that culminated with a joint police and fire department demonstration by the Baton Rouge police and fire departments; and

Whereas, Baton Rouge Fire Chief Ed Smith and Baton Rouge Police Chief Jeff LeDuff endorsed the technology for its safety aspect for their officers and firefighters and its ability to provide real-time information about an emergency for successful mitigation; and

Whereas, using Virtual Command Technology, Baton Rouge police and fire departments experienced a significant performance increase over current response procedures and practices: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to research and promote Virtual Command Technology to improve police, EMS, and fire protection. Be it further

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

POM-233. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Texas expressing its gratitude for the sacrifices made by veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Whereas, military veterans who have served their country honorably and who were promised and have earned health care and benefits from the federal government through the Department of Veterans Affairs are now in need of these benefits; and

Whereas, federal discretionary funding is controlled by the executive branch and the United States Congress through the budget and appropriations process; and

Whereas, direct funding provides the Department of Veterans Affairs with a reliable, predictable, and consistent source of funding to provide timely, efficient, and high-quality health care for our veterans; and

Whereas, currently almost 90 percent of federal health care spending is direct rather than discretionary, and only the funding for health care for active duty military, Native Americans, and veterans is subject to the discretion of the United States Congress; and

Whereas, discretionary funding for health care lags behind both medical inflation and the increased demand for services; for example, the enrollment for veterans' health care increased 134 percent between fiscal years 1996 and 2004 yet funding increased only 34 percent during the same period when adjusted to 1996 dollars; and

Whereas, the Department of Veterans Affairs is the largest integrated health care system in the United States and has four critical health care missions: to provide health care to veterans, to educate and train health care personnel, to conduct medical research, and to serve as a backup to the

United States Department of Defense and support communities in times of crisis; and

Whereas, the Department of Veterans Affairs operates 157 hospitals, with at least one in each of the contiguous states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia; and

Whereas, the Department of Veterans Affairs operates more than 850 ambulatory care and community-based outpatient clinics, 132 nursing homes, 42 residential rehabilitation treatment programs, and 88 home care programs; and

Whereas, the Department of Veterans Affairs provides a wide range of specialized services to meet the unique needs of veterans, including spinal cord injury and dysfunction care and rehabilitation, blind rehabilitation, traumatic brain injury care, post-traumatic stress disorder treatment, amputee care and prosthetics programs, mental health and substance abuse programs, and long-term care programs; and

Whereas, the Department of Veterans Affairs health care system is severely underfunded, and had funding for the department's medical programs been allowed to grow proportionately as the system sought to admit newly eligible veterans following the eligibility reform legislation in 1996, the current veterans' health care budget would be approximately \$10 billion more; and

Whereas, in a spirit of bipartisan accommodation, members of the United States Congress should collectively resolve the problem of discretionary funding and jointly fashion an acceptable formula for funding the medical programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby express its profound gratitude for the sacrifices made by veterans, including those suffering from various medical issues resulting from injuries that occurred while serving in the United States Armed Forces at home or abroad; and, be it further

Resolved, That the legislature hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to support legislation for veterans' health care budget reform to allow assured funding; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the secretary of veterans affairs, to the president of the United States, to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to the Congress with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

POM-234. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Texas urging Congress to authorize the Department

of Veterans Affairs to convey the Thomas T. Connally Medical Center to the State of Texas; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46

Whereas, the Thomas T. Connally Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center was a fundamental part of the City of Marlin, Texas, for more than 50 years, and its recent closure dealt a significant blow to the community and surrounding area; and

Whereas, the beginning in 1943, the citizens of Marlin organized a campaign to secure their city as the location for a proposed naval medical facility; initially, 31 individual contributors donated \$2,025 to finance their preliminary effort, and two years later, the city raised an additional \$25,000 in small contributions from the local citizenry to purchase 150 acres of land for a new naval hospital; and

Whereas, although Marlin's selection as the site for the hospital had been announced in 1944, and the order approving construction of the new 500-bed facility was signed by President Harry S. Truman on July 1, 1945, congressional funding for the project was omitted from appropriations legislation later that year; and

Whereas, undeterred, the residents focused on attracting a 200-bed Veterans Administration general and surgical hospital and collected additional funds for the purchase of eight acres to donate for the facility; the city's efforts came to fruition when the Marlin Veterans Administration Hospital opened on November 1, 1950, with a staff of 14 physicians, 42 nurses, and two dentists; during its 50 years of operation, the hospital provided hundreds of jobs to area residents, continuing to reward the community's early faith and determination; and

Whereas, in 1992, the facility was renamed the Thomas T. Connally Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center after United States Senator Connally, who championed the city's efforts to have the hospital located in Marlin; regrettably, the medical center has since been closed by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, and there currently are no plans for its reuse despite a recent extensive remodeling; and

Whereas, although the center's closure was a major economic loss to the residents of Marlin, the city's spirit and goodwill have yet to waver; in the aftermath of Hurricanes Rita and Katrina, Marlin opened the Connally Veterans Administration Medical Center to house medically fragile evacuees from the affected areas, but, with that notable exception, the complex has sat empty and will likely be razed if a permanent use for the center cannot be found; and

Whereas, fortunately, the Connally Veterans Administration Medical Center facilities can be easily converted for a number of uses by the state, presenting a practical and beneficial use for the idle buildings; precedent for the adaptation of a Veterans Administration facility to state use was established in 2001 when the United States Congress authorized the conveyance, without consideration, of all real property and improvements associated with the Fort Lyon Veterans Administration Medical Center in Las Animas, Colorado, to the state of Colorado; and

Whereas, elected officials from Falls County and the City of Marlin, as well as many civic leaders, have expressed their support for the reuse of the Connally Veterans Administration Medical Center, and given the City of Marlin's long history with the site and the fact that it would cost more to destroy the center than to convey the facility to the State of Texas, it is only fitting that the state take advantage of this available resource: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby respectfully request the Congress of the United States to authorize the secretary of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to convey the Thomas T. Connally Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center located in Marlin, Texas, to the State of Texas; and, be it further

Resolved, that the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the Senate of the United States Congress, to all members of the Texas delegation to the Congress, and to the Secretary of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 2087. A bill to amend certain laws relating to Native Americans to make technical corrections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 2088. A bill to place reasonable limitations on the use of National Security Letters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 2089. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce the coverage gap in prescription drug coverage under part D of such title based on savings to the Medicare program resulting from the negotiation of prescription drug prices; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA (by request):

S. 2090. A bill to protect privacy and security concerns in court records; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. AKAKA (by request):

S. 2091. A bill to increase the number of the court's active judges; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 2092. A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to improve protections for employees and retirees in business bankruptcies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 2093. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers in the State of Vermont for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. Res. 330. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the degradation of the Jordan River and the Dead Sea and welcoming cooperation between the peoples of Israel, Jordan, and Palestine; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. Res. 331. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Turkey should end its military occupation of the Republic of Cyprus, particularly because Turkey's pretext has been refuted by over 13,000,000 crossings of the divide by Turkish-Cypriots and Greek Cypriots into each other's communities without incident; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON]

was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 305

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 305, a bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to make it unlawful for a packer to own, feed, or control livestock intended for slaughter.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK] were added as cosponsors of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 790

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 790, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to permit the simplified summer food programs to be carried out in all States and by all service institutions.

S. 819

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 819, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes.

S. 1105

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1105, a bill to provide Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes to prosecute hate crimes, and for other purposes.

S. 1232

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1232, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to develop a voluntary policy for managing the risk of food allergy and anaphylaxis in schools, to establish school-based food allergy management grants, and for other purposes.

S. 1359

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1359, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance public and health professional awareness and understanding of lupus and to strengthen the Nation's research efforts to identify the causes and cure of lupus.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1494

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1494, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the special diabetes programs for Type I diabetes and Indians under that Act.

S. 1515

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1515, a bill to establish a domestic violence volunteer attorney network to represent domestic violence victims.

S. 1518

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1518, a bill to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1543

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] were added as cosponsors of S. 1543, a bill to establish a national geothermal initiative to encourage increased production of energy from geothermal resources, and for other purposes.

S. 1555

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1555, a bill to establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of Food and Drug Administration-approved contraception, and for other purposes.

S. 1571

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1571, a bill to reform the essential air service program, and for other purposes.

S. 1603

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1603, a bill to authorize Congress to award a gold medal to Jerry Lewis, in recognition of his outstanding service to the Nation.

S. 1616

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1616, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to promote and assure the quality of biodiesel fuel, and for other purposes.

S. 1661

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1661, a bill to communicate United States travel policies and improve marketing and other activities designed to increase travel in the United States from abroad.

S. 1750

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1750, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve access to community cancer care by Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 1895

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1895, a bill to aid and support pediatric involvement in reading and education.

S. 1930

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1930, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prevent illegal logging practices, and for other purposes.

S. 1965

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1965, a bill to protect children from cybercrimes, including crimes by online predators, to enhance efforts to identify and eliminate child pornography, and to help parents shield their children from material that is inappropriate for minors.

S. 2035

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2035, a bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

S. 2061

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2061, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to exempt certain home health workers from the provisions of such Act.

S. 2063

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 2063, a bill to establish a Bipartisan Task Force for Responsible Fiscal Action, to assure the economic security of the United States, and to expand future prosperity and growth for all Americans.

S. 2067

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2067, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to recreational vessels.

S. 2075

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2075, a bill to ensure that women seeking an abortion receive an ultrasound and the opportunity to review the ultrasound before giving informed consent to receive an abortion.

S. 2085

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] were added as cosponsors of S. 2085, a bill to delay for 6 months the requirement to use of tamper-resistant prescription pads under the Medicaid program.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 25, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Two Years After the Storm: Housing Needs in the Gulf Coast."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 25, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at 2 p.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled, "Green Jobs Created by Global Warming Initiatives."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 25, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room G-50 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Home and Community Based Care: Expanding Options for Long Term Care."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 25, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a nomination hearing.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing entitled "Strengthening FISA: Does the Protect America Act Protect Americans' Civil Liberties and Enhance Security?" on Tuesday, September 25, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in the Hart Senate Office Building Room 216.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing entitled "Judicial Nominations" on Tuesday, September 25, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs to be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 25, 2007, to conduct an Oversight Hearing on Persian Gulf Research. The Committee will meet in 562 Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 9:30 a.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 25, 2007 at 2 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 5:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 1983. An act to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to renew and amend the provisions for the enhanced review of covered pesticide products, to authorize fees for certain pesticide products, to extend and improve the collection of maintenance fees, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1199. An act to attend the grant program for drug-endangered children.

H.R. 1389. An act to establish the Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1520. An act to establish the Champlain Quadricentennial Commemoration Commission, the Hudson-Fulton 400th Commemoration Commission, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1664. An act to authorize grants for contributions toward the establishment of the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library.

H.R. 3375. An act to extend the trade adjustment assistance program under the Trade Act of 1974 for 3 months.

H.R. 3540. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 140. Concurrent resolution recognizing the low presence of minorities in the financial services industry and minorities and women in upper level positions of management, and expressing the sense of the Congress that active measures should be taken to increase the demographic diversity of the financial services industry.

H. Con. Res. 186. Concurrent resolution honoring the 75th anniversary of Brookgreen Gardens in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina.

H. Con. Res. 193. Concurrent resolution recognizing all hunters across the United States for their continued commitment to safety.

H. Con. Res. 217. Concurrent resolution to correct technical errors in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3580.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1983. An act to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to renew and amend the provisions for the enhanced review of covered pesticide products, to authorize fees for certain pesticide products, to extend and improve the collection of maintenance fees, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS REFERRED

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

H.R. 1199. An act to extend the grant program for drug-endangered children; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1389. An act to establish the Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1664. An act to authorize grants for contributions toward the establishment of the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 140. Concurrent resolution recognizing the low presence of minorities in the financial services industry and minorities

and women in upper level positions of management, and expressing the sense of the Congress that active measures should be taken to increase the demographic diversity of the financial services industry; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H. Con. Res. 186. Concurrent resolution honoring the 75th anniversary of Brookgreen Gardens in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H. Con. Res. 193. Concurrent resolution recognizing all hunters across the United States for their continued commitment to safety; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 1520. An act to establish the Champlain Quadricentennial Commemoration Commission, the Hudson-Fulton 400th Commemoration Commission, and for other purposes.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1585) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2997, proposed by Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. REID), to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. REID called for the regular order with respect to amendment No. 2064.

Whereupon,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2064, proposed by Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. KYL), to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. SMITH) to insert, in lieu of the language of the bill proposed to be

stricken by the pending amendment, other words (being amendment No. 3035).

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending amendment No. 3035, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 3035:

GORDON H. SMITH, CHUCK SCHUMER, BERNARD SANDERS, ROBERT MENENDEZ, SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, FRANK R. LAUTENBERG, HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, CHRIS DODD, JOHN F. KERRY, PATTY MURRAY, BARACK OBAMA, JEFF BINGAMAN, BEN CARDIN, EVAN BAYH, TOM HARKIN, TED KENNEDY, DIANNE FEINSTEIN.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3035 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2064.

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That the Senate recess from 3:30 until 5 p.m. on today.

RECESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified today,

At 12:22 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

NATIONAL DEFENSE
AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2008

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1585.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3035 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2064.

On motion by Mr. REID to commit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (numbered 3038).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the instructions contained in the pending motion

by striking "3" and inserting in lieu thereof "2" (being amendment No. 3039).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment, by striking "2" and inserting in lieu thereof "1" (being amendment No. 3040).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That no further motions to bring to a close debate be in order to be presented relative to the pending bill on today.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3040 to amendment No. 3039 to the instructions contained in the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services.

Pending debate.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified today,

At 3:32 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. MCCASKILL in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 5 p.m.

AT 5 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BIDEN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That the Senate stand in recess, subject to the call of the chair.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today,

At 5:01 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate recessed, subject to the call of the chair.

AT 5:05 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SALAZAR in the chair) called the Senate to order.

NATIONAL DEFENSE
AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2008

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1585.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3040 to amendment No. 3039 to the instructions contained in the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services.

Pending debate,

The pending motion and amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. LEVIN, by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was modified, as indicated, and agreed to: Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS), amendment No. 2952, as modified; Mrs. BOXER, amendment No. 2870; Mrs. CLINTON, amendment No. 2917; Mr. MENENDEZ, amendment No. 2973; Mr. BROWN, amendment No. 2095; Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. KERRY), amendment No. 2975; Mrs. DOLE (for herself, Mr. BURR, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. KERRY), amendment No. 2951; Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. ISAKSON), amendment No. 2978; Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN), amendment No. 2956; Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. SANDERS), amendment No. 2932; Mr. HAGEL (for himself and Mr. BYRD), amendment No. 2979; Mr. BINGAMAN, amendment No. 2943; Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BOND, and Mrs. LINCOLN), amendment No. 2982; Mr. DOMENICI, amendment No. 2981; Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. THUNE), amendment No. 2158; Mr. CHAMBLISS, amendment No. 2977; Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. OBAMA), amendment No. 2962; Mr. MARTINEZ, amendment No. 2950; Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. TESTER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Ms. SNOWE), amendment No. 2969; Mr. THUNE, amendment No. 3021; Mr. SALAZAR (for himself and Mr. ALLARD), amendment No. 2920; Mr. CORNYN, amendment No. 2929; Mr. MARTINEZ, amendment No. 2197; Mr. BIDEN, amendment No. 2290; Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON), amendment No. 2936; Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN), amendment No. 3007; Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. WEBB), amendment No. 2995; Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ), amendment No. 3029; Mr. HAGEL, amendment No. 2980; Mr. KERRY (for himself and Ms. SNOWE), amendment No. 3023; Mr. KERRY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. HAGEL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Ms. CANTWELL), amendment No. 3024; Ms. LANDRIEU, amendment No. 2963; Mr. BENNETT (for himself and Mr. HATCH), amendment No. 3030, as modified; Mr. COBURN, amendment No. 3044.

On motion by LEVIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendments, en bloc.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3040 to amendment No. 3039 to the instructions contained in the motion to commit.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That the pending amendments be laid aside; that it be in order for him to propose an amendment on behalf of Mr. HATCH; and that a motion to bring to a close debate on said amendment be deemed presented.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The pending amendments and motion were laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. CASEY (for Mr. HATCH) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3047).

Mr. CASEY presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending amendment No. 3047, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 3047:

MITCH MCCONNELL, ORRIN HATCH, PETE DOMENICI, JOHN BARRASSO, TRENT LOTT, TOM COBURN, JON KYL, MICHAEL CRAPO, JUDD GREGG, KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON, JOHNNY ISAKSON, JOHN THUNE, LINDSEY GRAHAM, WAYNE ALLARD, KIT BOND, BOB BENNETT, MICHAEL B. ENZI.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3047 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

ORDER RELATIVE TO BILL H.R. 976

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That, when a motion to bring to close debate on the motion to concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 976) to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes is presented on tomorrow, the motion be considered to have been presented on today; and that, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the quorum under the rule be waived.

SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO INCREASE CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS, TREATMENT, AND RESEARCH

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 325) supporting efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment, and research.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXTENDING THE TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM UNDER THE TRADE ACT OF 1974

On the request of Mr. CASEY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MENENDEZ in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3375) to extend the trade adjustment assistance program under the Trade Act of 1974 for 3 months, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PATIENT AND PHARMACY PROTECTION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 2085) to delay for 6 months the requirement to use of tamper-resistant prescription pads under the Medicaid program.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders, or their designees; and that the majority control the first half of the time therein, and the minority control the second half of the time therein.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

At 7:50 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2007

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. TESTER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, September 26, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. TESTER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Journal of the proceedings of the
Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The morning hour being deemed expired,
and the times for the recognition of the two
leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Senate proceeded to a period for the
transaction of morning business.
Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid
before the Senate, together with
accompanying papers, reports, and
documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3411. A communication from the
Director, Defense Procurement and
Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense,
transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a
rule entitled "Carriage Vessel Overhaul,
Repair, and Maintenance" (DFARS Case
2007-D001) received on September 11, 2007;
to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3412. A communication from the
Assistant Secretary for Export
Administration, Bureau of Industry and
Security, Department of Commerce,
transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a
rule entitled "Updated Statements of Legal
Authority for the Export Administration
Regulations" (RIN0694-AD76) received on
September 11, 2007; to the Committee on
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3413. A communication from the
Assistant Secretary for Export
Administration, Bureau of Industry and
Security, Department of Commerce,
transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a
rule entitled "Implementation of the
Understandings Reached at the June 2007
Australia Group Plenary Meeting; Addition
to the List of States Parties to the Chemical
Weapons Convention" (RIN0694-AE08)
received on September 25, 2007; to the
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban
Affairs.

EC-3414. A communication from the
Secretary, Division of Market Regulation,
Securities and Exchange Commission,
transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a
rule entitled "Definitions of Terms and
Exemptions Relating to the 'Broker'
Exceptions for Banks" (RIN3235-AJ74)
received on September 24, 2007; to the

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban
Affairs.

EC-3415. A communication from the
Secretary, Division of Market Regulation,
Securities and Exchange Commission,
transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a
rule entitled "Exemptions for Banks Under
Section 3(a)(5) of the Securities Exchange
Act of 1934 and Related Rules" (RIN3235-
AJ77) received on September 24, 2007; to the
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban
Affairs.

EC-3416. A communication from the
Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting,
pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report
on the national emergency with respect to
Iran as declared in Executive Order 12957; to
the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
Urban Affairs.

EC-3417. A communication from the
Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries,
Department of Commerce, transmitting,
pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled
"Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic
Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Temporary Rule;
Inseason Retention Limit Adjustment"
(RIN0648-XC23) received on September 25,
2007; to the Committee on Commerce,
Science, and Transportation.

EC-3418. A communication from the
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable
Fisheries, Department of Commerce,
transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a
rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Closure
(Massachusetts 2007 Summer Flounder
Commercial Fishery)" (RIN0648-XC05)
received on September 11, 2007; to the
Committee on Commerce, Science, and
Transportation.

EC-3419. A communication from the
Administrator, Environmental Protection
Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a
report entitled, "Newtown Creek/Greenpoint
Oil Spill Study"; to the Committee on
Environment and Public Works.

EC-3420. A communication from the
Director, Regulations and Disclosure Law,
Department of Homeland Security,
transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a
rule entitled "NAFTA: Merchandise
Processing Fee Exemption and Technical
Correction" (RIN1505-AB58) received on
September 25, 2007; to the Committee on
Finance.

EC-3421. A communication from the Chief
of the Publications and Regulations Branch,
Internal Revenue Service, Department of the
Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the
report of a rule entitled "Tier II Issue:
Contractual Allowances" (LMSB-04-0807-
056) received on September 25, 2007; to the
Committee on Finance.

EC-3422. A communication from the Chief
of the Publications and Regulations Branch,
Internal Revenue Service, Department of the
Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the
report of a rule entitled "2008 Transition

Relief and Additional Guidance on the
Application of Section 409A to Nonqualified
Deferred Compensation Plans" (Notice 2007-
78) received on September 12, 2007; to the
Committee on Finance.

EC-3423. A communication from the Chief
of the Publications and Regulations Branch,
Internal Revenue Service, Department of the
Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the
report of a rule entitled "Insurance Company
Proration Rules; Company Owned Life
Insurance" (Rev. Proc. 2007-61) received on
September 12, 2007; to the Committee on
Finance.

EC-3424. A communication from the Chief
of the Publications and Regulations Branch,
Internal Revenue Service, Department of the
Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the
report of a rule entitled "Aggregation of
Reverse 704(c) Gain" (Rev. Proc. 2007-59)
received on September 12, 2007; to the
Committee on Finance.

EC-3425. A communication from the Chief
of the Publications and Regulations Branch,
Internal Revenue Service, Department of the
Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the
report of a rule entitled "Guidance Under
Section 812" (Rev. Rul. 2007-54) received on
September 12, 2007; to the Committee on
Finance.

EC-3426. A communication from the Chief
of the Publications and Regulations Branch,
Internal Revenue Service, Department of the
Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the
report of a rule entitled "Active Conduct of a
Trade or Business" (Notice 2007-60)
received on September 12, 2007; to the
Committee on Finance.

EC-3427. A communication from the
Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative
Affairs, Department of State, transmitting,
pursuant to law, the certification of a
proposed license for the export of firearms
sold commercially in the amount of
\$1,000,000 or more to Malaysia; to the
Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3428. A communication from the
Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs,
Department of State, transmitting, pursuant
to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as
amended, the report of the texts and
background statements of international
agreements, other than treaties (List 2007-
181 - 2007-191); to the Committee on
Foreign Relations.

EC-3429. A communication from the
Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs,
Department of State, transmitting, pursuant
to law, the report of two agreements reached
between the American Institute in Taiwan
and other organizations; to the Committee on
Foreign Relations.

EC-3430. A communication from the
Director of Administration, National Labor
Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to
law, the Board's commercial activity
inventory for fiscal year 2007; to the

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3431. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Glycerol Ester of Tall Oil Rosin" (Docket No. 2006F-0225) received on September 11, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3432. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Polydextrose" (Docket No. 2006F-0059) received on September 11, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3433. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing of Color Additives Subject to Certification; D and C Black No. 3; Confirmation of Effective Date" (Docket No. 1995C-0286) received on September 11, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3434. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Food and Drug Administration's fulfillment of the conditions specified in the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3435. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Food and Drug Administration's collection and spending of animal drug user fees during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3436. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; General Hospital and Personal Use Devices; Classification of the Filtering Facepiece Respirator for Use by the General Public in Public Health Medical Emergencies" (Docket No. 2007N-0198) received on September 12, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3437. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and

Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Labeling: Safe Handling Statements: Labeling of Shell Eggs" ((RIN0910-ZA23)-(Docket No. 2004N-0382)) received on September 11, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3438. A communication from the Chairperson, District of Columbia Commission on Judicial Disabilities and Tenure, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's annual report for calendar year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3439. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Letter Report: Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7B for Fiscal Years 2005 Through 2007, as of March 31, 2007"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3440. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Office's commercial activities during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3441. A communication from the White House Liaison, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of an acting officer for the position of Assistant Attorney General, received on September 25, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3442. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Government-Furnished Headstone and Marker Regulation" (RIN2900-AM64) received on September 25, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1671. A bill to reauthorize and improve the entrepreneurial development programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-185).

By Mr. DODD, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 835. A bill to reauthorize the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 2467. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 69 Montgomery Street in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the "Frank J. Guarini Post Office Building".

H.R. 2587. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 555 South 3rd Street Lobby in Memphis, Tennessee, as the "Kenneth T. Whalum, Sr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 2654. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 South Dumont Avenue in Woonsocket, South Dakota, as the "Eleanor McGovern Post Office Building".

H.R. 2765. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 44 North Main Street in Hughesville, Pennsylvania, as the "Master Sergeant Sean Michael Thomas Post Office".

H.R. 2778. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3 Quaker Ridge Road in New Rochelle, New York, as the "Robert Merrill Postal Station".

H.R. 2825. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 326 South Main Street in Princeton, Illinois, as the "Owen Lovejoy Princeton Post Office Building".

H.R. 3052. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 954 Wheeling Avenue in Cambridge, Ohio, as the "John Herschel Glenn, Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 3106. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 805 Main Street in Ferdinand, Indiana, as the "Staff Sergeant David L. Nord Post Office".

S. 2023. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 805 Main Street in Ferdinand, Indiana, as the "Staff Sergeant David L. Nord Post Office".

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 2094. A bill to increase the wages and benefits of blue collar workers by strengthening labor provisions in the H-2B program, to provide for labor recruiter accountability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 2095. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to require country of origin labeling for processed food items; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. ENSIGN,

Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 2096. A bill to amend the Do-Not-Call Implementation Act to eliminate the automatic removal of telephone numbers registered on the Federal "do-not-call" registry; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 2097. A bill to modify the optional method of computing net earnings from self-employment; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 2098. A bill to establish the Northern Plains Heritage Area in the State of North Dakota; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 2099. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare competitive bidding project for clinical laboratory services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 2100. A bill to require that Federal forfeiture funds be used, in part, to clean up methamphetamine laboratories; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SALAZAR, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 2101. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to assist low-income Medicare beneficiaries by improving eligibility and services under the Medicare Savings Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. BROWN, Mr. KERRY, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2102. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to phase out the 24-month waiting period for disabled individuals to become eligible for Medicare benefits, to eliminate the waiting period for individuals with life-threatening conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 2103. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate the in the home restriction for Medicare coverage of mobility devices for individuals with expected long-term needs; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 332. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs should increase their investment in pain management research; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 333. A resolution to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 38

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 38, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a program for the provision of readjustment and mental health services to veterans who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.

S. 400

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 400, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that dependent students who take a medically necessary leave of absence do not lose health insurance coverage, and for other purposes.

S. 502

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] and the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 502, a bill to repeal the sunset on the reduction of capital gains rates for individuals and on the taxation of dividends of individuals at capital gains rates.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to

amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide a tax credit to individuals who enter into agreements to protect the habitats of endangered and threatened species, and for other purposes.

S. 774

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 774, a bill to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to permit States to determine State residency for higher education purposes and to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children, and for other purposes.

S. 897

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 897, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide more help to Alzheimer's disease caregivers.

S. 898

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 898, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to fund breakthroughs in Alzheimer's disease research while providing more help to caregivers and increasing public education about prevention.

S. 1015

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1015, a bill to reauthorize the National Writing Project.

S. 1164

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1164, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve patient access to, and utilization of, the colorectal cancer screening benefit under the Medicare Program.

S. 1233

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1233, a bill to provide and enhance intervention, rehabilitative treatment, and services to veterans with traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes.

S. 1240

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1240, a bill to provide for the provision by hospitals receiving Federal funds through the Medicare program or Medicaid program of emergency contraceptives to women who are survivors of sexual assault.

S. 1267

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER]

was added as a cosponsor of S. 1267, a bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

S. 1310

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1310, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of increased payments for ground ambulance services under the Medicare program.

S. 1328

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1328, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships.

S. 1651

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1651, a bill to assist certain Iraqis who have worked directly with, or are threatened by their association with, the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1718

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1718, a bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for reimbursement to servicemembers of tuition for programs of education interrupted by military service, for deferment of students loans and reduced interest rates for servicemembers during periods of military service, and for other purposes.

S. 1825

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1825, a bill to provide for the study and investigation of wartime contracts and contracting processes in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.

S. 1895

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1895, a bill to aid and support pediatric involvement in reading and education.

S. 1916

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was

added as a cosponsor of S. 1916, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to modify the program for the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees by terminating the authority for the removal of chimpanzees from the system for research purposes.

S. 1930

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1930, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prevent illegal logging practices, and for other purposes.

S. 1944

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1944, a bill to provide justice for victims of state-sponsored terrorism.

S. 1982

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1982, a bill to provide for the establishment of the United States Employee Ownership Bank, and for other purposes.

S. 2035

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2035, a bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

S. 2085

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2085, a bill to delay for 6 months the requirement to use of tamper-resistant prescription pads under the Medicaid program.

S. 2088

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2088, a bill to place reasonable limitations on the use of National Security Letters, and for other purposes.

S. 2089

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2089, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce the coverage gap in prescription drug coverage under part D of such title based on savings to the Medicare program resulting from the negotiation of prescription drug prices.

S. 2092

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2092, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to

improve protections for employees and retirees in business bankruptcies.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 36

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 36, a concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Teen Driver Safety Week.

SENATE RESOLUTION 273

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 273, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States Postal Service should issue a semipostal stamp to support medical research relating to Alzheimer's disease.

SENATE RESOLUTION 299

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 299, a resolution recognizing the religious and historical significance of the festival of Diwali.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 26, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 26, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 26, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 26, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, September 26, 2007, at 10

a.m. for a business meeting to consider pending committee business.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct an Executive Nomination hearing on Wednesday, September 26, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building room 226.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 26, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session at 10 a.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 9:33 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 976) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for small businesses, and for other purposes, with amendments.

At 12:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3625. An act to make permanent the waiver authority of the Secretary of Education with respect to student financial assistance during a war or other military operation or national emergency.

At 1:43 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1302. An act to require the President to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to further the United States foreign policy objective of promoting the reduction of global poverty, the elimination of extreme global poverty, and the achievement of the United Nations Millennium Development Goal of reducing by one-half the proportion of people worldwide, between 1990 and 2015, who live on less than \$1 per day.

H.R. 1400. An act to enhance United States diplomatic efforts with respect to Iran by imposing additional economic sanctions against Iran, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1943. An act to provide for an effective HIV/AIDS program in Federal prisons.

H.J. Res. 52. A resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 210. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 803(a) of the Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Act (2 D.S.C. 803(a)), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Minority Leader appoints Mr. Cliff Akiyama M.A. of California to the Congressional Award Board.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 803(a) of the Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Act (2 D.S.C. 803(a)), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Minority Leader appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Congressional Award Board: Mr. GUS M. BILIRAKIS of Florida.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 803(a) of the Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Act (2 D.S.C. 803(a)), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Minority Leader appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Congressional Award Board: Ms. SHEILA JACKSON LEE of Texas; and, in addition: Mr. Paxton Baker of Maryland, Mr. Vic Fazio of Virginia, Mrs. Annette Lantos of California, and Ms. Mary Rodgers of Pennsylvania.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 2 of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 D.S.C. 715a) and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission: Mr. DINGELL of Michigan and Mr. GILCHREST of Maryland.

At 3:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1983. An act to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to renew and amend the provisions for the enhanced review of covered pesticide products, to authorize fees for certain pesticide products, to extend and improve the collection of maintenance fees, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3375. An act to extend the trade adjustment assistance program under the Trade Act of 1974 for 3 months.

H.R. 3580. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription

drugs and for medical devices, to enhance the postmarket authorities of the Food and Drug Administration with respect to the safety of drugs, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 5:09 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3668. An act to provide for the extension of transitional medical assistance (TMA), the abstinence education program, and the qualifying individuals (QI) program, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

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

H.R. 1302. An act to require the President to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to further the United States foreign policy objective of promoting the reduction of global poverty, the elimination of extreme global poverty, and the achievement of the United Nations Millennium Development Goal of reducing by one-half the proportion of people worldwide, between 1990 and 2015, who live on less than \$1 per day; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 1400. An act to enhance United States diplomatic efforts with respect to Iran by imposing additional economic sanctions against Iran, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1943. An act to provide for an effective HIV AIDS program in Federal prisons; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 210. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 1585

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1585; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, on amendment No. 2997 and amendment No. 3017; that each amendment be modified; that no amendments be in order to either amendment, as modified, prior to the votes thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 2997, as modified; that, upon

disposition of said amendment, there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate on amendment No. 3017, as modified; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment, as modified; that each amendment, as modified, be agreed to with a minimum of 60 yeas votes; that, if the Senate fails to agree to the amendment, as modified, with a minimum of 60 yeas votes, the amendment, as modified, be withdrawn; and that the second vote be 10 minutes in duration.

Ordered further, That amendment No. 2196 be next proposed.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1585) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2997, proposed by Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. REID, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. SALAZAR), to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment was modified.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2997, as modified, to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 75, nays... 23

[Rollcall Vote No. 348 Leg.]

YEAS --- 75

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Feinstein, Grassley, Gregg, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL),

Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 23

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Enzi, Feingold, Graham, Hagel, Inhofe, Kyl, Sessions, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. BIDEN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. BROWNBACK,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3017, proposed by Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. COLE, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CORKER, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. MCCAIN), to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment was modified.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 3017, as modified, to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. COLEMAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 76, nays... 22

[Rollcall Vote No. 349 Leg.]

YEAS --- 76

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Levin, Lieberman, Lott, Martinez, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Whitehouse.

NAYS --- 22

Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Dodd, Feingold, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Leahy, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Sanders, Tester, Webb, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3040 to amendment No. 3039 to the instructions contained in the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services.

The pending motion and amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. COBURN to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2196).

The pending motion and amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. MCCASKILL for Mr. WEBB (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. TESTER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DODD, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. BAYH, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. BYRD, Mr. DURBIN, and Mrs. CLINTON) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title XV, subtitle C, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2999).

Pending debate,

The pending motion and amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mrs. MCCASKILL, by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was modified, as indicated, and agreed to: Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BENNETT), amendment No. 3016; Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BOND, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. CARPER), amendment No. 3010; Mr. BIDEN, amendment No. 3043; Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN), amendment No. 3009, as modified; Mr. BOND, amendment No. 3046; Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN), amendment No. 3008, as modified; Mr. LEVIN, amendment No. 3006, as modified; Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON,

Mr. CASEY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. CARPER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BURR, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. INHOFE), amendment No. 2251; Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. VITTER), amendment No. 2172.

On motion by Mrs. MCCASKILL to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendments, en bloc.

On motion by Mrs. MCCASKILL,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2999 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to bill H.R. 1585:

MITCH MCCONNELL, C.S. BOND, DAVID VITTER, LISA MURKOWSKI, R.F. BENNETT, TOM COBURN, LINDSEY GRAHAM, JON KYL, WAYNE ALLARD, JOHN THUNE, NORM COLEMAN, RICHARD BURR, TED STEVENS, JEFF SESSIONS, JIM INHOFE, THAD COCHRAN, MICHAEL B. ENZI.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2999 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended to the bill.

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AMENDMENTS TO BILL H.R. 976

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PRYOR in the chair) laid before the Senate the amendments received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 976) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for small businesses, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives to the amendments of the Senate to the bill.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to concur in the House amendments to the Senate amendments to bill H.R. 976, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the

motion to concur in the amendments of the House to the amendments of the Senate to bill H.R. 976:

MAX BAUCUS, TED KENNEDY, JEFF BINGAMAN, PATTY MURRAY, BARBARA BOXER, TOM CARPER, PATRICK J. LEAHY, CHUCK SCHUMER, MARIA CANTWELL, DICK DURBIN, BLANCHE L. LINCOLN, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., DEBBIE STABENOW, JACK REED, B.A. MIKULSKI, TOM HARKIN, HARRY REID.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to bill H.R. 976 with an amendment (numbered 3071).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mrs. HUTCHISON) to amend the pending amendment in title X, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3072).

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1585.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2999 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 1585:

MITCH MCCONNELL, C.S. BOND, DAVID VITTER, LISA MURKOWSKI, R.F. BENNETT, TOM COBURN, LINDSEY GRAHAM, NORM COLEMAN, MICHAEL B. ENZI, JOHN THUNE, RICHARD BURR, WAYNE ALLARD, TED STEVENS, JEFF SESSIONS, JIM INHOFE, THAD COCHRAN.

AUTHORIZING PRODUCTION OF RECORDS BY THE PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 333) to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental

Affairs, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDER FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF BILLS H.R. 1585 AND H.R. 976

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, on tomorrow, following the times for the recognition of the two leaders, there be a period of two hours, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 3035; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said motion; that, if the motion is agreed to, there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on said amendment; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said amendment; that, if the motion to bring to a close debate in not agreed to, the amendment be withdrawn; that there then be 2 minutes for debate on the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 3047; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said motion; that, if said motion is agreed to, there be 2 minutes for debate on the amendment; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the amendment; that, if the motion to bring to a close debate is not agreed to, the amendment be withdrawn; that, following disposition of said amendments, there be 2 minutes for debate on the motion to concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives to the amendments of the Senate to bill H.R. 976; and that the quorums under the rule be waived.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then

resume consideration of bill H.R. 1585, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That Senators be authorized to “file” germane second-degree amendments until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:47 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 9 a.m., the Reverend Chuck Lawrence of Christ Temple Church, Huntington, West Virginia, offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, September 27, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1585) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2999, proposed by Mr. WEBB (for himself, Mrs. McCASKILL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. TESTER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DODD, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. BAYH, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. BYRD, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. REED, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. KENNEDY), to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period of two hours for debate on the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 3035.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That the final 10 minutes, prior to the votes in “stacked” sequence previously ordered to occur on today, be equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate between the majority and minority leaders; and that the majority leader control the final 5 minutes therein.

Ordered further, That each vote after the first in “stacked” sequence be 10 minutes in duration.

Ordered further, That all quorum calls prior to the votes in “stacked” sequence be equally divided and controlled in the usual form.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2999 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Tuesday, September 25, 2007, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 3035 to the language of amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute) proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2064.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 60, nays... 39

[Rollcall Vote No. 350 Leg.]

YEAS --- 60

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Gregg, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 39

Alexander, Allard, Barraso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3035 to the language of amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2064.

After debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 3047 be withdrawn; and that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to a vote in relation to said amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3035 to the language proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2064.

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3047, proposed by Mr. HATCH, to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on

the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 96, nays... 3

[Rollcall Vote No. 351 Leg.]

YEAS --- 96

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 3

Coburn, Graham, Vitter.

So the amendment was agreed to.

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 976

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate its pending, viz, the amendments received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 976) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for small businesses, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the amendments.

The question being on agreeing to the motion, by Mr. REID on yesterday, that the Senate concur in the amendments of the House to the amendments of the Senate to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on yesterday, to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the House amendments to the Senate amendments to bill H.R. 976.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 69, nays... 30

[Rollcall Vote No. 352 Leg.]

YEAS --- 69

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 30

Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McConnell, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to concur in the amendments of the House to the amendments of the Senate to the bill.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 223

Mr. ENSIGN asked unanimous consent that, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 223) to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form; that the reported amendment be agreed to; that the only other amendment in order to the bill be an amendment to be proposed by Mr. ENSIGN, relative to transparency and disclosure; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment to be proposed by Mr. ENSIGN; that the bill, as amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, without intervening action or debate.

Mr. BAUCUS objected.

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 976

The Senate resumed consideration of the amendments of the House to the amendments of the Senate to bill H.R. 976.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to concur in the amendments of the House to the amendments of the Senate to the bill.

ORDER FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 976, H.J. RES. 43, AND H.J. RES. 52

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BAUCUS,

Ordered, That, following the vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the House amendments to the Senate amendments to bill H.R. 976, there be 6 hours, 10 minutes for debate on said motion to concur; that the time therein be divided and controlled, as follows: 2 hours to be controlled by Mr. BAUCUS, or his designee; 4 hours, 10 minutes to be controlled by Mr. GRASSLEY, or his designee; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the motion be laid aside.

Ordered further, That the Senate proceed to consider joint resolution H.J. Res. 43; that there be 90 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon between the two leaders, or their designees; and that no amendments be in order thereto; that, upon conclusion of debate, the joint resolution be read the third time; and that the joint resolution then be laid aside.

Ordered further, That the Senate resume consideration of the motion to concur in the House amendments to the Senate amendments to bill H.R. 976; that the motion that the Senate concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment with an amendment be withdrawn; and that the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to concur in the House amendments to the Senate amendments, without intervening action or debate

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of said motion, the Senate resume consideration of H.J. Res. 43; that the Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution, without intervening action or debate; and that, following said vote, a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Ordered further, That the Senate then proceed to consider H.J. Res. 52; that no amendments be in order thereto; that the joint resolution be read the third time; that the Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution; that, following the vote, a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; and that each vote following the first in "stacked" sequence be 10 minutes in duration.

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 976

The Senate resumed consideration of the amendments of the House to the amendments of the Senate to the bill.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to concur in the amendments of the House to the amendments of the Senate to bill H.R. 976.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR RECESS SUBJECT TO
THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BOND,

Ordered, That, the Senate stand in recess subject to the call of the chair.

RECESS

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

At 6:12 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) declared the Senate recessed, subject to the call of the chair.

AT 6:14 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER called the Senate to order.

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE
AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 976

The Senate resumed consideration of the House amendments to the Senate amendments to bill H.R. 976.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to concur.

Pending debate,

INCREASING THE STATUTORY
LIMIT ON THE PUBLIC DEBT

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 43) increasing the statutory limit on the public debt; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR FURTHER
CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 1585
ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of the joint resolution H.J. Res 52, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1585; that amendment No. 2999 be the pending question; that said amendment be modified; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the amendment, as modified, be agreed to; that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; that the question then recur on agreeing to amendment No. 2196; that there be 10 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon between Mr. LEVIN and Mr. COBURN; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to said amendment; that, upon disposition of the amendment, Mr.

MENENDEZ, or his designee, be recognized to propose an amendment (numbered 2972); that there be 6 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Mr. LEVIN and Mr. MENENDEZ, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to said amendment, with no intervening action; that, upon disposition of said amendment, a "managers package" of amendments be proposed and agreed to; that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute); and that, if the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute) is agreed to, time for debate, pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 1, 2007.

Ordered further, That no amendments be in order to any of the aforementioned amendments.

Ordered further, That Senators be authorized to "file" germane second-degree amendments until 8:15 p.m. on today; that, after the amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, is agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

Ordered further, That the motion to bring to a close debate on the bill be withdrawn.

Ordered further, That, following passage, the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

INCREASING THE STATUTORY
LIMIT ON THE PUBLIC DEBT

The Senate resumed consideration of joint resolution H.J. Res. 43.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The joint resolution was read the third time.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The joint resolution was laid aside.

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE
AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 976

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed consideration of the amendments of the House to the amendments of the Senate to bill H.R. 976.

The question being on agreeing to the motion, by Mr. REID, that the Senate concur in the amendments of the House to the amendments of the Senate to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The motion that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to bill H.R. 976 with

amendment No. 3071 was withdrawn (taking with it amendment No. 3072 thereto).

On motion by Mr. CONRAD,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion to concur.

The question being taken on agreeing to the motion to concur in the House amendments to the Senate amendments to the bill.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 67, nays... 29

[Rollcall Vote No. 353 Leg.]

YEAS --- 67

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 29

Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McConnell, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the House of Representatives to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to the bill, and in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the title of the bill.

INCREASING THE STATUTORY
LIMIT ON THE PUBLIC DEBT

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed consideration of joint resolution H.J. Res. 43.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the joint resolution.

On the question, Shall the joint resolution pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 53, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 354 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Akaka, Barrasso, Baucus, Bennett, Bond, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein,

Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kyl, Landrieu, Levin, Lieberman, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Schumer, Shelby, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Vitter, Warner, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 42

Alexander, Allard, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Ensign, Graham, Harkin, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Salazar, Sanders, Sessions, Smith, Tester, Thune, Voinovich, Webb.

So it was

Resolved, That the joint resolution do pass.

Pursuant to the order of today,

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table.

MAKING CONTINUING
APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR 2008

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANDERS in the chair) laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 52) making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the joint resolution.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution; and

No amendment being proposed,

The joint resolution was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

On motion by Mr. COBURN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the joint resolution.

On the question, Shall the joint resolution pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 94, nays... 1

[Rollcall Vote No. 355 Leg.]

YEAS --- 94

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu,

Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 1

Feingold.

Resolved, That it pass.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote on passage of the joint resolution.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NATIONAL DEFENSE
AUTHORIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1585.

The motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 3035 having been agreed to,

The motion, by Mr. REID, to commit the pending bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment numbered 3038, amendment No. 3039 to the instructions, and amendment No. 3040 thereto fell.

The amendment No. 3035 having been agreed to,

The amendment No. 2064 was rendered moot.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2999 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment was modified.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2999, as modified, to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

After debate,

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the order of today relative to the proposal of amendment No. 2972, and debate thereon, be vitiated; and that votes in "stacked" sequence on today each be 10 minutes in duration.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2196 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. COBURN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---

yeas... 26, nays... 69

[Rollcall Vote No. 356 Leg.]

YEAS --- 26

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bunning, Burr, Carper, Coburn, Cornyn, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Graham, Grassley, Inhofe, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Rockefeller, Sessions, Sununu, Thune, Vitter.

NAYS --- 69

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Craig, Crapo, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feinstein, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. WARNER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

Mr. LEVIN, by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of Senators indicated; each was modified, as indicated, and agreed to:

Mr. SANDERS, amendment No. 2902; Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI), amendment No. 3000; Mr. KERRY, amendment No. 3041; Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE), amendment No. 3073; Mr. WEBB, amendment No. 2127, as modified; Mr. MCCAIN, amendment No. 3088; Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS), amendment No. 2983; Mr. LEVIN, amendment No. 3076; Mr. CARDIN, amendment No. 2991; Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. DODD), amendment No. 2989; Mr. LAUTENBERG, amendment No. 3081; Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. SANDERS), amendment No. 3078; Mr. MCCAIN, amendment No. 3104; Mr. MCCAIN, amendment No. 2133; Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN), amendment No. 3077; Mr. LEVIN, amendment No. 2265, as modified; Mr. MCCAIN, amendment No. 3087; Mr. WARNER, amendment No. 2954; Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. PRYOR), amendment No. 2049; Mr. CRAIG, amendment No. 2101; Mr. INHOFE, amendment No. 2261; Mrs. LINCOLN, amendment No. 2074; Mr. BILL NELSON, amendment No. 2000; Mr. E. BENJAMIN

NELSON, amendment No. 2161; Mr. REID, amendment No. 2925; Mr. LAUTENBERG, amendment No. 2912; Mr. KENNEDY, amendment No. 2066; Mrs. HUTCHISON, amendment No. 2984, as modified; Mr. BIDEN, amendment No. 3075, as modified; Mr. MCCAIN, amendment No. 3089, as modified; Mr. MCCAIN, amendment No. 3090; Ms. LANDRIEU, amendment No. 2993, as modified; Mr. KENNEDY, amendment No. 2872, as modified; Mr. LOTT, amendment No. 2214, as modified; Mr. SALAZAR, amendment No. 2942, as modified.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PRYOR in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on yesterday, to bring to a close debate on the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 89, nays... 6

[Rollcall Vote No. 357 Leg.]

YEAS --- 89

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 6

Collins, Dodd, Feingold, Leahy, Sanders, Voinovich.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr.

LIEBERMAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. DODD) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3058).

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. DODD) to amend (perfect) the pending amendment by striking all after the first word, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3109).

On motion by Mr. WARNER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to (perfecting) amendment No. 3109 to amendment No. 3058 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Thursday, September 27, 2007, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1983. A bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to renew and amend the provisions for the enhanced review of covered pesticide products, to authorize fees for certain pesticide products, and to expend and improve the collection of maintenance fees, and for other purposes.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries:

TRANSMITTING LEGISLATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE UNITED STATES-PERU TRADE PROMOTION AGREEMENT—
PM 27

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit legislation and supporting documents to implement the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement (Agreement). The Agreement represents a historic development in our relations with Peru, and it reflects the commitment of the United States to supporting democracy and economic growth in Peru. It will also help Peru battle illegal crop production by creating alternative economic opportunities.

In negotiating this Agreement, my Administration was guided by the objectives set out in the Trade Act of 2002. The Agreement will create significant new opportunities for American workers, farmers, ranchers, businesses, and consumers by opening new markets and eliminating barriers.

Under the Agreement, tariffs on approximately 80 percent of U.S. exports will be eliminated immediately. This will help to level the playing field, since over 97 percent of our imports from Peru already enjoy duty-free access to our market under U.S. trade preference programs. United States agricultural exports will enjoy substantial new improvements in access. Almost 90 percent, by value, of current U.S. agricultural exports will be able to enter Peru duty-free immediately, compared to less than 2 percent currently. By providing for the effective enforcement of labor and environmental laws, combined with strong remedies for noncompliance, the Agreement will contribute to improved worker rights and high levels of environmental protection in Peru.

The Agreement forms an integral part of my Administration's larger strategy of opening markets around the world through negotiating and concluding global, regional, and bilateral trade initiatives. The Agreement provides the opportunity to strengthen our economic and political ties with the Andean region, and underpins U.S. support for democracy and freedom while contributing to further hemispheric integration.

Approval of this Agreement is in our national interest.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *September 27, 2007.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3443. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mexican Fruit Fly; Removal of Quarantined Area" (Docket No. APHIS-2007-0051)

received on September 25, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3444. A communication from the Assistant to the Board, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expanded Examination Cycle for Certain Small Insured Depository Institutions and U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks" (Docket No. R-1279) received on September 25, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3445. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving exports to Saudi Arabia including equipment and services needed to support a greenfield petrochemical plant; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3446. A communication from the Secretary, Office of Investment Adviser Regulations, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule Regarding Principal Trades with Certain Advisory Clients" (RIN3235-AJ96) received on September 26, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3447. A communication from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definitions of Terms and Exemptions Relating to the 'Broker' Exceptions for Banks" (RIN3235-AJ74) received on September 26, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3448. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Governing Practice Before the Internal Revenue Service" ((RIN1545-BA72)(TD 9359)) received on September 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3449. A communication from the Chairman, Office of General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of Campaign Funds for Donations to Non-Federal Candidates and Any Other Lawful Purpose Other Than Personal Use" (Notice 2007-18) received on September 25, 2007; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-3450. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the second quarter report of the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3451. A communication from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division,

Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the initiation of a standard competition of the Vehicle Operations and Maintenance function at Travis Air Force Base; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3452. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Oxides of Nitrogen Regulations, Phase II" (FRL No. 8472-4) received on September 26, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3453. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Alabama; Clean Air Interstate Rule" (FRL No. 8475-9) received on September 26, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3454. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Implementation Plans of Kentucky: Clean Air Interstate Rule" (FRL No. 8475-4) received on September 26, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3455. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Mississippi; Clean Air Interstate Rule" (FRL No. 8475-8) received on September 26, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3456. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Jersey; Clean Air Interstate Rule" (FRL No. 8472-5) received on September 26, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3457. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Implementation Plans; North Carolina: Clean Air Interstate Rule" (FRL No. 8475-6) received on September 26, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3458. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Florasulam; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8148-4) received on September 26, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3459. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tembotrione; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8148-2) received on September 26, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3460. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Quinclorac; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8149-5) received on September 26, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3461. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the biennial report relative to the status of children in Head Start Programs for fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3462. A communication from the Chief Acquisition Officer, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation" (FAC 2005-19) received on September 26, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3463. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the compliance of courts of appeals and district courts with time limitations established for deciding habeas corpus death penalty petitions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3464. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Air Force Sergeants Association, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the financial statements of the Association for the year ended April 30, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3465. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Flexibility Program" (71 FR 4035) received on September 26, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3466. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "Guidance on Passive Foreign Investment Purging Elections" (TD 9360) received on September 26, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3467. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Rev. Rul. 2007-54" (Rev. Rul. 2007-61) received on September 26, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 258. A resolution recognizing the historical and educational significance of the Atlantic Freedom Tour of the Freedom Schooner Amistad, and expressing the sense of the Senate that preserving the legacy of the Amistad story is important in promoting multicultural dialogue, education, and cooperation.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S.J. Res. 13. A joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the International Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Con. Res. 45. A concurrent resolution commending the Ed Block Courage Award Foundation for its work in aiding children and families affected by child abuse, and designating November 2007 as National Courage Month.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2104. A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to clarify the temporary suspension of duty for certain DVD readers and writers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HAGEL:

S. 2105. A bill to provide for the establishment of the Federal Health Care Board; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 2106. A bill to provide nationwide subpoena authority for actions brought under

the September 11 Victim Compensation Fund of 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 2107. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 570 Broadway in Bayonne, New Jersey, as the "Dennis P. Collins Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DODD, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 2108. A bill to establish a public education and awareness program relating to emergency contraception; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 2109. A bill to designate certain Federal lands in Riverside County, California, as wilderness, to designate certain river segments in Riverside County as a wild, scenic, or recreational river, to adjust the boundary of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2110. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 427 North Street in Taft, California, as the "Larry S. Pierce Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 2111. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to allow State educational agencies, local educational agencies, and schools to increase implementation of early intervention services, particularly school-wide positive behavior supports; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 2112. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish the Nurse-Managed Health Clinic Investment program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) (by request)

S. 2113. A bill to implement the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement; to the Committee on Finance pursuant to section 2103(b) of Public Law 107-210.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 2114. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act, to provide for enhanced disclosures to consumers and enhanced regulation of mortgage brokers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CARDIN:

S. 2115. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend for 6 months the eligibility period for the "Welcome to Medicare" physical examination and to provide for the coverage and waiver of cost-sharing for preventive services under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. Res. 334. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the degradation of the Jordan River and the Dead Sea and welcoming cooperation between the peoples of Israel, Jordan, and Palestine; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 335. A resolution recognizing that the occurrence of prostate cancer in African American men has reached epidemic proportions and urging Federal agencies to address that health crisis by designating funds for education, awareness outreach, and research specifically focused on how that disease affects African American men; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. WEBB, Mr. REID, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DODD, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. LOTT, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. BUNNING):

S. Res. 336. A resolution recognizing and honoring the 20 years of service and contributions of Dr. James Hadley Billington as Librarian of Congress; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 156

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 156, a bill to make the moratorium on Internet access taxes and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce permanent.

S. 396

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 396, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat controlled foreign corporations in tax havens as domestic corporations.

S. 446

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 446, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize capitation grants to increase the number of nursing faculty and students, and for other purposes.

S. 609

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 609, a bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

S. 721

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 721, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 739

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 739, a bill to provide disadvantaged children with access to dental services.

S. 887

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 887, a bill to restore import and entry agricultural inspection functions to the Department of Agriculture.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 911, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 941

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 941, a bill to increase Federal support for Community Health Centers and the National Health Service Corps in order to ensure access to health care for millions of Americans living in medically underserved areas.

S. 959

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 959, a bill to award a grant to enable Teach for America, Inc., to implement and expand its teaching program.

S. 960

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 960, a bill to establish the United States Public Service Academy.

S. 979

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 979, a bill to establish a Vote by Mail grant program.

S. 1015

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1015, a bill to reauthorize the National Writing Project.

S. 1102

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1102, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expedite the application and eligibility process for low-income subsidies under the Medicare prescription drug program and to revise the resource standards used to determine eligibility for an income-related subsidy, and for other purposes.

S. 1107

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1107, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce cost-sharing under part D of such title for certain non-institutionalized full-benefit dual eligible individuals.

S. 1161

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1161, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize the expansion of medicare coverage of medical nutrition therapy services.

S. 1284

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1284, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the taxation of income of controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property.

S. 1376

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1376, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and expand the drug discount program under section 340B of such Act to improve the provision of discounts on

drug purchases for certain safety net providers.

S. 1494

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1494, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the special diabetes programs for Type I diabetes and Indians under that Act.

S. 1543

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] were added as cosponsors of S. 1543, a bill to establish a national geothermal initiative to encourage increased production of energy from geothermal resources, and for other purposes.

S. 1661

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1661, a bill to communicate United States travel policies and improve marketing and other activities designed to increase travel in the United States from abroad.

S. 1895

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1895, a bill to aid and support pediatric involvement in reading and education.

S. 1925

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1925, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act, to prevent credit card issuers from taking unfair advantage of college students and their parents, and for other purposes.

S. 1944

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1944, a bill to provide justice for victims of state-sponsored terrorism.

S. 1958

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1958, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure and foster continued patient quality of care by establishing facility and patient criteria for long-term care hospitals and related improvements under the Medicare program.

S. 1965

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE], the

Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1965, a bill to protect children from cybercrimes, including crimes by online predators, to enhance efforts to identify and eliminate child pornography, and to help parents shield their children from material that is inappropriate for minors.

S. 1970

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1970, a bill to establish a National Commission on Children and Disasters, a National Resource Center on Children and Disasters, and for other purposes.

S. 1998

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1998, a bill to reduce child marriage, and for other purposes.

S. 2031

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2031, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to provide grants and flexibility through demonstration projects for States to provide universal, comprehensive, cost-effective systems of health care coverage, with simplified administration.

S. 2070

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the names of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK] were added as cosponsors of S. 2070, a bill to prevent Government shutdowns.

S. 2071

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2071, a bill to enhance the ability to combat methamphetamine.

S. 2094

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2094, a bill to increase the wages and benefits of blue collar workers by strengthening labor provisions in the H-2B program, to provide for labor recruiter accountability, and for other purposes.

S. 2103

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2103, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate the in the home restriction for Medicare coverage of mobility devices for individuals with expected long-term needs.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 18

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 18, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services within the Department of Health and Human Services relating to a cost limit for providers operated by units of government and other provisions under the Medicaid program.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 47

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 47, a concurrent resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the United States Air Force as an independent military service.

SENATE RESOLUTION 252

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 252, a resolution recognizing the increasingly mutually beneficial relationship between the United States of America and the Republic of Indonesia.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 27, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 27, 2007, at 10:30 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 27, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 27, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 27, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 27, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on the Convention on the Law of the Sea.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, September 27, 2007, at 9 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a markup on Thursday, September 27, 2007, at 10 a.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building room 226.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs to be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 27, 2007, to conduct a hearing on the Nomination of Paul J. Hutter to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs. The committee will meet in room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 9:30 a.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST, COMPETITION POLICY AND CONSUMER RIGHTS

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 27, 2007, at 2 p.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building room 226.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, FEDERAL SERVICES AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services and International Security be authorized to meet on Thursday, September 27, 2007, at 3:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Cost Effective Airlift in the 21st Century".

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

The Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 27, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 1:38 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2693. An act to direct the Occupational Safety and Health

Administration to issue a standard regulating worker exposure to diacetyl.

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION REFERRED

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 217. Concurrent resolution to correct technical errors in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3580; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HONORING THE
ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF STEPHEN
JOEL TRACHTENBERG

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 210) honoring the accomplishments of Stephen Joel Trachtenberg as president of the George Washington University in Washington, D.C., in recognition of his upcoming retirement in July 2007.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING DR. JAMES HADLEY
BILLINGTON AS LIBRARIAN OF
CONGRESS

On the request of Mr. BROWN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 336) recognizing and honoring the 20 years of service and contributions of Dr. James Hadley Billington as Librarian of Congress, submitted today by Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. WEBB, Mr. REID, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DODD, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. LOTT, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. BUNNING), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

JOSHUA OMVIG VETERANS
SUICIDE PREVENTION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 327) to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop and implement a comprehensive program designed to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. BROWN (for Mr. HARKIN) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3111, the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO STUDENT
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DURING
A WAR OR OTHER MILITARY
OPERATION OR NATIONAL
EMERGENCY

On the request of Mr. BROWN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3625) to make permanent the waiver authority of the Secretary of Education with respect to student financial assistance during a war or other military operation or national emergency, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

TMA, ABSTINENCE EDUCATION,
AND QI PROGRAMS EXTENSION
ACT

On the request of Mr. BROWN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3668) to provide for the extension of transitional medical assistance (TMA), the abstinence education program, and the qualifying individuals (QI) program,

and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. BROWN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2693) to direct the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to issue a standard regulating worker exposure to diacetyl, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. BROWN asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. BROWN objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDER FOR SEQUENTIAL
REFERRAL OF NOMINATION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That when the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs reports the nomination of Julie Myers, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, it be sequentially referred to the Committee on the Judiciary for 30 calendar days; that, if said Committee has not reported the nomination at the conclusion of said period, it be discharged from further consideration of the nomination; and that the nomination be placed on the executive calendar.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the

Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of bill H.R. 1585.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

At 9:57 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2007

Mr. SHERROD BROWN, from the State of Ohio, called the Senate to order at 10:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. BROWN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, September 28, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a Senator from the State of Ohio, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. BROWN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2693) to direct the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to issue a standard regulating worker exposure to diacetyl, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 1585) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to (perfecting) amendment No. 3109, proposed by Mr. LEVIN for Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mrs. McCASKILL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. DODD), to amendment No. 3058, proposed by Mr. LEVIN for Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mrs. McCASKILL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. DODD), to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, proposed by Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON (for Mr. LEVIN), to the bill.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN LEGISLATION

Mr. LEVIN asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2640) to improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, and for other purposes; that an amendment (in the nature of a substitute) intended to be proposed by Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER) be deemed proposed and agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Mr. WARNER objected.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

The Senate resumed consideration bill H.R. 1585.

The question being on agreeing to (perfecting) amendment No. 3109 to amendment No. 3058 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1585.

The question being on agreeing to (perfecting) amendment No. 3109 to amendment No. 3058 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That the Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 2116. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that corporate tax benefits based upon stock option compensation expenses be consistent with accounting expenses shown in corporate financial statements for such compensation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 2117. A bill to encourage the development of research-proven programs

funded under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 2118. A bill to encourage the use of research-proven programs in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. BENNETT):

S. Res. 337. A resolution authorizing the Committee on Rules and Administration to prepare a revised edition of the Standing Rules of the Senate as a Senate document; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 130

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 130, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend reasonable cost contracts under Medicare.

S. 261

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 261, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 358

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 358, a bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment.

S. 400

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] were added as cosponsors of S. 400, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that dependent students who take a medically necessary leave of absence do not lose health insurance coverage, and for other purposes.

S. 612

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 612, a bill to improve the health of women through the establishment of Offices of Women's Health within the Department of Health and Human Services.

S. 625

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 625, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide a tax credit to individuals who enter into agreements to protect the habitats of endangered and threatened species, and for other purposes.

S. 790

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 790, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to permit the simplified summer food programs to be carried out in all States and by all service institutions.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1466

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1466, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude property tax rebates and other benefits provided to volunteer firefighters, search and rescue personnel, and emergency medical responders from income and employment taxes and wage withholding.

S. 1638

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1638, a bill to adjust the salaries of Federal justices and judges, and for other purposes.

S. 2063

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2063, a bill to establish a Bipartisan Task Force for Responsible Fiscal Action, to assure the economic security of the United States, and to expand future prosperity and growth for all Americans.

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2063, supra.

S. 2065

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2065, a bill to provide assistance to community health coalitions to increase

access to and improve the quality of health care services.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 13, a joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the International Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding.

AUTHORITY FOR A COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet on Friday, September 28, 2007, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "The Role of Federal Executive Boards in Pandemic Preparedness."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:05 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3121. An act to restore the financial solvency of the national flood insurance program and to provide for such program to make available multiperil coverage for damage resulting from windstorms and floods, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3567. An act to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to expand opportunities for investments in small businesses, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 3121. An act to restore the financial solvency of the national flood insurance program and to provide for such program to make available multiperil coverage for damage resulting from windstorms and floods, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 3567. An act to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to expand opportunities for investments in small businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

**BILLS ON THE CALENDAR
INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

Ordered, That the following bills be indefinitely postponed:

S. 1539. A bill to designate the post office located at 309 East Linn Street, Marshalltown, Iowa, as the "Major Scott Nisely Post Office".

S. 1596. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 South Getty Street in Uvalde, Texas, as the "Dolph S. Briscoe, Jr. Post Office Building".

S. 1732. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Boardwalk Drive in Fort Collins, Colorado, as the "Dr. Karl E. Carson Post Office Building".

S. 1781. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 118 Minner Avenue in Bakersfield, California, as the "Buck Owens Post Office".

**AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION
OF A REVISED EDITION OF THE
STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE
AS A SENATE DOCUMENT**

On the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 337) authorizing the Committee on Rules and Administration to prepare a revised edition of the Standing Rules of the Senate as a Senate document, submitted today by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. BENNETT), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

**ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY,
OCTOBER 1, 2007, AND FOR
PROGRAM**

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, October 1, 2007; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of

Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 3 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for 10 minutes each; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled in the usual form; and that, at 3 p.m., the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 1585.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

At 12:56 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, October 1, 2007.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2007

Mr. JIM WEBB, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WEBB led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, October 1, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JIM WEBB, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. WEBB took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, September 28, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

**CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH**

Pursuant to the order of Friday, September 28, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

Pending debate,

**MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE
RECEIVED DURING
ADJOURNMENT**

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the Secretary of the Senate, on September 29, 2007, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3625. An act to make permanent the waiver authority of the Secretary of Education with respect to student financial assistance during a war or other military operation or national emergency.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the enrolled bill was subsequently signed on September 29, 2007, by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

**ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT
RESOLUTIONS SIGNED**

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the following enrolled bills and joint resolutions, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, were signed on September 28, 2007, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

H.R. 976. An act to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3668. An act to provide for the extension of transitional medical assistance (TMA), the abstinence education program, and the qualifying individuals (QI) program, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 43. Joint resolution increasing the statutory limit on the public debt.

H.J. Res. 52. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes.

**TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS**

Pursuant to the order of Friday, September 28, 2007,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget

Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2008" (Rept. No. 110-186).

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

Report to accompany S. 1693, A bill to enhance the adoption of a nationwide interoperable health information technology system and to improve the quality and reduce the costs of health care in the United States (Rept. No. 110-187).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 2119. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. DODD, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 2120. A bill to authorize the establishment of a Social Investment and Economic Development Fund for the Americas to provide assistance to reduce poverty, expand the middle class, and foster increased economic opportunity in the countries of the Western Hemisphere, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2121. A bill to provide funding and incentives for caregiver support and long-term care assistance; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 2122. A bill to amend title V of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to reduce class size through the use of highly qualified teachers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. DODD, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DOMENICI, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SMITH, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SUNUNU, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 2123. A bill to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2124. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Montana, to Jefferson County, Montana, for use as a cemetery; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SHELBY:

S.J. Res. 19. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which requires (except during time of war and subject to suspension by Congress) that the total amount of money expended by the United States during any fiscal year not exceed the amount of certain revenue received by the United States during such fiscal year and not exceed 20 per centum of the gross national product of the United States during the previous calendar year; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. Res. 338. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Passport Month; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LUGAR, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. REID, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. SUNUNU, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. Res. 339. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the situation in Burma; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. Res. 340. A resolution recognizing the efforts and contributions of outstanding Hispanic scientists in the United States; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 334

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 334, a bill to provide affordable, guaranteed private health coverage that will make Americans healthier and can never be taken away.

S. 335

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 335, a bill to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from using private debt collection companies, and for other purposes.

S. 469

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

S. 557

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the depreciation classification of motorsports entertainment complexes.

S. 667

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 667, a bill to expand programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse and neglect prevention, and early identification of developmental and health delays, including potential mental health concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 741

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] were added as cosponsors of S. 741, a bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to establish a grant program to ensure waterfront access for commercial fishermen, and for other purposes.

S. 759

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 759, a bill to prohibit the use of funds for military operations in Iran.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was

added as a cosponsor of S. 803, a bill to repeal a provision enacted to end Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 969, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the definition of supervisor.

S. 1015

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1015, a bill to reauthorize the National Writing Project.

S. 1070

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1070, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to enhance the social security of the Nation by ensuring adequate public-private infrastructure and to resolve to prevent, detect, treat, intervene in, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes.

S. 1120

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1120, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants for the training of graduate medical residents in preventive medicine and public health.

S. 1139

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1139, a bill to establish the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit through 2013, and for other purposes.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1494

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1494, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the special diabetes programs for Type I diabetes and Indians under that Act.

S. 1568

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1568, a bill to

amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage private philanthropy.

S. 1577

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1577, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to require screening, including national criminal history background checks, of direct patient access employees of skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, and other long-term care facilities and providers, and to provide for nationwide expansion of the pilot program for national and State background checks on direct patient access employees of long-term care facilities or providers.

S. 1627

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1627, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and expand the benefits for businesses operating in empowerment zones, enterprise communities, or renewal communities, and for other purposes.

S. 1661

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1661, a bill to communicate United States travel policies and improve marketing and other activities designed to increase travel in the United States from abroad.

S. 1718

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1718, a bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for reimbursement to servicemembers of tuition for programs of education interrupted by military service, for deferment of students loans and reduced interest rates for servicemembers during periods of military service, and for other purposes.

S. 1733

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1733, a bill to authorize funds to prevent housing discrimination through the use of nationwide testing, to increase funds for the Fair Housing Initiatives Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1773

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to regulate payroll tax deposit agents.

S. 1791

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1791, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to

reauthorize, and increase funding for, the biodiesel fuel education program.

S. 1843

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1843, a bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to clarify that an unlawful practice occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, and for other purposes.

S. 1895

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1895, a bill to aid and support pediatric involvement in reading and education.

S. 1930

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1930, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prevent illegal logging practices, and for other purposes.

S. 1951

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 1951, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure that individuals eligible for medical assistance under the Medicaid program continue to have access to prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 1954

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1954, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to pharmacies under part D.

S. 1970

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1970, a bill to establish a National Commission on Children and Disasters, a National Resource Center on Children and Disasters, and for other purposes.

S. 2067

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2067, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to recreational vessels.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13

At the request of Mr. GREGG, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 13, a joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the International Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding.

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 13, *supra*.

SENATE RESOLUTION 319

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 319, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the United States Transportation Command on its 20th anniversary.

NATIONAL DEFENSE
AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2008

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT *pro tempore* laid before the Senate its pending business, *viz*, the bill (H.R. 1585) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to (perfecting) amendment No. 3109, proposed by Mr. LEVIN for Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mrs. McCASKILL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. DODD), to amendment No. 3058, proposed by Mr. LEVIN for Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mrs. McCASKILL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. DODD), to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, proposed by Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON (for Mr. LEVIN), to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. LEVIN, by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of Senators indicated; each was modified, as indicated, and agreed to:

Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN), amendment No. 2937, as modified; Mr. CARPER, amendment No. 3028; Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. DODD), amendment No. 3099, as modified; Mr. BENNETT, amendment No. 3102; Mr. LOTT, amendment No. 2264, as modified; Mrs. MURRAY, amendment No. 2953, as modified; Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. COLEMAN), amendment No. 3005, as modified; Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. SMITH, Mr.

STEVENS, and Mr. LOTT), amendment No. 2957, as modified; Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. MCCAIN), amendment No. 3103, as modified; Mr. BILL NELSON (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ), amendment No. 3107; Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. BYRD, Mr. BOND, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. WEBB, Mr. BURR, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. KERRY), amendment No. 3082, as modified; Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. TESTER), amendment No. 2325, as modified; Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. BYRD, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. INOUE), amendment No. 2897, as modified; Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. BIDEN), amendment No. 2068, as modified; Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. INHOFE), amendment No. 3112; Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BYRD, and Mrs. CLINTON), amendment No. 3032, as modified; Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SUNUNU, and Mr. HARKIN), amendment No. 2905, as modified; and Mrs. HUTCHISON, amendment No. 3027, as modified.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3109 to amendment No. 3058 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That the pending amendment No. 3109 be withdrawn; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on amendment No. 3058; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation thereto; that no amendment be in order to the amendment; that no further amendment be in order to be proposed; that, upon disposition of amendment No. 3058, the amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, be agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, as amended; and that provisions of the orders for consideration of the bill remain in effect.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF
BILL H.R. 3222

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That, on tomorrow, following a period for the transaction of morning business, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 3222) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

NATIONAL DEFENSE
AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2008

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 1585.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3109 to amendment No. 3058 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment No. 3109 was withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3058 to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 51, nays... 44

[Rollcall Vote No. 358 Leg.]

YEAS --- 51

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 44

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2011 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall the bill, as amended, pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 92, nays... 3

[Rollcall Vote No. 359 Leg.]

YEAS --- 92

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 3

Byrd, Coburn, Feingold.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

On motion by Mr. WARNER to reconsider the vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN LEGISLATION

Mr. LEAHY asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider the bill (S. 1327) to create and extend certain temporary district court judgeships; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be made and laid upon the table.

Mr. SESSIONS objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN LEGISLATION

Mr. LEAHY asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider the bill (S. 535) to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and an Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Investigative Office in the Civil Rights Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and for other purposes; that the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; that the reported amendment to the title of the bill be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be made and laid upon the table.

Mr. COBURN objected.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 27, 2007,

The Senate insisted on its amendment to bill H.R. 1585, and asked a conference with the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 27, 2007,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) appointed the following as conferees on the part of the Senate to the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to bill H.R. 1585: Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BYRD, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Mr. BAYH, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. WEBB, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. SESSIONS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. CORKER.

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from Treaty Document 110-8, received from the President on today.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL PASSPORT MONTH

On the request of Mr. BROWN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 338) supporting the goals and ideals of National Passport Month, submitted today by Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE ON THE SITUATION IN BURMA

On the request of Mr. BROWN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 339) expressing the sense of the Senate on the situation in Burma, submitted today by Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LUGAR, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr.

KENNEDY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. REID, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. SUNUNU, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUTSTANDING HISPANIC SCIENTISTS IN THE UNITED STATES

On the request of Mr. BROWN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 340) recognizing the efforts and contributions of outstanding Hispanic scientists in the United States, submitted today by Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. SALAZAR), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders, or their designees; that the minority control the first half of time therein, and the majority control the second half of the time therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to consider bill H.R. 3222, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

At 6:50 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2007

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. TESTER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, October 2, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. TESTER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3468. A communication from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the initiation of a single function standard competition of the Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory functions at Kirtland Air Force Base; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3469. A communication from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the initiation of a single function standard competition of the Environmental function at Robins Air Force Base; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3470. A communication from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the initiation of a single function standard competition of the Test Tract Instrument functions at Holloman Air Force Base; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3471. A communication from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the initiation of a multi-function standard competition of the Transportation and Supply functions at Hanscom Air Force Base; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3472. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving the export of materials supporting the construction of a mobile offshore oil rig in Mexico; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3473. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vessel Documentation: Lease Financing for Vessels Engaged in the Coastwise Trade" ((RIN1625-AA28)(Docket No. USCG-2005-20258)) received on September 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3474. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transportation Worker Identification Credential Implementation in the Maritime Sector; Hazardous Materials Endorsement for a Commercial Driver's License" (RIN1652-AA41) received on September 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3475. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulations, Amendments" ((RIN1652-AA36)(USCG-2001-10881)) received on September 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3476. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone: Winnetka Fireworks, Lake Michigan, Winnetka, IL" ((RIN1652-AA00)(CGD09-06-116)) received on September 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3477. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone (including 3 regulations beginning with CGD05-07-080)" (RIN1652-AA87) received on September 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3478. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Spa Creek and Severn River, Annapolis, MD" ((RIN1652-AA08)(CG05-07-063)) received on September 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3479. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zones (including 2 regulations beginning with COTP San Juan 05-007)" (RIN1652-AA87) received on September 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3480. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone (including 10 regulations beginning with COTP Miami 07-065)" (RIN1625-AA00) received on September 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3481. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pennsylvania Regulatory Program" (Docket No. PA-149-FOR) received on September 28, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3482. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for *Ceanothus ophiocilus* and *Fremontodendron mexicanum*" (RIN1018-AU77) received on September 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3483. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Nonessential Experimental Population Status for 15 Freshwater Mussels, 1 Freshwater Snail, and 5 Fishes in the Lower French Broad River and in the Lower Holston River, TN" (RIN1018-AU01) received on September 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3484. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting: Late Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for Certain Migratory Game Birds" (RIN1018-AV12) received on September 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3485. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting: Final Frameworks for Late Season Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations" (RIN1018-AV12) received on September 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3486. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a biennial report entitled, "The Impact of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3487. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mining Industry Overview Guide" (Docket No. LMSB-04-0407-033) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3488. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act in the Department of the Army, case number 06-09; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3489. A communication from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Board; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3490. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles and defense services related to the launch of satellites from Kazakhstan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3491. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles and defense services related to the co-development of the Galaxy Express space launch vehicle upgrade program for Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3492. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles and defense services related to the launch of satellites from the Pacific Ocean utilizing a modified oil platform; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3493. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2007-192 - 2007-200); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3494. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Board of the International Fund for Ireland; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3495. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles to support the manufacture of the Korean Commander's Panoramic Sight; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3496. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, technical data, and defense services to Japan in support of the MK 41 Vertical Launching System; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3497. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting,

pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Letter Report: Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B for Fiscal Year 2005 Through 2007, as of March 31, 2007"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. KOHL:

S. 2125. A bill to improve public awareness in the United States among older individuals and their families and caregivers about the impending Digital Television Transition through the establishment of a Federal interagency taskforce between the Federal Communications Commission, the Administration on Aging, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, and the outside advice of appropriate members of the aging network and industry groups; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr.

JOHNSON, and Mr. GREGG):

S. 2126. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals to defer recognition of reinvested capital gains distributions from regulated investment companies; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 2127. A bill to provide assistance to families of miners involved in mining accidents; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SUNUNU (for himself, Mr.

MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. LOTT):

S. 2128. A bill to make the moratorium on Internet access taxes and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce permanent; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 341. A resolution concerning the recent forest fires in Greece; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr.

MARTINEZ, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. REID, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LUGAR, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DOMENICI, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DODD, Mr.

VOINOVICH Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. Res. 342. A resolution recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Hispanic Americans and their immense contributions to the Nation; considered and agreed to

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Ms. MIKULSKI Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CASEY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BAYH, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. Res. 343. A resolution designating October 19, 2007, as "National Mammography Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. Con. Res. 48. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding high level visits to the United States by democratically-elected officials of Taiwan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 311

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 311, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

S. 327

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 327, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement.

S. 617

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 617, a bill to make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available at a discount to certain veterans.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 626, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 652

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 652, a bill to extend certain trade preferences to certain least-developed countries, and for other purposes.

S. 667

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 667, a bill to expand programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse and neglect prevention, and early identification of developmental and health delays, including potential mental health concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 799

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] were added as cosponsors of S. 799, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide individuals with disabilities and older Americans with equal access to community-based attendant services and supports, and for other purposes.

S. 980

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 980, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to address online pharmacies.

S. 1090

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1090, a bill to amend the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 to assist the neediest of senior citizens by modifying the eligibility criteria for supplemental foods provided under the commodity supplemental food program to take into account the extraordinarily high out-of-pocket medical expenses that senior citizens pay, and for other purposes.

S. 1120

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] were added as cosponsors of S. 1120, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants for the training of graduate medical residents in preventive medicine and public health.

S. 1150

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1150, a bill to enhance the State inspection of meat and poultry in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1428

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1428, a bill to

amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to assure access to durable medical equipment under the Medicare program.

S. 1494

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1494, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the special diabetes programs for Type I diabetes and Indians under that Act.

S. 1529

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1529, a bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to end benefit erosion, support working families with child care expenses, encourage retirement and education savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1592

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1592, a bill to reauthorize the Underground Railroad Educational and Cultural Program.

S. 1827

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1827, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require prompt payment to pharmacies under part D, to restrict pharmacy co-branding on prescription drug cards issued under such part, and to provide guidelines for Medication Therapy Management Services programs offered by prescription drug plans and MA-PD plans under such part.

S. 1895

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1895, a bill to aid and support pediatric involvement in reading and education.

S. 1905

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1905, a bill to provide for a rotating schedule for regional selection of delegates to a national Presidential nominating convention, and for other purposes.

S. 1951

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1951, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure that individuals eligible for medical assistance under the Medicaid program continue to have access to prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 1958

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1958, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act

to ensure and foster continued patient quality of care by establishing facility and patient criteria for long-term care hospitals and related improvements under the Medicare program.

S. 1965

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1965, a bill to protect children from cybercrimes, including crimes by online predators, to enhance efforts to identify and eliminate child pornography, and to help parents shield their children from material that is inappropriate for minors.

S. 1990

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1990, a bill to amend part D of title III of the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants and loan guarantees for health centers to enable the centers to fund capital needs projects, and for other purposes.

S. 2031

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2031, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to provide grants and flexibility through demonstration projects for States to provide universal, comprehensive, cost-effective systems of health care coverage, with simplified administration.

S. 2051

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2051, a bill to amend the small rural school achievement program and the rural and low-income school program under part B of title VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

SENATE RESOLUTION 252

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 252, a resolution recognizing the increasingly mutually beneficial relationship between the United States of America and the Republic of Indonesia.

SENATE RESOLUTION 339

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 339, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the situation in Burma.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. INOUE,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 2, 2007, at 10:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing entitled: "Current Mine Safety and Disasters: Issues and Challenges," during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 2, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a hearing entitled: "Preserving the Rule of Law in the Fight Against Terrorism," on Tuesday, October 2, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs to be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 2, 2007, to conduct a vote on the nomination of Paul J. Hutter, to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 2, 2007, at 10 a.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2276. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 203 North Main Street in Vassar, Michigan, as the "Corporal Christopher E. Esckelson Post Office Building".

H.R. 2779. An act to recognize the Navy UDT-SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the official national museum of Navy SEALS and their predecessors.

H.R. 3233. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at

Highway 49 South in Piney Woods, Mississippi, as the "Lawrence C. And Grace M. Jones Post Office Building".

H.R. 3325. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 235 Mountain Road in Suffield, Connecticut, as the "Corporal Stephen R. Bixler Post Office".

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

S. 474. An act to award a congressional gold medal to Michael Ellis DeBakey, M.D.

S. 1612. An act to amend the penalty provisions in the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 185. Concurrent resolution commending the 1st Brigade Combat Team/34th Infantry Division of the Minnesota National Guard upon its completion of the longest continuous deployment of any United States ground combat military unit in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 1928a, clause 10 of rule I, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly to fill the existing vacancy thereon: Mr. MILLER of Florida.

HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

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

H.R. 2276. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 203 North Main Street in Vassar, Michigan, as the "Corporal Christopher E. Esckelson Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2779. An act to recognize the Navy UDT-SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the official national museum of Navy SEALS and their predecessors; to the Committee on Armed Services.

H.R. 3233. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at Highway 49 South in Piney Woods, Mississippi, as the "Lawrence C. and Grace M. Jones Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBJECT

Mrs. FEINSTEIN, pursuant to the provisions of section 512 of Public Law 110-181, submitted a notice of her intent to object to consideration of the bill (S. 223) to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3222) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. AKAKA,

Ordered, That the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be considered original text for the purpose of further amendment; and that no points of order be waived by this order.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. GREGG, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CORKER, Mr. KYL, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. MARTINEZ) to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3117).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. GREGG to amend the pending amendment, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3119).

After debate,

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By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. INOUE,

At 12:16 p.m.,

The Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 3222.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3119 to amendment No. 3117 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER to further amend the bill in title VIII, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3126).

Pending debate,

Mrs. BOXER asked for the yeas and nays on the question of agreeing to her pending amendment.

There was not a sufficient second.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3126 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Mrs. BOXER modified her pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 3126, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS to further amend the bill in title VIII, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3130).

Pending debate,

Mr. SANDERS asked for the yeas and nays on the question of agreeing to his pending amendment.

There was not a sufficient second.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3130 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. INOUE,

Ordered, That amendment No. 3126, as modified, be the pending question.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3126, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. INOUE,

Ordered, That, at 4 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to the pending amendment, as modified; that there be 5 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Mrs. BOXER and Mr. INOUE, or their

designees, prior to the vote; and that no amendment to the amendment be in order prior to said vote.

Ordered further, That, when the Senate resumes consideration of bill H.R. 3222 on tomorrow, amendment No. 3117 be the pending question; that amendment No. 3119 be withdrawn; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled, in the usual form, for debate thereon, between Mr. GRAHAM and Mr. INOUE, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to said amendment; and that no amendment to the amendment be in order prior to the vote.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3126, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. INOUE to lay the pending amendment, as modified, on the table.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 53, nays... 41

[Rollcall Vote No. 360 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kohl, Kyl, Levin, Lieberman, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (NE), Reed, Rockefeller, Sessions, Shelby, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Webb.

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Baucus, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Pryor, Reid, Roberts, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Stabenow, Tester, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion to table was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. STEVENS to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3130 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Mr. INOUE proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was modified, as indicated, and agreed to: Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr.

WYDEN, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. TESTER), amendment No. 3120; Mr. ROBERTS, amendment No. 3125; Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY), amendment No. 3128; Mr. LOTT, amendment No. 3124, as modified.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the bill H.R. 3222, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 3222:

DANIEL K. INOUE, JON TESTER, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., TED KENNEDY, TOM CARPER, MAX BAUCUS, KENT CONRAD, ROBERT MENENDEZ, PATTY MURRAY, CARL LEVIN, E. BENJAMIN NELSON, BARBARA A. MIKULSKI, RON WYDEN, BLANCHE L. LINCOLN, CHARLES E. SCHUMER, BYRON L. DORGAN.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3130 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

RECOGNIZING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

On the request of Mr. BROWN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SALAZAR in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 342) recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Hispanic Americans and their immense contributions to the Nation, submitted today by Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. REID, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LUGAR, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DOMENICI, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DODD, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. CRAPO), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL MAMMOGRAPHY DAY"

On the request of Mr. BROWN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 343) designating October 19, 2007, as "National Mammography Day", submitted today by Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CASEY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BAYH, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr.

INHOFE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. VOINOVICH), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

REGARDING 20TH ANNIVERSARY THE UNITED STATES TRANSPORTATION COMMAND

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Armed Services be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 319) expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the United States Transportation Command on its 20th anniversary.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the accompanying preamble.

On motion by Mr. BROWN (for Mr. DURBIN) to amend the preamble in the eighth clause, by striking "4,000,000,000,000 gallons" and inserting "4,000,000,000 gallons." (being amendment No. 3138).

The amendment was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO THE INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 13) granting the consent of Congress to the International Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding.

The question being on the passage of the joint resolution; and

No amendment being proposed,

The joint resolution was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. BROWN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2128) to make the

moratorium on Internet access taxes and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce permanent, introduced today by Mr. SUNUNU (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. LOTT), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. BROWN asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. BROWN objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled; that the majority control the first half of the time therein, and the minority control the second half of the time therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 3222, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the quorum relative to the motion to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 3222 be waived.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

At 6:16 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr.

CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, October 3, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

Pending debate,

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2128) to make the moratorium on Internet access taxes and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce permanent, introduced on yesterday by Mr. SUNUNU (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. LOTT), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3498. A communication from the Secretary of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a breach of the Average Procurement Unit Cost in the C-5 Reliability Enhancement and Re-engining Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3499. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Authorization Validated End-User: Addition of India as an Eligible Destination" (RIN0694-AE13), received on September 28, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3500. A communication from the Acting Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Crash Test Laboratory Requirements for FHWA Roadside Safety Hardware Acceptance" (RIN2125-AF21), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3501. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Implement Certain Provisions of SAFETEA-U" (RIN2126-AA96), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3502. A communication from the Paralegal, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Buy America Requirements and Waiver Procedures" (RIN2132-AA90), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3503. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Transportation of Oxygen Cylinders and Oxygen Generators Aboard Aircraft" (RIN2137-AD33), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3504. A communication from the Senior Counsel for Dispute Resolution, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Time Zone Boundary in Southwest, Indiana" (RIN2105-AD71), received on October 1, 2007; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3505. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 767-200 and -300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-071)), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3506. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model ERJ 170 and ERJ 190 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-135)), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3507. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Phillipsburg, KS" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 06-ACE-13)), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3508. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Hayward, WI" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AGL-5)), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3509. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Red Dog, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AAL-40)), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3510. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Thedford, NE" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ACE-12)), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3511. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E5 Airspace; Potosi, MO" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ACE-14)), received

on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3512. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Peru, IL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-AGL-1)), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3513. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Creson, IA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ACE-11)), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3514. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca Artouste III B and III B1 Turboshaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2006-NE-34)), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3515. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sicma Aero Seat, Passenger Seat Assemblies" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NE-04)), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3516. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model ERJ-170-100 LR, -100 STD, -100 SE, -100 SU, -200 LR, -200 STD, and -200 SU Airplanes and Model ERJ 190 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-221)), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3517. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pacific Aerospace Corporation Ltd. Model 750XL Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-69)), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3518. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; EADS SOCATA Model TBM 700 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-63)), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3519. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company CT7-5, -7, and -9 Series Turboprop Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2003-NE-64-AD)), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3520. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 B4-601, A300 B4-603, A300 B4-605R, A300 C4-605R Variant F, A310-204, and A310-304 Airplanes Equipped with General Electric CF6-80C2 Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2006-NM-188)), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3521. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McCauley Propeller Systems Models 3A32C406/82NDB-X and D3A32C409/82NDB-X Propellers" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NE-10)), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3522. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; LATINOAMERICANA DE AVIACION S.A. Models PA-25, PA-25-235, and PA-25-260 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-005)), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3523. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace Regional Aircraft Models HP.137 Jetstream Mk.1, Jetstream Series 200, Jetstream Series 3101, and Jetstream Model 3201 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-003)), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3524. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330-200, A330-300, A340-200, and A340-300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-236)), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3525. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc RB211 Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2003-NE-12)), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3526. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca S.A. Arriel 2B Turboshaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2005-NE-17)), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3527. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc RB211 Series Turbofan Engines; Correction" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2000-NE-62)), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3528. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Learjet Model 45 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-066)), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3529. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Short Brothers Model SD3-60 SHERPA, SD3-SHERPA, SD3-30, and SD3-60 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-055)), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3530. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness

Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company Models 182H, 182J, 182K, 182L, 182M, 182N, 182P, 182Q, and 182R Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-031)), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3531. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; MD Helicopters Inc. Model MD600N Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2007-SW-05)), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3532. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 777 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-078)), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3533. A communication from the Director, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the federal assistance provided to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and the states during fiscal year 2005 and 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3534. A communication from the Deputy Associate Managing Director for Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Review of the Emergency Alert System" (FCC 07-109), received on September 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3535. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Tennessee Valley Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the organization's Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2007-2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

EC-3536. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tier I Issue - Section 965 Foreign Earnings Repatriation Directive No. 1" (LMSB-04-0907-063), received on October 2, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3537. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coordinated Issue: Section 482 CSA Buy-in Adjustments"

(LMSB-04-0907-062), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3538. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Replacement Period for Livestock Sold on Account of Drought in Specified Counties" (Notice 2007-80), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3539. A communication from the Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the United States - Peru Trade Promotion Agreement; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3540. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to the Quick Disability Determination Process" (RIN0960-AG47), received on September 28, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3541. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualified Transportation Fringes" (Notice 2007-76), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3542. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update to Rev. Proc. 2006-45" (Rev. Proc. 2007-64), received on October 1, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3543. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to efforts made by the United Nations to employ an adequate number of Americans during 2006; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3544. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of machine-readable passport programs in countries participating in the Visa Waiver Program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3545. A communication from the Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Fiscal Year 2006 Accounting of Drug Control Funds"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1446. A bill to amend the National Capital Transportation Act of 1969 to authorize additional Federal contributions for maintaining and improving the transit system of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-188).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

Report to accompany S. 742, An act to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reduce the health risks posed by asbestos-containing materials and products having asbestos-containing material, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-189).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 2129. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish the infrastructure foundation for the hydrogen economy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 2130. A bill to express the sense of the Senate on the need for a comprehensive diplomatic offensive to help broker national reconciliation efforts in Iraq and lay the foundation for the eventual redeployment of United States combat forces; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. LOTT):

S. 2131. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at Highway 49 South in Piney Woods, Mississippi, as the "Lawrence C. and Grace M. Jones Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. DURBIN)):

S. 2132. A bill to prohibit the introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of children's products that contain lead, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 2133. A bill to authorize bankruptcy courts to take certain actions with respect to

mortgage loans in bankruptcy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 2134. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress reports on the status of planning for the redeployment of the Armed Forces from Iraq and to require the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and appropriate senior officials of the Department of Defense to meet with Congress to brief Congress on matters contained in the reports; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

S. 2135. A bill to prohibit the recruitment or use of child soldiers, to designate persons who recruit or use child soldiers as inadmissible aliens, to allow the deportation of persons who recruit or use child soldiers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2136. A bill to address the treatment of primary mortgages in bankruptcy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. TESTER):

S.J. Res. 20. A joint resolution to disapprove a final rule of the Secretary of Agriculture relating to the importation of cattle and beef; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 156

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 156, a bill to make the moratorium on Internet access taxes and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce permanent.

S. 261

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 261, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 406

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 406, a bill to ensure local governments

have the flexibility needed to enhance decision-making regarding certain mass transit projects.

S. 694

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 694, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of light motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] and the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 727, a bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education.

S. 771

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 771, a bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to improve the nutrition and health of schoolchildren by updating the definition of "food of minimal nutritional value" to conform to current nutrition science and to protect the Federal investment in the national school lunch and breakfast programs.

S. 814

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 814, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the deduction of attorney-advanced expenses and court costs in contingency fee cases.

S. 958

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 958, a bill to establish an adolescent literacy program.

S. 988

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. DEMINT] were added as cosponsors of S. 988, a bill to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

S. 1145

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1145, a bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform.

S. 1150

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1150, a bill to

enhance the State inspection of meat and poultry in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit through 2013, and for other purposes.

S. 1259

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1259, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance for developing countries to promote quality basic education and to establish the achievement of universal basic education in all developing countries as an objective of United States foreign assistance policy, and for other purposes.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1406

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to strengthen polar bear conservation efforts, and for other purposes.

S. 1514

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1514, a bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

S. 1809

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1809, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that distributions from an individual retirement plan, a section 401(k) plan, a section 403(b) contract, or a section 457 plan shall not be includible in gross income to the extent used to pay long-term care insurance premiums.

S. 1840

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1840, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers.

S. 1895

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH]

were added as cosponsors of S. 1895, a bill to aid and support pediatric involvement in reading and education.

S. 1954

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1954, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to pharmacies under part D.

S. 2045

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2045, a bill to reform the Consumer Product Safety Commission to provide greater protection for children's products, to improve the screening of noncompliant consumer products, to improve the effectiveness of consumer product recall programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2051

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2051, a bill to amend the small rural school achievement program and the rural and low-income school program under part B of title VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

S. 2063

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2063, a bill to establish a Bipartisan Task Force for Responsible Fiscal Action, to assure the economic security of the United States, and to expand future prosperity and growth for all Americans.

S. 2088

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2088, a bill to place reasonable limitations on the use of National Security Letters, and for other purposes.

S. 2096

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2096, a bill to amend the Do-Not-Call Implementation Act to eliminate the automatic removal of telephone numbers registered on the Federal "do-not-call" registry.

S. 2106

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2106, a bill to provide nationwide subpoena authority for actions brought under the September 11 Victim Compensation Fund of 2001.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. INOUE,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON STATE, LOCAL, AND PRIVATE SECTOR PREPAREDNESS AND INTEGRATION

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 3, 2007, at 2 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Pandemic Influenza: State and Local Efforts to Prepare."

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 3, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Combating Genocide in Darfur: The Role of Divestment and Other Policy Tools."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 3, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a nomination hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 3, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on Burma.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST, COMPETITION POLICY, AND CONSUMER RIGHTS

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a hearing entitled "An Examination of S. 772, the Railroad Antitrust Enforcement Act" on Wednesday, October 3, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building room 226.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CLEAN AIR AND NUCLEAR SAFETY

The Committee on Environment and Public Works, Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 3, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled, "The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Reactor Oversight Process."

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet on Wednesday, October 3, 2007, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Russell 325 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2003. An act to encourage and facilitate the consolidation of peace and security, respect for human rights, democracy, and economic freedom in Ethiopia.

H.R. 2828. An act to provide compensation to relatives of United States citizens who were killed as a result of the bombings of United States Embassies in East Africa on August 7, 1998.

H.R. 3068. An act to prohibit the award of contracts to provide guard services under the contract security guard program of the Federal Protective Service to a business concern that is owned, controlled, or operated by an individual who has been convicted of a felony.

H.R. 3087. An act to require the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress reports on the status of planning for the redeployment of the Armed Forces from Iraq and to require the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and appropriate senior officials of the Department of Defense to meet with Congress to brief Congress on the matters contained in the reports.

H.R. 3432. An act to establish the Commission on the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

H.R. 3571. An act to amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to permit individuals who have served as employees of the Office of Compliance to serve as Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, or General Counsel of the Office, and to permit individuals appointed to such positions to serve an additional term.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 200. Concurrent resolution condemning the violent suppression of Buddhist monks and other peaceful demonstrators in Burma and calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

H. Con. Res. 203. Concurrent resolution condemning the persecution of labor rights advocates in Iran.

At 2:57 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3382. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 North William Street in Goldsboro, North Carolina, as the "Philip A. Baddour, Sr. Post Office."

At 6:07 p.m. a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 474. An act to award a congressional gold medal to Michael Ellis DeBakey, M.D.

S. 1612. An act to amend the penalty provisions in the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS REFERRED

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

H.R. 2003. An act to encourage and facilitate the consolidation of peace and security, respect for human rights, democracy, and economic freedom in Ethiopia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 3068. An act to prohibit the award of contracts to provide guard services under the contract security guard program of the Federal Protective Service to a business concern that is owned, controlled, or operated by an individual who has been convicted of a felony; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3087. An act to require the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress reports on the status of planning for the redeployment of the Armed Forces from Iraq and to require the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and appropriate senior officials of the Department of Defense to meet with Congress to brief Congress on the matters contained in the reports; to the Committee on Armed Services.

H.R. 3382. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 North William Street in Goldsboro, North Carolina, as the "Philip A. Baddour, Sr. Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3571. An act to amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to permit individuals who have served as employees of the Office of Compliance to serve as Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, or General Counsel of the Office, and to permit individuals appointed to such positions to serve one additional term; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 200. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding

the immediate and unconditional release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and the severely deteriorating human rights situation in Burma; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H. Con. Res. 203. Concurrent resolution condemning the persecution of labor rights advocates in Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1538) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendments.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER,

Ordered, That the reported amendments be agreed to; that an amendment (numbered 3160, in the nature of a substitute) be proposed by Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. BOND), and agreed to; and that the bill, as amended, be read the third time.

Ordered further, That the Select Committee on Intelligence then be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2082) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of bill S. 1538, as amended, be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment in the nature of a substitute); that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Ordered further, That the Senate then insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate; that the Select Committee on Intelligence be appointed as such; that bill S. 1538 be returned to the calendar; and that all occur without intervening action or debate.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TESTER in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending

business, viz, the bill (H.R. 3222) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The amendment No. 3119, proposed by Mr. GREGG, was withdrawn.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3117, proposed by Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. GREGG, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CORKER, Mr. KYL, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. TESTER), to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. INOUE,

Ordered, That Mr. ALLARD be recognized to propose an amendment; that, following remarks by him, the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 3117, as pursuant to the order of yesterday; and that, upon disposition of the amendment, Mr. FEINGOLD be recognized to propose an amendment.

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR) to further amend the bill in title VIII, at the end thereof, by adding other words (being amendment No. 3146).

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3117 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. TESTER,

Ordered, That he be added as a cosponsor of the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3117 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. GRAHAM,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 95, nays... 1

[Rollcall Vote No. 361 Leg.]

YEAS --- 95

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign,

Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 1

Voinovich.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LOTT to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. LOTT,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3146 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BIDEN,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the order of today that Mr. FEINGOLD be recognized, he be recognized to propose two amendments; and that they be laid aside.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The pending amendments were laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BIDEN, by unanimous consent, to further amend the bill, on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting others words (being amendments numbered 3167 and 3142, en bloc).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3142 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BIDEN,

Ordered, That Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. SANDERS be added as cosponsors of the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3142 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DODD, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. DURBIN) to further amend the bill in title VIII, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3164).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. INOUE,

Ordered, That there be 120 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Mr. FEINGOLD and Mr. INOUE, or their designees, on the pending amendment; that no amendments be in order to the

amendment prior to the vote; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; that the amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that, if the Senate fails to agree to the amendment with a minimum of 60 yea votes, the amendment be withdrawn; and that, if the Senate agrees to the amendment with a minimum of 60 yea votes, a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3164 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. FEINGOLD,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 28, nays... 68

[Rollcall Vote No. 362 Leg.]

YEAS --- 28

Akaka, Biden, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Clinton, Dodd, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Menendez, Murray, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 68

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kyl, Landrieu, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Mikulski, Murkowski, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Roberts, Salazar, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Webb.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. INOUE to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. INOUE,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment, not having received 60 yea votes, was withdrawn.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3142 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. REID for Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. INOUE, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. LIEBERMAN) to further amend the bill in title VIII, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3166).

The pending amendments were laid aside. The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. KYL, by unanimous consent, to further amend the bill, on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting others words (being amendments numbered 3144 and 3145, en bloc).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3145 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BIDEN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 3142 be the pending question.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3142 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. BIDEN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BIDEN,

Ordered, That the yeas and nays, previously ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, be vitiated; and that the amendment be withdrawn.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3145 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI) to further amend the bill in title VIII, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3129).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3145 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

Ordered, That, following remarks by Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ALLARD be recognized to speak; that, following remarks by Mr. ALLARD, Mr. MENENDEZ be recognized to propose an amendment; that, following remarks by Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SALAZAR be recognized to speak; and that, following remarks by Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. VITTER be recognized to propose an amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3145 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR) to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3198).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. VITTER for Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. KYL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BAYH, and Mrs. LINCOLN) to further amend the bill in title VIII, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3141).

Pending debate,

Mr. INOUE called for the regular order with respect to amendment No. 3144.

Whereupon,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3144 to the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. INOUE to lay the pending amendment on the table.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. STEVENS,

Ordered, That amendment No. 3144 be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3141 to the bill, as amended.

RECESS FOR VISIT BY MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION PARLIAMENT

Mr. REID introduced to the Senate members of the European Union Parliament.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 4:55 p.m.,

The Senate recessed, subject to the call of the chair, to greet its guests.

AT 5:04 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON in the chair) called the Senate to order.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 3222.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3141 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Mr. INOUE, by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was modified, as indicated, and agreed to: Mr. GREGG (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. SUNUNU), amendment No. 3153, as modified; Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Ms. STABENOW), amendment No. 3162; Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. HARKIN), amendment No. 3152; Mr. BROWN, amendment No. 3127; Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN), amendment No. 3155, as modified; and Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI), amendment No. 3173.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3141 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. INOUE for Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) to further amend the bill on page 207, after line 8, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3206).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3141 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Mr. INOUE, by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was modified, as indicated, and agreed to: Mr. SUNUNU, amendment No. 3204; Mrs. MCCASKILL, amendment No. 3116; Mr. COLEMAN, amendment No. 3182; Mr. KENNEDY, amendment No. 3135, as modified; Mr. INHOFE, amendment No. 3177; Mr. HARKIN, amendment No. 3163; Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN), amendment No. 3176; Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. VITTER), amendment No. 3136; Mr. BENNETT, amendment No. 3175; and Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. DURBIN), amendment No. 3137.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3141 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. INOUE,

Ordered, That the question recur on agreeing to the following amendments, en bloc; and that each be agreed to: amendments numbered 3130, 3167, 3145, 3141.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3198 to the bill, as amended.

Mr. LEAHY raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment is legislation on appropriations, violates provisions of Rule

XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and therefore is not in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3166 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. INOUE,

Ordered, That amendment No. 3146 be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3166 to the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. STEVENS to amend the pending amendment on page 1, after line 7, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3207).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 3166, as amended, to the bill, as amended.

The amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. INOUE to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as amended.

On motion by Mr. STEVENS,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. ENSIGN) to further amend the bill on page 114, lines 6 and 7, by striking certain words and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3192).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. STEVENS to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. INOUE,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. INOUE (for Ms. STABENOW) to further amend the bill in title VIII, at the end thereof, by adding other words (being amendment No. 3131).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. STEVENS to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. INOUE,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. INOUE,

Ordered, That no further amendments be in order to the bill, as amended; and that the bill, as amended, be read the third time.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. INOUE,

Ordered, That the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended; that, upon passage of the bill, as amended, the Senate insist on its amendments, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

On the question, Shall the bill, as amended, pass?

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

On motion by Mr. INOUE to reconsider the vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. INOUE,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The Senate insisted on its amendments, and asked a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and the chair, as authorized, appointed Mr. INOUE, Mr. BYRD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KOHL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BOND, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. GREGG, and Mrs. HUTCHISON as conferees on the part of the Senate.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION
ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair), as authorized, appointed the following as conferees to the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to bill H.R. 2082: Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BAYH, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BOND, Mr. WARNER, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. HATCH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BURR; and as additional conferees, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. KYL.

COMMENDING THE ED BLOCK
COURAGE AWARD FOUNDATION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 45) commending the Ed Block Courage Award Foundation for its work in aiding children and families affected by child abuse, and designating November 2007 as National Courage Month.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PROCEDURAL FAIRNESS FOR
SEPTEMBER 11 VICTIMS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 2106) to provide nationwide subpoena authority for actions brought under the September 11 Victim Compensation Fund of 2001.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN
BILLS ON THE CALENDAR, EN
BLOC

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to consider the following bills on the calendar, en bloc:

H.R. 2467. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 69 Montgomery Street in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the "Frank J. Guarini Post Office Building".

H.R. 2587. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 555 South 3rd Street Lobby in Memphis, Tennessee, as the "Kenneth T. Whalum, Sr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 2654. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 South Dumont Avenue in Woonsocket, South Dakota, as the "Eleanor McGovern Post Office Building".

H.R. 2765. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 44 North Main Street in Hughesville, Pennsylvania, as the "Master Sergeant Sean Michael Thomas Post Office".

H.R. 2778. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3 Quaker Ridge Road in New Rochelle, New York, as the "Robert Merrill Postal Station".

H.R. 2825. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 326 South Main Street in Princeton, Illinois, as the "Owen Lovejoy Princeton Post Office Building".

H.R. 3052. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 954 Wheeling Avenue in Cambridge, Ohio, as the "John Herschel Glenn, Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 3106. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at

805 Main Street in Ferdinand, Indiana, as the "Staff Sergeant David L. Nord Post Office".

Ordered further, That the bills be read the third time, and passed, en bloc; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2828) to provide compensation to relatives of United States citizens who were killed as a result of the bombings of United States Embassies in East Africa on August 7, 1998, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That after the majority leader consults with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Jennifer Walker Elrod, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Mr. LEAHY and Mr. SPECTER, or their designees; that there be an additional 10 minutes for debate between Mr. CARDIN and Mr. SPECTER; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the confirmation of the nomination; that, following said vote, the Senate vote on the confirmation of the nomination of Roslynn Renee Mauskopf, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, the nomination of Richard A. Jones, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, and the nomination of Sharion Aycock, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi; that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND
FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled between the majority and minority; that the minority control the first half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to consider bill H.R. 3093.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:35 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2007

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 9 a.m., the Reverend Jim Henry, Pastor Emeritus of the First Baptist Church, Orlando, Florida, offered a prayer, and Mr. TESTER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, October 4, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. TESTER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Journal of the proceedings of the
Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The morning hour being deemed expired,
and the times for the recognition of the two
leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Senate proceeded to a period for the
transaction of morning business.
Pending debate,

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND
TIME AND PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an
adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid
before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2828) to
provide compensation to relatives of United
States citizens who were killed as a result of
the bombings of United States Embassies in
East Africa on August 7, 1998, received from
the House of Representatives for concurrence
on yesterday, and read the first time; which
was read the second time.

Mr. BILL NELSON objected to the further
proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated
that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of
the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill
would be placed on the calendar.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that
on today, Thursday, October 4, 2007, she had
presented to the President of the United
States the following enrolled bills:

S. 474. A bill to award a congressional gold
medal to Michael Ellis DeBakey, M.D.

S. 1612. An original bill to amend the
penalty provisions in the International
Emergency Economic Powers Act, and for
other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid
before the Senate, together with
accompanying papers, reports, and
documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3546. A communication from the
Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and
Readiness), transmitting, a report on the
approved retirement of Vice Admiral Ronald

A. Route, United States Navy, and his
advancement to the grade of vice admiral on
the retired list; to the Committee on Armed
Services.

EC-3547. A communication from the
Chairman, Securities and Exchange
Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law,
an inventory of the Commission's activities
for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3548. A communication from the
Director, Executive Resources Management
Division, Department of Energy,
transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of
action on a nomination for the position of
Assistant Secretary (Congressional and
Intergovernmental Affairs), received on
October 2, 2007; to the Committee on Energy
and Natural Resources.

EC-3549. A communication from the
Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil
Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a
report relative to a navigation improvement
project for Haines, Alaska; to the Committee
on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3550. A communication from the
Principal Deputy Associate Administrator,
Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation,
Environmental Protection Agency,
transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a
rule entitled "Mercury Switches in Motor
Vehicles; Significant New Use Rule"
(RIN2070-AJ19)(FRL No. 8110-5))
received on October 2, 2007; to the
Committee on Environment and Public
Works.

EC-3551. A communication from the
Principal Deputy Associate Administrator,
Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation,
Environmental Protection Agency,
transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a
rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of
Air Quality Implementation Plans;
Pennsylvania; Carbon Monoxide
Maintenance Plan Update; Limited
Maintenance Plan in Philadelphia County"
(FRL No. 8476-9) received on October 2,
2007; to the Committee on Environment and
Public Works.

EC-3552. A communication from the
Principal Deputy Associate Administrator,
Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation,
Environmental Protection Agency,
transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a
rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of
Implementation Plans; Florida; Clean Air
Interstate Rule" (FRL No. 8478-1) received
on October 2, 2007; to the Committee on
Environment and Public Works.

EC-3553. A communication from the
Principal Deputy Associate Administrator,
Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation,
Environmental Protection Agency,
transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a
rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of
Implementation Plans; Georgia; Clean Air
Interstate Rule" (FRL No. 8478-6) received

on October 2, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3554. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Redesignation of the Erie 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Area's Maintenance Plan and 2002 Base Year Inventory" (FRL No. 8478-9) received on October 2, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3555. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Implementation Plans of South Carolina: Clean Air Interstate Rule" (FRL No. 8478-3) received on October 2, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3556. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Consumer and Commercial Products: Control Techniques Guidelines in Lieu of Regulations for Paper, Film, and Foil Coatings; Metal Furniture Coatings; and Large Appliance Coatings" ((RIN2060-AO14)(FRL No. 8478-7)) received on October 2, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

EC-3557. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Primary Drinking Water Regulations for Lead and Copper: Short-Term Regulatory Revisions and Clarifications" ((RIN2040-AE83)(FRL No. 8476-5)) received on October 2, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

EC-3558. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a study of the Lower Colorado River Basin in Texas; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3559. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Secretary of the Army's support of the authorization and construction of navigation and ecosystem restoration improvements at the Corpus Christi Ship Channel and La Quinta Channel in Texas; to

the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3560. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Current Good Manufacturing Practice for Blood and Blood Components; Notification of Consignees and Transfusion Recipients Receiving Blood and Blood Components at Increased Risk of Transmitting Hepatitis C Virus Infection" ((RIN0910-AB76)(Docket No. 1999N-2337)) received on October 3, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3561. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expanded Examination Cycle for Certain Small Insured Depository Institutions and U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks" (RIN1557-AD02) received on October 3, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 221. A bill to amend title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to livestock and poultry contracts (Rept. No. 110-190).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 453. A bill to prohibit deceptive practices in Federal elections (Rept. No. 110-191).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

H. Con. Res. 193. A concurrent resolution recognizing all hunters across the United States for their continued commitment to safety.

S. Res. 326. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 1640. A bill to amend chapter 13 of title 17, United States Code (relating to the vessel hull design protection), to clarify the definitions of a hull and a deck.

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment and with a preamble:

S.J. Res. 17. A joint resolution directing the United States to initiate international discussions and take necessary steps with other Nations to negotiate an agreement for

managing migratory and transboundary fish stocks in the Arctic Ocean.

S. Con. Res. 39. A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a world day of remembrance for road crash victims.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. GRAHAM:

S. 2137. A bill to eliminate methamphetamine kingpins; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. AKAKA (by request):

S. 2138. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish within the Department of Veterans Affairs the position of Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, Logistics, and Construction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 2139. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, provide educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill for members of the National Guard and Reserve who serve extended period of continuous active duty that include a prolonged period of service in certain theaters of operation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. 2140. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Francis Collins, in recognition of his outstanding contributions and leadership in the fields of medicine and genetics; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2141. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and extend the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome prevention and services program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 2142. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to reimburse veterans receiving emergency treatment in non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities for such treatment until such veterans are transferred to Department facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. TESTER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DURBIN,

Mr. OBAMA, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 2143. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act to establish a program to improve the health and education of children through grants to expand school breakfast programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. THUNE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. WARNER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. BUNNING):

S. 2144. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study of feasibility relating to the construction and operation of pipelines and carbon dioxide sequestration facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 2145. A bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to ensure that Indian veterans are not liable for certain health care payments; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2146. A bill to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to accept, as part of a settlement, diesel emission reduction Supplemental Environmental Projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BYRD, and Mr. KERRY)):

S. 2147. A bill to require accountability for contractors and contract personnel under Federal contracts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 2148. A bill to provide for greater diversity within, and to improve policy direction and oversight of, the Senior Executive Service; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DORGAN:

S. 2149. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to establish a program to provide incentives for projects to produce synthetic gas, liquid fuels, and other products from coal and other feedstocks while simultaneously reducing greenhouse gas emissions and reliance of the United States on petroleum and natural gas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOND (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 2150. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4320 Blue Parkway in Kansas City, Missouri,

as the "Wallace S. Hartsfield Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BOND, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 2151. A bill to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to authorize notations on flood insurance rate maps for areas protected against 100-year and 500-year floods by certified flood control structure; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. KYL, Mr. GREGG, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BURR, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 2152. A bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. REED:

S. 2153. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to enhance disclosure of the terms of home mortgage loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 2154. A bill to amend the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain employment as a member of a local governing board, commission, or committee from social security tax coverage; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BYRD:

S. 2155. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to encourage the development of clean energy technologies for deployment in markets abroad, to assist the Department of Energy's promotion of research and development of clean and efficient energy systems, to encourage the Department of Energy and other Federal agencies to work together to improve the advancement of sustainable energy use and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 2156. A bill to authorize and facilitate the improvement of water management by the Bureau of Reclamation, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Energy to increase the acquisition and analysis of water resources for irrigation, hydroelectric power, municipal, and environmental uses, and for other purposes;

to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 2157. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish pilot programs in expanded school attendance; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BENNETT:

S. Res. 344. A resolution commending the Government of Germany for preventing a large-scale terrorist attack in September 2007, and supporting future cooperation to prevent terrorism; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID:

S. Con. Res. 49. A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 535

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 535, a bill to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and an Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Investigative Office in the Civil Rights Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and for other purposes.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide a tax credit to individuals who enter into agreements to protect the habitats of endangered and threatened species, and for other purposes.

S. 714

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 714, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to ensure that all dogs and cats used by research facilities are obtained legally.

S. 887

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 887, a bill to restore import and entry agricultural inspection functions to the Department of Agriculture.

S. 897

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 897, a bill to amend the

Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide more help to Alzheimer's disease caregivers.

S. 898

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 898, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to fund breakthroughs in Alzheimer's disease research while providing more help to caregivers and increasing public education about prevention.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] were added as cosponsors of S. 911, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 999, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

S. 1008

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1008, a bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to improve and strengthen the safety inspection process of nuclear facilities.

S. 1120

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1120, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants for the training of graduate medical residents in preventive medicine and public health.

S. 1335

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1335, a bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to declare English as the official language of the Government of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1356

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1356, a bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to establish industrial bank holding company regulation, and for other purposes.

S. 1394

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was

added as a cosponsor of S. 1394, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, to exclude from gross income of individual taxpayers discharges of indebtedness attributable to certain forgiven residential mortgage obligations.

S. 1451

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] were added as cosponsors of S. 1451, a bill to encourage the development of coordinated quality reforms to improve health care delivery and reduce the cost of care in the health care system.

S. 1455

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1455, a bill to provide for the establishment of a health information technology and privacy system.

S. 1471

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1471, a bill to provide for the voluntary development by States of qualifying best practices for health care and to encourage such voluntary development by amending titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to provide differential rates of payment favoring treatment provided consistent with qualifying best practices under the Medicare and Medicaid programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1482

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1482, a bill to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct research on indicators of child well-being.

S. 1495

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1495, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the application of the tonnage tax on vessels operating in the dual United States domestic and foreign trades, and for other purposes.

S. 1604

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1604, a bill to increase the number of well-educated nurses, and for other purposes.

S. 1708

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1708, a bill to provide for the expansion of Federal efforts concerning the prevention, education, treatment, and research activities related to Lyme and other tick-borne diseases,

including the establishment of a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee.

S. 1760

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1760, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Healthy Start Initiative.

S. 1782

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1782, a bill to amend chapter 1 of title 9 of United States Code with respect to arbitration.

S. 1865

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1865, a bill to provide for mandatory availability of life insurance that does not preclude future lawful travel, and for other purposes.

S. 2056

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2056, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restore financial stability to Medicare anesthesiology teaching programs for resident physicians.

S. 2063

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2063, a bill to establish a Bipartisan Task Force for Responsible Fiscal Action, to assure the economic security of the United States, and to expand future prosperity and growth for all Americans.

S. 2064

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2064, a bill to fund comprehensive programs to ensure an adequate supply of nurses.

S. 2071

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2071, a bill to enhance the ability to combat methamphetamine.

S. 2077

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2077, a bill to establish a program to assure the safety of fresh produce intended for human consumption, and for other purposes.

S. 2128

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. DEMINT] were added as cosponsors of S. 2128, a bill to make the moratorium on Internet access taxes and multiple and

discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce permanent.

S. 2134

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2134, a bill to require the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress reports on the status of planning for the redeployment of the Armed Forces from Iraq and to require the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and appropriate senior officials of the Department of Defense to meet with Congress to brief Congress on matters contained in the reports.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 4, a joint resolution to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the United States Government regarding Indian tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 106

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 106, a resolution calling on the President to ensure that the foreign policy of the United States reflects appropriate understanding and sensitivity concerning issues related to human rights, ethnic cleansing, and genocide documented in the United States record relating to the Armenian Genocide.

SENATE RESOLUTION 321

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 321, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 4, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to consider nominations.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 4, 2007, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled

“Examining the Regulation and Supervision of Industrial Loan Companies.”

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 4, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 4, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 4, 2007, at 2 p.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to consider favorably reporting an original bill entitled, “The Heartland, Habitat, Harvest, and Horticulture Act of 2007” and legislation implementing the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 4, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on the Law of the Sea Convention.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, October 4, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct an oversight hearing on Backlogs at the Department of the Interior: Land into Trust Applications; Environmental Impact Statements; Probate; and Appraisals and Lease Approvals.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct an Executive Business Meeting on Thursday, October 4, 2007, at 10 a.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building room 226.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a hearing entitled “Justice Denied? Implementation of the Hometown Heroes Survivors Benefits Act” on Thursday, October 4, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building room 226.

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

The Joint Economic Committee be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing entitled, “Mass Incarceration in the United States: At What Cost?”, in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, Thursday, October 4, 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs’ Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 4, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, “Forestalling the Coming Pandemic: Infectious Disease Surveillance Overseas.”

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 3:21 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 928. An act to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to enhance the independence of the Inspectors General, to create a Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2702, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker reappoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Mr. Joseph Cooper of Baltimore, Maryland.

At 4:23 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. Con. Res. 49. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate.

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

H.R. 2740. An act to require accountability for contractors and contract personnel under Federal contracts, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3246. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to provide a comprehensive regional approach to economic and infrastructure development in the most severely economically distressed regions in the Nation.

H.R. 3648. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude discharges of indebtedness on principal residences from gross income, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 694. An act to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 928. An act to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to enhance the independence of the Inspectors General, to create a Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3246. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to provide a comprehensive regional approach to economic and infrastructure development in the most severely economically distressed regions in the Nation; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 3432. An act to establish the Commission on the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3527. An act to extend for two months the authorities of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 3540. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 3648. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude discharges of indebtedness on principal residences from gross income, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 1154. An act to award a congressional gold medal to Michael Ellis DeBakey, M.D.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PRYOR in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3093) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That an amendment (No. 3211, in the nature of a substitute) be deemed proposed and agreed to; that said amendment be considered original text for the purpose of further amendment; and that no points of order be waived.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE SENATE

On the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 49) providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate, submitted today by Mr. REID, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 3093.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI to further amend the bill on page 70, after line 10, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3215).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI to further amend the bill, after section 113, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3216).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. SHELBY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3215 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. INOUE to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3214).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. SHELBY (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI) to further amend the bill on page 28, by striking the period on line 3, and inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3231).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. SHELBY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3214 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI (for Mr. MENENDEZ) to further amend the bill on page 70, after line 10, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3220).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. SHELBY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3214 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI for Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. REED, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. BIDEN) to further amend the bill on various pages and lines by striking certain words and sums, and inserting other words and sums (being amendment No. 3227).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. SHELBY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3214 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. SHELBY, and Mrs. MURRAY) to further amend the bill on page 70, after line 10, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3233).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. SHELBY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3214 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That amendment No. 3215 be the pending question.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3215 to the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI (for Mr. COBURN) to amend the pending amendment, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3230).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 3215, as amended, to the bill, as amended.

The amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. SHELBY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as amended.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3214 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI (for Mr. DOMENICI) to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3213).

Ms. MIKULSKI, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 3213, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. SHELBY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3214 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI (for Ms. LANDRIEU) to further amend the bill on page 35, line 12, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3222).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3214 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI (for Mr. BINGAMAN) to further amend the bill on page 26, after line 24, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3210).

Ms. MIKULSKI, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 3210, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3214 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI (for Mrs. MURRAY) to further amend the bill on page 37, striking the period on line 14, and inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3219).

Ms. MIKULSKI, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 3219, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3214 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. VITTER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BROWN, and Mrs. BOXER) to further amend the bill on page 74, after line 4, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3250).

Pending debate,

BAN ASBESTOS IN AMERICA ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 742) to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reduce the health risks posed by asbestos-containing products, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mrs. BOXER) to amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and section numbers

and inserting other section numbers (being amendment No. 3257).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The question being on the passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, on motion by Mrs. MURRAY, so as to read: "An act to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reduce the health risks posed by asbestos-containing materials and products having asbestos-containing material, and for other purposes."

Pending debate,

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 3093.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3250 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. LANDRIEU to further amend the bill on page 57, after "Office:" on line 23, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3223).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3250 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. COBURN to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3243).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. SHELBY to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. SHELBY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 61, nays... 31

[Rollcall Vote No. 363 Leg.]

YEAS --- 61

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Conrad, Crapo, Dole, Dorgan, Durbin, Feinstein, Gregg, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Martinez, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 31

Barraso, Bayh, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, DeMint, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, McCain, McConnell, Roberts, Smith, Sununu, Thune, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LAUTENBERG to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3250 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BAUCUS, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. THUNE) to further amend the bill on various pages and lines, striking certain words and sums and inserting other words and sums (being amendment No. 3240).

After debate,

Mr. DORGAN, by unanimous consent, withdrew his pending amendment.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3250 to the bill, as amended.

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mrs. HUTCHISON,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3214 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding amendment No. 3233 having been agreed to, the amendment be modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3214 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That all first-degree amendments intended to be proposed to pending bill H.R. 3093 be "filed" by 2:30 p.m. on Monday, October 15, 2007.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3214 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. CASEY for Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BAYH, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DODD, Mr. CASEY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. REED, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. LEAHY) to further amend the bill on various pages and lines, striking certain words and sums and inserting other words and sums (being amendment No. 3256).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI for Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. TESTER, and Mrs. CLINTON) to further amend the bill on page 53, after "officers" on line 11, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3218).

Ms. MIKULSKI, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 3218, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. SHELBY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3256 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI (for Mr. REID) to further amend the bill on page 26, after line 24, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3225).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. SHELBY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3256 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI to further amend the bill on page 97, after line 9, by

inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3268).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. SHELBY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3256 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BROWN (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BYRD, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) to further amend the bill on page 97, after line 9, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3260).

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO REPORT DURING ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding an adjournment, committees be authorized to report legislative and executive business on Tuesday, October 9, 2007, from 12 noon until 3 p.m.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS DURING THE RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be

authorized to make appointment to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

VESSEL HULL DESIGN
PROTECTION AMENDMENTS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1640) to amend chapter 13 of title 17, United States Code (relating to the vessel hull design protection), to clarify the definitions of a hull and a deck.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMENDING THE GOVERNMENT
OF GERMANY FOR PREVENTING A
LARGE-SCALE TERRORIST
ATTACK IN SEPTEMBER 2007, AND
SUPPORTING FUTURE
COOPERATION TO PREVENT
TERRORISM

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARDIN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 344) commending the Government of Germany for preventing a large-scale terrorist attack in September 2007, and supporting future cooperation to prevent terrorism, submitted today by Mr. BENNETT, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DIRECTING THE UNITED STATES
TO INITIATE INTERNATIONAL
DISCUSSIONS RELATIVE TO AN
AGREEMENT FOR MANAGING
MIGRATORY AND
TRANSBOUNDARY FISH STOCKS IN
THE ARCTIC OCEAN

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 17) directing the United States to initiate international discussions and take necessary steps with other Nations to negotiate an agreement for managing

migratory and transboundary fish stocks in the Arctic Ocean.

The question being on the passage of the joint resolution; and

No amendment being proposed,

The joint resolution was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass; and that the Senate agree to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND
IDEALS OF A WORLD DAY OF
REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD CRASH
VICTIMS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 39) supporting the goals and ideals of a world day of remembrance for road crash victims.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2152) to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. McCONNELL (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. KYL, Mr. GREGG, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BURR, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. ENSIGN), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2740) to require accountability for contractors and contract personnel under Federal contracts, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDER RELATIVE TO SECOND
READINGS OF BILLS ON
TOMORROW

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding a pro forma session of the Senate on tomorrow, the bills S. 2152 and H.R. 2740 be deemed read the second time and placed on the calendar.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
FROM TOMORROW UNTIL 2 P.M.
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2007,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow, for a pro forma session only; that the Senate then adjourn, under the provisions of S. Con. Res. 49, until 2 p.m. on Monday, October 15, 2007; that on Monday, October 15, 2007, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 3 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled between the majority and minority; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 3093.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:32 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2007

Mr. JIM WEBB, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, called the Senate to order at 9:30:12 a.m., and

**APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 5, 2007,

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JIM WEBB, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. WEBB took the chair.

**BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR**

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The bill (S. 2152) to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. KYL, Mr. GREGG, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BURR, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. ENSIGN), and read the first time, was deemed read the second time.

An objection was deemed made to the further proceedings on the bill.

Thereupon,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill was deemed placed on the calendar.

**HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND
TIME AND PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR**

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The bill (H.R. 2740) to require accountability for contractors and contract personnel under Federal contracts, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time, was deemed read the second time.

An objection was deemed made to the further proceedings on the bill.

Thereupon,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill was deemed placed on the calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of yesterday,

At 9:30:43 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of yesterday, until 2 p.m. on Monday, October 15, 2007.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2007

Mr. JIM WEBB, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WEBB led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 15, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JIM WEBB, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. WEBB took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 4, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

**CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH**

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 4, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
SUBMITTED DURING
ADJOURNMENT**

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of October 4, 2007, the following reports of committees were submitted on October 9, 2007:

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments:

S. 805. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa in the effort to achieve internationally recognized goals in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other major diseases and the reduction of maternal and child mortality by improving human health care capacity and improving retention of medical health professionals in sub-Saharan Africa, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-192).

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 968. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide increased assistance for the prevention, treatment, and control of tuberculosis, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-193).

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

H.R. 1678. A bill to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign programs and centers for the treatment of victims of torture, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-194).

**TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS**

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 4, 2007,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 1839. A bill to require periodic reports on claims related to acts of terrorism against Americans perpetrated or supported by the Government of Libya (Rept. No. 110-195).

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and an amendment to the title:

S. 2020. A bill to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2010, to rename the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 as the "Tropical Forest and Coral Conservation Act of 2007", and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-196).

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

S. 680. A bill to ensure proper oversight and accountability in Federal contracting, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BAYH (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 2158. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit Medicare beneficiaries to continue to rent certain items of complex durable medical equipment; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LOTT, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. BENNETT, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 2159. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2160. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a pain care initiative in health care facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 2161. A bill to ensure and foster continued patient safety and quality of care by making the antitrust laws apply to negotiations between groups of independent pharmacies and health plans and health insurance issuers (including health plans under parts C and D of the Medicare Program) in the same manner as such laws apply to protected activities under the National Labor Relations Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 2162. A bill to improve the treatment and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and substance use disorders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SESSIONS:

S. 2163. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow income averaging for private forest landowners; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 2164. A bill to establish a Science and Technology Scholarship Program to award scholarships to recruit and prepare students for careers in the National Weather Service and in National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration marine research, atmospheric research, and satellite programs and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. DODD, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. Res. 345. A resolution supporting the work of firefighters to educate and protect the Nation's communities, and the goals and ideals of Fire Prevention Week, October 7-13, 2007, as designated by the National Fire Protection Association; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. Res. 346. A resolution expressing heartfelt sympathy for the victims of the devastating thunderstorms that caused severe flooding during August 2007 in the States of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 85

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 85, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that territories and Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine.

S. 189

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 189, a bill to decrease the matching funds requirements and authorize additional appropriations for Keweenaw National Historical Park in the State of Michigan.

S. 267

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 267, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that territories and Indian tribes are

eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine.

S. 329

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 400

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 400, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that dependent students who take a medically necessary leave of absence do not lose health insurance coverage, and for other purposes.

S. 507

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 507, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for reimbursement of certified midwife services and to provide for more equitable reimbursement rates for certified nurse-midwife services.

S. 545

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] were added as cosponsors of S. 545, a bill to improve consumer access to passenger vehicle loss data held by insurers.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 617

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 617, a bill to make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available at a discount to certain veterans.

S. 661

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 661, a bill to establish kinship navigator programs, to establish guardianship assistance payments for children, and for other purposes.

S. 714

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 714, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to ensure that

all dogs and cats used by research facilities are obtained legally.

S. 725

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 725, a bill to amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to reauthorize and improve that Act.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to establish a competitive grant program to build capacity in veterinary medical education and expand the workforce of veterinarians engaged in public health practice and biomedical research.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] were added as cosponsors of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 884

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 884, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act regarding residential treatment programs for pregnant and parenting women, a program to reduce substance abuse among nonviolent offenders, and for other purposes.

S. 887

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 887, a bill to restore import and entry agricultural inspection functions to the Department of Agriculture.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 911, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 969, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the definition of supervisor.

S. 988

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU]

were added as cosponsors of S. 988, a bill to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 999, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

S. 1015

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1015, a bill to reauthorize the National Writing Project.

S. 1070

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1070, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to enhance the social security of the Nation by ensuring adequate public-private infrastructure and to resolve to prevent, detect, treat, intervene in, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes.

S. 1159

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1159, a bill to amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part.

S. 1185

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] were added as cosponsors of S. 1185, a bill to provide grants to States to improve high schools and raise graduation rates while ensuring rigorous standards, to develop and implement effective school models for struggling students and dropouts, and to improve State policies to raise graduation rates, and for other purposes.

S. 1276

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1276, a bill to establish a grant program to facilitate the creation of methamphetamine precursor electronic logbook systems, and for other purposes.

S. 1310

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1310, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of increased payments for ground ambulance services under the Medicare program.

S. 1335

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1335, a bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to declare English as the official language of the Government of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1340

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1340, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiaries with access to geriatric assessments and chronic care coordination services, and for other purposes.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1395

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1395, a bill to prevent unfair practices in credit card accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 1418

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1418, a bill to provide assistance to improve the health of newborns, children, and mothers in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 1451

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1451, a bill to encourage the development of coordinated quality reforms to improve health care delivery and reduce the cost of care in the health care system.

S. 1459

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1459, a bill to strengthen the Nation's research efforts to identify the causes and cure of psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis, expand psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis data collection, study access to and quality of care for people with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis, and for other purposes.

S. 1512

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1512, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to expand Federal eligibility for children in foster care who have attained age 18.

S. 1514

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1514, a bill to

revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1514, *supra*.

S. 1518

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1518, a bill to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1661

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1661, a bill to communicate United States travel policies and improve marketing and other activities designed to increase travel in the United States from abroad.

S. 1776

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1776, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish a user fee program to ensure food safety, and for other purposes.

S. 1895

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1895, a bill to aid and support pediatric involvement in reading and education.

S. 1924

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1924, a bill to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any of certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employee's duty.

S. 1930

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1930, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prevent illegal logging practices, and for other purposes.

S. 1958

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1958, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure and foster continued patient quality of care by establishing facility and patient criteria for long-term care hospitals and related improvements under the Medicare program.

S. 1962

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1962, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to authorize a regional water enhancement program in the environmental quality incentives program.

S. 1965

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1965, a bill to protect children from cybercrimes, including crimes by online predators, to enhance efforts to identify and eliminate child pornography, and to help parents shield their children from material that is inappropriate for minors.

S. 2045

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2045, a bill to reform the Consumer Product Safety Commission to provide greater protection for children's products, to improve the screening of noncompliant consumer products, to improve the effectiveness of consumer product recall programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2051

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2051, a bill to amend the small rural school achievement program and the rural and low-income school program under part B of title VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

S. 2053

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2053, a bill to amend part A of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve elementary and secondary education.

S. 2056

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2056, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restore financial stability to Medicare anesthesiology teaching programs for resident physicians.

S. 2058

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2058, a bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to close the Enron loophole, prevent price manipulation and excessive speculation in the trading of energy commodities, and for other purposes.

S. 2063

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2063, a bill to establish a Bipartisan Task Force for

Responsible Fiscal Action, to assure the economic security of the United States, and to expand future prosperity and growth for all Americans.

S. 2080

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2080, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to ensure that sewage treatment plants monitor for and report discharges of raw sewage, and for other purposes.

S. 2089

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 2089, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce the coverage gap in prescription drug coverage under part D of such title based on savings to the Medicare program resulting from the negotiation of prescription drug prices.

S. 2096

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2096, a bill to amend the Do-Not-Call Implementation Act to eliminate the automatic removal of telephone numbers registered on the Federal "do-not-call" registry.

S. 2099

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2099, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare competitive bidding project for clinical laboratory services.

S. 2119

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2119, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 2127

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2127, a bill to provide assistance to families of miners involved in mining accidents.

S. 2135

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2135, a bill to prohibit the recruitment or use of child soldiers, to designate persons who recruit or use child soldiers as inadmissible aliens, to allow the deportation of persons who recruit or use child soldiers, and for other purposes.

S. 2147

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2147, a bill to require accountability for contractors and contract personnel under Federal contracts, and for other purposes.

S. 2152

At the request of Mr. THUNE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2152, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 20

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 20, a joint resolution to disapprove a final rule of the Secretary of Agriculture relating to the importation of cattle and beef.

SENATE RESOLUTION 178

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 178, a resolution expressing the sympathy of the Senate to the families of women and girls murdered in Guatemala, and encouraging the United States to work with Guatemala to bring an end to these crimes.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 400. An act to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts, and for other purposes.

H.R. 814. An act to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to issue regulations mandating child-resistant closures on all portable gasoline containers.

H.R. 1699. An act to direct Consumer Product Safety Commission to require certain manufacturers to provide consumer product registration forms to facilitate recalls of durable infant and toddler products.

H.R. 1721. An act to increase the safety of swimming pools and spas by requiring the use of proper anti-entrapment drain covers and pool and spa drainage systems, by establishing a swimming pool safety grant program administered by the Consumer Product Safety Commission to encourage States to improve their pool and spa safety laws and to educate the public about pool and spa safety, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2185. An act to amend the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 to provide

debt relief to developing countries that take action to protect tropical forests and coral reefs and associated coastal marine ecosystems, to reauthorize such Act through fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2474. An act to provide for an increased maximum civil penalty for violations under the Consumer Product Safety Act.

H.R. 2553. An act to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to provide for the establishment and maintenance of existing libraries and resource centers at United States diplomatic and consular missions to provide information about American culture, society, and history, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2895. An act to establish the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States to provide for the construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income families.

H.R. 3056. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the authority of the Internal Revenue Service to use private debt collection companies, to delay implementation of withholding taxes on government contractors, to revise the tax rules on expatriation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3308. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 216 East Main Street in Atwood, Indiana, as the "Lance Corporal David K. Fribley Post Office".

H.R. 3518. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1430 South Highway 29 in Cantonment, Florida, as the "Charles H. Hendrix Post Office Building".

H.R. 3530. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1400 Highway 41 North in Inverness, Florida, as the "Chief Warrant Officer Aaron Weaver Post Office Building".

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution:

H. Res. 717. Resolution relative to the death of the Honorable Jo Ann Davis, a Representative from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The message further announced that the House agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1124) to extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999.

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

H.R. 1124. An act to extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999.

H.R. 2467. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 69 Montgomery Street in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the "Frank J. Guarini Post Office Building".

H.R. 2587. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at

555 South 3rd Street Lobby in Memphis, Tennessee, as the "Kenneth T. Whalum, Sr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 2654. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 South Dumont Avenue in Woonsocket, South Dakota, as the "Eleanor McGovern Post Office Building".

H.R. 2765. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 44 North Main Street in Hughesville, Pennsylvania, as the "Master Sergeant Sean Michael Thomas Post Office".

H.R. 2778. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3 Quaker Ridge Road in New Rochelle, New York, as the "Robert Merrill Postal Station".

H.R. 2825. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 326 South Main Street in Princeton, Illinois, as the "Owen Lovejoy Princeton Post Office Building".

H.R. 3052. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 954 Wheeling Avenue in Cambridge, Ohio, as the "John Herschel Glenn, Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 3106. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 805 Main Street in Ferdinand, Indiana, as the "Staff Sergeant David L. Nord Post Office".

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 814. An act to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to issue regulations mandating child-resistant closures on all portable gasoline containers; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1699. An act to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission to require certain manufacturers to provide consumer product registration forms to facilitate recalls of durable infant and toddler products; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2185. To amend the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 to provide debt relief to developing countries that take action to protect tropical forests and coral reefs and associated coastal marine ecosystems, to reauthorize such Act through fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 2474. An act to provide for an increased maximum civil penalty for violations under the Consumer Product Safety Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2553. An act to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to provide for the establishment and maintenance of existing libraries and resource centers at United States diplomatic and consular missions to provide information about American culture, society, and history, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 2895. An act to establish the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States to provide for the construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income families; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 3056. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the authority of the Internal Revenue Service to use private debt collection companies, to delay implementation of withholding taxes on government contractors, to revise the tax rules on expatriation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 3308. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 216 East Main Street in Atwood, Indiana, as the "Lance Corporal David K. Fribley Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3518. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1430 South Highway 29 in Cantonment, Florida, as the "Charles H. Hendrix Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3530. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1400 Highway 41 North in Inverness, Florida, as the "Chief Warrant Officer Aaron Weaver Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 1721. An act to increase the safety of swimming pools and spas by requiring the use of proper anti-entrapment drain covers and pool and spa drainage systems, by establishing a swimming pool safety grant program administered by the Consumer Product Safety Commission to encourage States to improve their pool and spa safety laws and to educate the public about pool and spa safety, and for other purposes.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, October 4, 2007,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 3093) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3260, proposed by Mr. BROWN (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BYRD, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER), to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DORGAN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 3233, previously agreed to, be modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3260 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DORGAN,

Ordered, That, at 5:15 p.m., the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 3260; that the time until 5:45 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between Mr. BROWN and Ms. MIKULSKI, or their designees; that no amendment to the amendment be in order; that the amendment be modified; and that, at 5:45 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to the amendment, as modified.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The pending amendment No. 3260 was modified.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 3260, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DORGAN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 3225, previously agreed to, be modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3260, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. JOHNSON) to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3208).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI to further amend the bill on page 72, before the period on line 14, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3309).

Ms. MIKULSKI, by unanimous consent, modified her pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 3309, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. SHELBY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3208 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI for Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mrs. BOXER) to further amend the bill on page 16, before the period on line 11, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3251).

Ms. MIKULSKI, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 3251, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. SHELBY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3208 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI (for Mr. LEVIN) to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3275).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. SHELBY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3208 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI for Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself and Ms. MIKULSKI) to further amend the bill, at the appropriate

place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3247).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. SHELBY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3208 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI for Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mr. DURBIN) to further amend the bill, in title V, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3234).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. SHELBY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3208 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI for Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. STEVENS) to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3263).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. SHELBY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3208 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI (for Mr. SHELBY) to further amend the bill on page 30, by striking the period on line 4, and inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3271).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. SHELBY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3208 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI (for Mr. SHELBY) to further amend the bill on page 18, by striking the period on line 13, and

inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3272).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. SHELBY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3208 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI (for Mr. SHELBY) to further amend the bill, on page 69, striking all beginning with the second period on line 13 through line 10, page 70, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3273).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. SHELBY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3208 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI (for Mr. SHELBY) to further amend the bill on page 97, after the period on line 9, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3288).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. SHELBY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3208 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI (for Mr. COBURN) to further amend the bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3318).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. SHELBY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3208 to the bill, as amended.

The hour of 5:15 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3260, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. BROWN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3260, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

The hour of 5:45 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 85, nays... 3

[Rollcall Vote No. 364 Leg.]

YEAS --- 85

Akaka, Barrasso, Baucus, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Nelson (FL), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 3

Allard, Hagel, Lugar.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. INOUE,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3208, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. DEMINT) to further amend the bill on page 70, after line 10, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3277).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That amendment No. 3256 be the pending question.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3256 to the bill, as amended.

Ms. MIKULSKI, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 3256, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. SHELBY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3277 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to further amend the bill, in title V, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3310).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. SHELBY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3277 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI (for Mr. KENNEDY) to further amend the bill on page 70, after line 10, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3239).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. SHELBY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3277 to the bill, as amended.

SUPPORTING THE WORK OF FIREFIGHTERS TO EDUCATE AND PROTECT THE NATION'S COMMUNITIES

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANDERS in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 345) supporting the work of firefighters to educate and protect the Nation's communities, and the goals and ideals of Fire Prevention Week, October 7-13, 2007, as designated by the National Fire Protection Association, submitted today by Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. DODD, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. MCCAIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL TEEN DRIVER SAFETY WEEK

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from the further consideration of the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 36) supporting the goals and ideals of National Teen Driver Safety Week.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 3093.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3277 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. THUNE to further amend the bill on page 70, after line 10, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3317).

Pending debate,

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled between the majority and the minority; that the minority control the first half of time therein, and the majority control the second half therein; and that,

following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 3093.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:43 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2007

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. TESTER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, October 16, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. TESTER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3562. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emerald Ash Borer; Quarantined Areas; Maryland" (Docket No. APHIS-2007-0028) received on October 9, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3563. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Charles L. Johnson II, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3564. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Michael W. Wooley, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3565. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of General Paul V. Hester, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3566. A communication from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the significant unit cost growth that has occurred in the Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter's Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3567. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of General Ronald E. Keys, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3568. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's purchases from foreign entities in fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3569. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "HUD Office of Hearings and

Appeals Conforming Amendments; and Technical Correction to Part 15 Regulations" ((RIN2501-AD32)(FR-5137-F-01)) received on October 10, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3570. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expanded Examination Cycle for Certain Small Insured Depository Institutions and U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks" (RIN1557-AD02) received on October 8, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3571. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12978 with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3572. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 - Development of Competition and Distribution in Video Programming Distribution: Section 628(c)(5) of the Communications Act: Sunset of Exclusive Contract Prohibition; Review of the Commission's Program Access Rules and Examination of Programming Tying Arrangements" (MB Docket No 07-29) received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3573. A communication from the Deputy Division Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 272(f)(1) Sunset of the BOC Separate Affiliate and Related Requirements; 2000 Biennial Regulatory Review Affiliate Requirements of Section 64.1903 of the Commission's Rules" (FCC 07-159) received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3574. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Corona de Tucson, Sierra Vista, Tanque Verde and Vail, Arizona, and Animas, Lordsburg and Virden, New Mexico" (MB Docket No. 05-245) received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3575. A communication from the Associate Managing Director, Federal

Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Comprehensive Review of the Universal Service Fund Management, Administration, and Oversight; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism; Rural Health Care Support Mechanism; Lifeline and Link-Up, et al." (WC Doc. 05-195) received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3576. A communication from the Legal Advisor, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Part 101 of the Commission's Rules to Modify Antenna Requirements for the 10.7-11.7 GHz Band" (FCC 07-163) received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3577. A communication from the Legal Advisor, International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Policies and Service Rules for the Broadcasting-Satellite Service" (IB Docket No. 06-123) received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3578. A communication from the Secretary General, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, United Nations, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the U.S. nuclear weapons testing program which was conducted in the Republic of the Marshall Islands from 1946-1958; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3579. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Montana Regulatory Program" (Docket No. MT-025-FOR) received on October 4, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3580. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan; San Francisco Bay Area" (FRL No. 8479-4) received on October 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3581. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Ohio Particulate Matter" (FRL No. 8464-6) received on

October 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3582. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Implementation Plans of Illinois: Clean Air Interstate Rule" (FRL No. 8477-4) received on October 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3583. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Implementation Plans; Ohio; Clean Air Interstate Rule" (FRL No. 8481-2) received on October 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3584. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Implementation Plans; Wisconsin; Clean Air Interstate Rule" (FRL No. 8477-6) received on October 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3585. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Limited Approval of Implementation Plans of Indiana: Clean Air Interstate Rule" (FRL No. 8481-4) received on October 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3586. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Plywood and Composite Wood Products" ((RIN2060-AO60)(FRL No. 8482-2)) received on October 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3587. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Outer Continental Shelf Air Regulations Consistency Update for California" (FRL No. 8479-6) received on October 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3588. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of South Dakota; Revisions to the Administrative Rules of South Dakota" (FRL No. 8479-9) received on October 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3589. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Furilazole; Inert Ingredient Tolerances" (FRL No. 8145-2) received on October 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3590. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Perfluoroalkyl Sulfonates; Significant New Use Rule" (FRL No. 8150-4) received on October 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3591. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Spinetoram; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8149-9) received on October 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3592. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transfer of Polychlorinated Biphenyl Cleanup and Disposal Program from the Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances to the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response" (FRL No. 8150-6) received on October 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3593. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Permits; Removal of Migratory Birds from Buildings" (RIN1018-AV10) received on October 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3594. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a quarterly report on the status of its licensing and regulatory duties; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3595. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, an

annual report entitled, "The Superfund Innovative Technology Evaluation Program: Annual Report to Congress FY 2004"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3596. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States - Bahrain Free Trade Agreement" (RIN1505-AB81) received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3597. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Part B Monthly Actuarial Rates, Premium Rate, and Annual Deductible Beginning January 1, 2008" (RIN0938-AO68) received on October 4, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3598. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Part A Premium for Calendar Year 2008 for the Uninsured Aged and for Certain Disabled Individuals Who Have Exhausted Other Entitlement" (RIN0938-AO62) received on October 4, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3599. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Hospital Deductible and Hospital and Extended Care Services Coinsurance Amounts for Calendar Year 2008" (RIN0938-AO61) received on October 4, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3600. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Child Care and Development Fund Error Rate Reporting" (RIN0970-AC29) received on October 4, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3601. A communication from the Program Manager, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and State Health Care Programs; Fraud and Abuse; Safe Harbor for Federally Qualified Health Centers Arrangements Under the Anti-Kickback Statute" (42 CFR Part 1001) received on October 4, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3602. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting,

pursuant to law, an annual review for calendar year 2006 of all programs and projects of the International Atomic Energy Agency; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3603. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a Presidential waiver on military assistance; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3604. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Performance Incentive Award Payments Exceeding \$5,000 to Executive and Excepted Service Employees"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3605. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, the report of a proposed amendment intended to extend the period of the pilot program under which the Secretary of Homeland Security may carry out research and development projects; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3606. A communication from the Director, Office of General Counsel and Legal Policy, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Incorporate a Statement Regarding the 'Sole and Exclusive' Nature of the Authority that the Regulations of the Office of Government Ethics Confer on Executive Branch Departments and Agencies" (RIN3209-AA37) received on October 3, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3607. A communication from the Acting Director, Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Agency's Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2008-2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3608. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-122, "Capitol Hill Historic District Protection Temporary Act of 2007" received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3609. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-119, "Restaurant and Hotel Audit Sufficiency Temporary Act of 2007" received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3610. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of

Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-120, "Disposition of Lot 854 in Square 441 Temporary Approval Act of 2007" received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3611. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-121, "Omnibus Sports Consolidation Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3612. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-117, "Workforce Housing Production Program Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3613. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-118, "Disposition of the Skyland Shopping Center Site Temporary Approval Act of 2007" received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3614. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-116, "Conflict of Interest Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3615. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-115, "Payday Loan Consumer Protection Amendment Act of 2007" received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3616. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-127, "Tregaron Conservancy Tax Exemption and Relief Temporary Act of 2007" received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3617. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-128, "Inaugural D.C. Triathlon Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3618. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-126, "National Capital

Revitalization Corporation and Anacostia Waterfront Corporation Reorganization Clarification Temporary Act of 2007" received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3619. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-125, "Student Access to Treatment Temporary Act of 2007" received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3620. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-124, "Establishment of a Hospital Receivership Temporary Act of 2007" received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3621. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-130, "Executive Service Compensation System Change and Pay Schedule Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3622. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-123, "Free Clinic Assistance Program Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3623. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Authorities Delegated to the Director of the Executive Office for Immigration Review, and the Chief Immigration Judge" ((RIN1125-AA27)-(EOIR No. 125F)) received on October 11, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3624. A communication from the Associate Special Counsel for Legal Counsel and Policy, Office of Special Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy" (5 C.F.R. Part 1830) received on October 10, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3625. A communication from the Chief, Regulatory Management Division, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Classification of Aliens as Children of United States Citizens Based on Intercountry Adoptions Under the Hague Convention" (RIN1615-AA43) received on October 4, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3626. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Accreditation of Service Organization Representatives and Agents" (RIN2900-AM29) received on October 10, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3627. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, an inventory of commercial activities that are currently being performed by the Department's Federal employees for calendar year 2006; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3628. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Director of the Indian Health Service, received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DORGAN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1200. A bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend the Act (Rept. No. 110-197).

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, from the Committee on Rules and Administration:

Report to accompany S. Res. 89, An original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007, and October 1, 2007, through September 30, 2008, and October 1, 2008, through February 28, 2009 (Rept. No. 110-198).

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1662. A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to reauthorize the venture capital program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-199).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 2165. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide for the suspension of each provision of the Act during periods of drought with respect to Federal and State agencies that manage Federal river basins that are located in each region affected by the drought; to the

Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. DODD, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. SUNUNU):

S. 2166. A bill to provide for greater responsibility in lending and expanded cancellation of debts owed to the United States and the international financial institutions by low-income countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SESSIONS:

S. 2167. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to authorize agricultural producers to establish and contribute to tax-exempt farm savings accounts in lieu of obtaining federally subsidized crop insurance or noninsured crop assistance, to provide for contributions to such accounts by the Secretary of Agriculture, to specify the situations in which amounts may be paid to producers from such accounts, and to limit the total amount of such distributions to a producer during a taxable year, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2168. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to enable increased federal prosecution of identity theft crimes and to allow for restitution to victims of identity theft; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2169. A bill to temporarily increase the portfolio caps applicable to Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, to provide the necessary financing to curb foreclosures by facilitating the refinancing of at-risk subprime borrowers into safe, affordable loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. KYL):

S. 2170. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the treatment of qualified restaurant property as 15-year property for purposes of the depreciation deduction; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 2171. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to establish a uniform set of customer service and consumer protection requirements for providers of wireless telecommunications services; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. McCAIN:

S. 2172. A bill to impose sanctions on officials of the State Peace and Development Council in Burma, to prohibit the importation of gems and hardwoods from Burma, to support democracy in Burma, and for other

purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. Res. 347. A resolution designating May 2008 as "National Be Bear Aware and Wildlife Stewardship Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INOUE, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. Res. 348. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Red Ribbon Week; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 21

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 21, a bill to expand access to preventive health care services that help reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce abortions, and improve access to women's health care.

S. 38

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 38, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a program for the provision of readjustment and mental health services to veterans who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.

S. 130

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 130, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend reasonable cost contracts under Medicare.

S. 311

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 311, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 626, a bill to

amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 638

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 638, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 714

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 714, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to ensure that all dogs and cats used by research facilities are obtained legally.

S. 831

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 831, a bill to authorize States and local governments to prohibit the investment of State assets in any company that has a qualifying business relationship with Sudan.

S. 958

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 958, a bill to establish an adolescent literacy program.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 988

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 988, a bill to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

S. 1003

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1003, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to emergency medical services and the quality and efficiency of care furnished in emergency departments of hospitals and critical access hospitals by establishing a bipartisan commission to examine factors that affect the effective delivery of such services, by providing for additional payments for certain physician services furnished in such emergency departments, and by establishing a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Working Group, and for other purposes.

S. 1183

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1183, a bill to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1200

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1200, a bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend the Act.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit through 2013, and for other purposes.

S. 1354

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1354, a bill to amend the definition of a law enforcement officer under subchapter III of chapter 83 and chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, respectively, to ensure the inclusion of certain positions.

S. 1415

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1415, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Social Security Act to improve screening and treatment of cancers, provide for survivorship services, and for other purposes.

S. 1445

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1445, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish, promote, and support a comprehensive prevention, research, and medical management referral program for hepatitis C virus infection.

S. 1466

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1466, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude property tax rebates and other benefits provided to volunteer firefighters, search and rescue personnel, and emergency medical responders from income and employment taxes and wage withholding.

S. 1494

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1494, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the special diabetes programs for Type I diabetes and Indians under that Act.

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms.

KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] were added as cosponsors of S. 1494, *supra*.

S. 1708

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1708, a bill to provide for the expansion of Federal efforts concerning the prevention, education, treatment, and research activities related to Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, including the establishment of a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee.

S. 1827

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1827, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require prompt payment to pharmacies under part D, to restrict pharmacy co-branding on prescription drug cards issued under such part, and to provide guidelines for Medication Therapy Management Services programs offered by prescription drug plans and MA-PD plans under such part.

S. 1858

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1858, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1895

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1895, a bill to aid and support pediatric involvement in reading and education.

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1895, *supra*.

S. 1962

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1962, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to authorize a regional water enhancement program in the environmental quality incentives program.

S. 2056

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2056, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restore financial stability to Medicare anesthesiology teaching programs for resident physicians.

S. 2096

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2096, a bill to

amend the Do-Not-Call Implementation Act to eliminate the automatic removal of telephone numbers registered on the Federal "do-not-call" registry.

S. 2123

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2123, a bill to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions.

S. 2128

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] were added as cosponsors of S. 2128, a bill to make the moratorium on Internet access taxes and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce permanent.

S. 2136

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2136, a bill to address the treatment of primary mortgages in bankruptcy, and for other purposes.

S. 2139

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2139, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, provide educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill for members of the National Guard and Reserve who serve extended period of continuous active duty that include a prolonged period of service in certain theaters of operation, and for other purposes.

S. 2156

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2156, a bill to authorize and facilitate the improvement of water management by the Bureau of Reclamation, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Energy to increase the acquisition and analysis of water resources for irrigation, hydroelectric power, municipal, and environmental uses, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 48

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] and the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 48, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding high level visits to the United States by democratically-elected officials of Taiwan.

SENATE RESOLUTION 252

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 252, a resolution recognizing the increasingly mutually beneficial relationship between the United States of America and the Republic of Indonesia.

SENATE RESOLUTION 345

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 345, a resolution supporting the work of firefighters to educate and protect the Nation's communities, and the goals and ideals of Fire Prevention Week, October 7-13, 2007, as designated by the National Fire Protection Association.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 16, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 16, 2007, at 11:45 a.m. to hold a briefing on the Gulf Security Dialogue.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 16, 2007, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "One Year Later: A Progress Report on the SAFE Port Act."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 16, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, FEDERAL SERVICES, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

The Committee on Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 16, 2007, at 3:15 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Improving Financial and Business Management at the Department of Defense."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 4:43 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland,

one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 20. An act to provide for research on, and services for individuals with, postpartum depression and psychosis.

H.R. 507. An act to establish a grant program to provide vision care to children, and for other purposes.

H.R. 970. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the distribution of the drug dextromethorphan, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1727. An act to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2089. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 701 Loyola Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the "Louisiana Armed Services Veterans Post Office".

H.R. 3297. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 950 West Trenton Avenue in Morrisville, Pennsylvania, as the "Nate DeTample Post Office Building".

H.R. 3572. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4320 Blue Parkway in Kansas City, Missouri, as the "Wallace S. Hartsfield Post Office Building".

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 25. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that it is the goal of the United States that, not later than January 1, 2025, the agricultural, forestry, and working land of the United States should provide from renewable energy resources not less than 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States and continue to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, feed, and fiber.

H. Con. Res. 133. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a Long-Term Care Awareness Week.

HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS REFERRED

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

H.R. 20. An act to provide for research on, and services for individuals with, postpartum depression and psychosis; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 507. An act to establish a grant program to provide vision care to children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 970. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the distribution of the drug dextromethorphan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 1727. An act to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 2089. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 701 Loyola Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the "Louisiana Armed Services Veterans Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3297. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 950 West Trenton Avenue in Morrisville, Pennsylvania, as the "Nate DeTample Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3572. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4320 Blue Parkway in Kansas City, Missouri, as the "Wallace S. Hartsfield Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 25. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that it is the goal of the United States that, not later than January 1, 2025, the agricultural, forestry, and working land of the United States should provide from renewable resources not less than 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States and continue to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, feed, and fiber; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H. Con. Res. 133. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a Long-Term Care Awareness Week; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 3093) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3317, proposed by Mr. THUNE, to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT to further amend the bill on page 97, after line 6, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3286).

After debate,
The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3317 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mrs. McCASKILL, and Mr. SHELBY) to further amend the bill on page 97, after line 9, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3289).

Pending debate,
On motion by Mr. DEMINT,
The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3289 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,
By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That the time until 12 noon be equally divided and controlled for debate between Mr. DEMINT, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. SHELBY, or their designees; that, at 12 noon, the Senate vote in relation to the pending amendment; and that no amendment to the amendment be in order to be proposed.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3289 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,
The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. ENSIGN to further amend the bill on page 33, striking the period on line 26, and inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3294).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. ENSIGN to further amend the bill on page 53, striking the semicolon on line 11, and inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3295).

Pending debate,
The hour of 12 noon having arrived,
Pursuant to the order of today,
The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3289 to the bill, as amended.
Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.
It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 90, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 365 Leg.]

YEAS --- 90

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson, Kerry (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. SHELBY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3295 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That, at 3:15 p.m., the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 3294; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon between Ms. MIKULSKI and Mr. ENSIGN, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; that, upon conclusion of said vote, the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 3295; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon between Ms. MIKULSKI and Mr. ENSIGN, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; and that no amendment to either amendment be in order prior to the votes.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3295 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:38 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 3093.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3295 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That Mrs. MURRAY be recognized to speak for 7 minutes; that, following remarks by her, the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 3317; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon between Mr. THUNE and Mr. HARKIN, or their designees; that no amendment be in order to the amendment prior to the vote; that the Senate vote in relation to the amendment upon disposition of amendment No. 3295, as pursuant to the order of today; that there be 2 minutes for debate prior to the vote; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3295 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That amendment No. 3214 be the pending question; and that the amendment be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3295 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3317, proposed by Mr. THUNE, to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. THUNE,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3317 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That the votes in "stacked" sequence, previously ordered to begin at 3:15 p.m., instead occur beginning at 3:30 p.m.; and that the provisions of the orders of today relative to said votes remain in order.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3317 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The hour of 3:30 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3294 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 91, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 366 Leg.]

YEAS --- 91

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Johnson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. CARDIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3295 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 70, nays... 23

[Rollcall Vote No. 367 Leg.]

YEAS --- 70

Akaka, Alexander, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feinstein, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Johnson, Kerry, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Vitter, Voinovich, Whitehouse.

NAYS --- 23

Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Brownback, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Graham, Grassley, Klobuchar, McCain, McConnell, Roberts, Tester, Thune, Webb, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. SHELBY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Subsequently,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KYL,

Ordered, That, on rollcall vote No. 367, his vote be changed from "yea" to "nay", thus making the result yeas 69, nays 24.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. COLEMAN,

Ordered, That, on rollcall vote No. 367, his vote be changed from "yea" to "nay", thus making the result yeas 68, nays 25.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3317 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 61, nays... 32

[Rollcall Vote No. 368 Leg.]

YEAS --- 61

Akaka, Bayh, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hutchison, Johnson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Sununu, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 32

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bennett, Brownback, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Coleman, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Inhofe, Kyl, Lott, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Stevens, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. SHELBY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Subsequently,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. COLEMAN,

Ordered, That, on rollcall vote No. 368, his vote be changed from "nay" to "yea", thus making the result yeas 62, nays 31.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3277, proposed by Mr.

VITTER (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. DEMINT), to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That, at 6 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to the pending amendment No. 3277; that no amendment be in order to be proposed to said amendment prior to the vote; and that the time from 5:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate between Ms. MIKULSKI and Mr. VITTER, or their designees.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3277 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. HATCH) to further amend the bill on various pages and lines, striking certain sums and inserting other sums and words (being amendment No. 3249).

Mr. LEAHY modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 3249, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3277 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mrs. DOLE to further amend the bill on page 53, before the semicolon on line 11, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3313).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mrs. DOLE,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That, at 5 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to the pending amendment; that no amendments be in order to be proposed thereto prior to the vote; and that the time until 5 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3313 to the bill, as amended.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on

the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 50, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 369 Leg.]

YEAS --- 50

Akaka, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Feingold, Feinstein, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Johnson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Smith, Specter, Stabenow, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 42

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Lott, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Snowe, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Webb.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3277 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 52, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 370 Leg.]

YEAS --- 52

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Hagel, Harkin, Johnson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 42

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Kyl, Landrieu, Lott, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3208, proposed by Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. THUNE), to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That the pending amendment be modified and agreed to; and that amendments numbered 3249 and 3227, previously agreed to, be modified.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Ms. MIKULSKI proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was modified, as indicated, and agreed to: Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. CORNYN), amendment No. 3279; Mr. SESSIONS, amendment No. 3283; Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. KYL, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. GRASSLEY), amendment No. 3290, as modified; Mr. STEVENS, amendment No. 3278; Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Mr. INOUE), amendment No. 3312, as modified; Mr. SUNUNU (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. GREGG, and Ms. COLLINS), amendment No. 3314; Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. DURBIN), amendment No. 3276; Mrs. BOXER, amendment No. 3304, as modified; Ms. LANDRIEU, amendment No. 3228, as modified; Ms. MIKULSKI, amendment No. 3311; and Mr. BINGAMAN, amendment No. 3209.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions that the committee report the bill back forthwith with the total discretionary amounts not exceeding the amount (\$51,238,522,000) recommended in the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2008 submitted to Congress.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the pending motion; that no amendments be in order thereto; that, if the motion is not agreed to, no further amendments or motions be in order; that the bill, as amended, be read the third time; that the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended; that, following the vote, the Senate insist on its amendments to the bill, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to

appoint the members of the Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, Mr. BYRD, and Mr. COCHRAN as conferees on the part of the Senate.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 3043 ON TOMORROW

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That, following morning business on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 3043) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 3093.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to commit the bill.

On motion by Mr. LOTT,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 44, nays... 50

[Rollcall Vote No. 371 Leg.]

YEAS --- 44

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Smith, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

NAYS --- 50

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Johnson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. SHELBY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill, as amended, pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 75, nays... 19

[Rollcall Vote No. 372 Leg.]

YEAS --- 75

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Craig, Crapo, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Johnson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 19

Allard, Barrasso, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, DeMint, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Inhofe, Lott, McCain, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI to reconsider the vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate insisted on its amendments, and asked a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and the chair, as authorized, appointed the following as conferees on the part of the Senate:

Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. INOUE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DORGAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. REED, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BYRD, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. COCHRAN.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF A NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR MURDER VICTIMS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 326) supporting the goals and ideals of a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING ALL HUNTERS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES FOR THEIR CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO SAFETY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 193) recognizing all hunters across the United States for their continued commitment to safety.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF RED RIBBON WEEK

On the request of Mr. SANDERS,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SALAZAR in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 348) supporting the goals and ideals of Red Ribbon Week, submitted today by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INOUE, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. VOINOVICH), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that Mr. STEVENS be recognized to speak for 7 minutes; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled between the majority and minority; that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to consider bill H.R. 3043, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

At 8:08 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, October 17, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3629. A communication from the Acting Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Connect Broadband Grant Program" (RIN0572-AC09), received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3630. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a meeting held on July 17, 2007, by the Strategic Materials Protection Board; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3631. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of (2) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the next higher grade in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3632. A communication from the Deputy Chief of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the Department's decision to conduct a streamlined competition for intermediate level ship maintenance support functions; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3633. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the expected date of completion of an interim report on the needs of returning members of the National Guard

and Reserve; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3634. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 52796), received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3635. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 52820), received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3636. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (72 FR 52793), received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3637. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 50250), received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3638. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 50255), received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3639. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 53955), received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3640. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (72 FR 54588), received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3641. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (72 FR 54591), received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3642. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Establish Catch Accounting Requirements for Processors/First Receivers Participating in the Pacific Whiting Shoreside Fishery" (RIN0648-AV46), received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3643. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement Amendment 80 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-AU68), received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3644. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC55), received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3645. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC22), received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3646. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel With Gears Other than Jig in the Eastern Aleutian District and the Bering Sea Subarea in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC56), received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3647. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC57), received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3648. A communication from the Director for Bilateral Agreements, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mexican Cement Import Licensing System" (RIN0625-AA70), received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3649. A communication from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of an acting officer for the position of Administrator, received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3650. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Framework Adjustment 1 to the Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fishery Management Plan" (RIN0648-AT62), received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3651. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC66), received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3652. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Closure (Total Allowable Catch Harvested for Management Area 1A)" (RIN0648-XC24), received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3653. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Closure (Connecticut 2007 Summer Flounder Commercial Fishery)" (RIN0648-XC21), received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3654. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC46), received on October 16,

2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3655. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Shallow-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC26), received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3656. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Northern Rockfish for Catcher Processors Participating in the Rockfish Limited Access Fishery in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC47), received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3657. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Shallow-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC43), received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3658. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Shallow-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC52), received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3659. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch for Catcher Processors Participating in the Rockfish Limited Access Fishery in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC48), received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3660. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pollock in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (RIN0648-XC54), received on October 16, 2007; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3661. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Closure (Coastwide 2007 Summer Period Scup Commercial Fishery)" (RIN0648-XC70), received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3662. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Final Temporary Rule for Interim Measures to Address Overfishing of Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper During 2007" (RIN0648-AT87), received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3663. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Framework Adjustment 4 to the Monkfish Fishery Management Plan" (RIN0648-AU34), received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3664. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Final Rule; Correction" (RIN0648-AV95), received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3665. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment 85 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area to Allocate Pacific Cod Among Harvesting Sectors" (RIN0648-AU48), received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3666. A communication from the Director, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's Strategic Plan for fisheries research; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3667. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Commerce,

transmitting, legislation entitled, "Space Commerce Act of 2007"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3668. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Virginia Regulatory Program" (Docket No. VA-125-FOR), received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3669. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indiana Regulatory Program" (Docket No. IN-156-FOR), received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3670. A communication from the Associate Deputy Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the general social, political, and economic conditions in the Republic of the Marshall Islands; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3671. A communication from the Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, two draft documents relative to the Yucca Mountain Project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3672. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve for calendar year 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3673. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Commonwealth of Virginia; Control of Particulate Matter From Pulp and Paper Mills" (FRL No. 8484-5), received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3674. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Redesignation of the Mercer County Portion of the Youngstown-Warren-Sharon, OH-PA 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Area's Maintenance Plan and 2002 Base Year Inventory" (FRL No. 8484-3), received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3675. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans and Operating Permits Program; State of Iowa" (FRL No. 8483-1), received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3676. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Georgia: Redesignation of Murray County, Georgia 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment for Ozone" (FRL No. 8482-4), received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3677. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Kentucky: Performance Testing and Open Burning" (FRL No. 8482-5), received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3678. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri; Transportation Conformity" (FRL No. 8483-3), received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3679. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Air Quality Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Commonwealth of Virginia; Control of Total Reduced Sulfur From Pulp and Paper Mills" (FRL No. 8484-4), received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3680. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment, Approval and Promulgation of

Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Indiana; Redesignation of Central Indiana to Attainment of the 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 8484-2), received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3681. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fluazinam; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8152-4), received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3682. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Definition of Cogeneration Unit in Clean Air Interstate Rule, CAIR Federal Implementation Plans, Clean Air Mercury Rule; and Technical Corrections to CAIR, CAIR FIPs, CAMR, and Acid Rain Program Rules" ((RIN2060-AO33)(FRL No. 8483-7)), received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3683. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "FY 2006 Superfund Five-Year Review Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3684. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Limited Work Authorizations for Nuclear Power Plants" (RIN3150-A105), received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3685. A communication from the Federal Register Certifying Officer, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Offset of Tax Refund Payments to Collect Past-Due Support" (RIN1510-AB16), received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3686. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Examination of Returns and Claims for Refund, Credit or Abatement; Determination of Correct Tax Liability" (Rev. Proc. 2007-62), received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3687. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch,

Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tier I Issue: Section 118 Abuse Directive No. 3" (Docket No. LMSB-04-1007-069), received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3688. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2007-82), received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3689. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interest Rate Modifications Under the Pension Protection Act of 2006" (Rev. Proc. 2007-81), received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3690. A communication from the Federal Register Certifying Officer, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Payment of Federal Taxes and the Treasury Tax and Loan Program" (RIN1510-AB01), received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3691. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2007-201 - 2007-212); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3692. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense articles and services to the Republic of Korea to support the manufacture of F-16 airframe structural components; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3693. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense services to Denmark, the Netherlands, and Belgium in support of the MK 41 Vertical Launching System; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3694. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense articles and services to Japan to support the

manufacture of F-15 electrical generators; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3695. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a request for Foreign Military Financing funds for the Government of Egypt for the production of 125 M1A1 Abrams Tanks; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3696. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles and services to Australia for the manufacture of materials relative to the Australian Mulwala Gun Propellant and Explosive Plant upgrade; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3697. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the development of requirements for the licensing of cord blood units; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3698. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Labeling; Health Claims; Dietary Noncariogenic Carbohydrate Sweeteners and Dental Caries" (Docket No. 2006P-0487), received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3699. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Advisory Committee; Risk Communication Advisory Committee; Establishment" (21 CFR Part 14), received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3700. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Uniform Compliance Date for Food Labeling Regulations" (Docket No. 2000N-1596), received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3701. A communication from the Deputy Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (72 FR 52471), received on

October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3702. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Solicitor of Labor, received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3703. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period ended March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3704. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resource Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program" (RIN3206-AL03), received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3705. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Letter Report: Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7C for Fiscal Years 2005 Through 2007, as of March 31, 2007"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3706. A communication from the Chief Acquisition Officer, General Services Administration, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-20; Introduction" (FAC 2005-20), received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3707. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Actions Taken on Office of Inspector General Recommendations"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3708. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Letter Report: Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A for Fiscal Years 2005 Through 2007, as of March 31, 2007"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3709. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of Oripavine as a Basic Class of Controlled Substance" (Docket No. DEA-309F), received on

October 16, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3710. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of an acting officer for the position of Attorney General, received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3711. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General for Administration, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule for 'El Paso Intelligence Center Seizure System'" (AAG/A Order No. 032-2007), received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3712. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Uniform Physical Condition Standards and Physical Inspection Requirements for Certain HUD Housing; Revision to Response Time for Requesting a Technical Review of a Physical Inspection Report" (RIN2502-AI43), received on October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 2173. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve standards for physical education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2174. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 175 South Monroe Street in Tiffin, Ohio, as the "Paul E. Gillmor Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 2175. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with regard to research on asthma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SMITH, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. INOUE, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2176. A bill to promote the development of Native American small business concerns,

and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mrs. McCASKILL:

S. 2177. A bill to prohibit the payment of individuals to reserve a place in line for a seat for a lobbyist at a congressional committee hearing or business meeting; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 2178. A bill to expedite the adjudication of employer petitions for aliens with extraordinary artistic ability; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 2179. A bill to authorize certain programs and activities in the Forest Service, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 2180. A bill to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior, the Forest Service, and the Department of Energy, and to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003, and for other purposes; read the first time

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BOND, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. REED):

S. 2181. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect Medicare beneficiaries' access to home health services under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. SMITH):

S. 2182. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to mental health services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. REED):

S. 2183. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants for community-based mental health infrastructure improvement; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. DOLE:

S. 2184. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently allow penalty-free withdrawals from retirement plans for individuals called to active duty for at least 179 days; read the first time.

By Mr. GRAHAM:

S. 2185. A bill to permanently extend the current marginal tax rates; read the first time.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 2186. A bill to permit individuals who are employees of a grantee that is receiving funds under section 330 of the Public Health Service Act to enroll in health insurance coverage provided under the Federal

Employees Health Benefits Program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 2187. A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to provide for child care workforce development initiatives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SMITH, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 2188. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a prospective payment system instead of the reasonable cost-based reimbursement method for Medicare-covered services provided by Federally qualified health centers and to expand the scope of such covered services to account for expansions in the scope of services provided by Federally qualified health centers since the inclusion of such services for coverage under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2189. A bill to provide for educational opportunities for all students in State public school systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 2190. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the inclusion of barbiturates and benzodiazepines as covered part D drugs beginning in 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. REED, Mr. DODD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. CASEY):

S. Res. 349. A resolution honoring Vice President Albert Gore, Jr., and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change for receiving the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize, in recognition of their efforts to promote understanding of the threats posed by global warming; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. BURR):

S. Res. 350. A resolution honoring the achievements of Mario R. Capecchi, Sir

Martin J. Evans, and Oliver Smithies, winners of the 2007 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 400

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 400, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that dependent students who take a medically necessary leave of absence do not lose health insurance coverage, and for other purposes.

S. 886

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 886, a bill to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records.

S. 897

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 897, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide more help to Alzheimer's disease caregivers.

S. 898

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 898, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to fund breakthroughs in Alzheimer's disease research while providing more help to caregivers and increasing public education about prevention.

S. 903

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 903, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Muhammad Yunus, in recognition of his contributions to the fight against global poverty.

S. 988

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 988, a bill to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

S. 1194

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1194, a bill to improve the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 1200

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1200, a bill to

amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend the Act.

S. 1249

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to require the President to close the Department of Defense detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes.

S. 1259

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1259, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance for developing countries to promote quality basic education and to establish the achievement of universal basic education in all developing countries as an objective of United States foreign assistance policy, and for other purposes.

S. 1284

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1284, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the taxation of income of controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1430

At the request of Mr. THUNE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1430, a bill to authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000,000 or more in Iran's energy sector, and for other purposes.

S. 1494

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1494, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the special diabetes programs for Type I diabetes and Indians under that Act.

S. 1512

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1512, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to expand Federal eligibility for children in foster care who have attained age 18.

S. 1544

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1544, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the quality and efficiency of health care, to provide the public with information on provider and supplier

performance, and to enhance the education and awareness of consumers for evaluating health care services through the development and release of reports based on Medicare enrollment, claims, survey, and assessment data.

S. 1627

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1627, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and expand the benefits for businesses operating in empowerment zones, enterprise communities, or renewal communities, and for other purposes.

S. 1669

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1669, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to ensure payment under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) for covered items and services furnished by school-based health clinics.

S. 1718

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1718, a bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for reimbursement to servicemembers of tuition for programs of education interrupted by military service, for deferment of students loans and reduced interest rates for servicemembers during periods of military service, and for other purposes.

S. 1809

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1809, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that distributions from an individual retirement plan, a section 401(k) plan, a section 403(b) contract, or a section 457 plan shall not be includible in gross income to the extent used to pay long-term care insurance premiums.

S. 1833

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1833, a bill to amend the Consumer Product Safety Act to require third-party verification of compliance of children's products with consumer product safety standards promulgated by the Consumer Product Safety Commission and for other purposes.

S. 1858

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1858, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup

care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1921

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1921, a bill to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1930

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1930, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prevent illegal logging practices, and for other purposes.

S. 1951

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1951, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure that individuals eligible for medical assistance under the Medicaid program continue to have access to prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 1954

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1954, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to pharmacies under part D.

S. 1958

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1958, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure and foster continued patient quality of care by establishing facility and patient criteria for long-term care hospitals and related improvements under the Medicare program.

S. 1998

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1998, a bill to reduce child marriage, and for other purposes.

S. 2002

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2002, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify certain provisions applicable to real estate investment trusts, and for other purposes.

S. 2035

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2035, a bill to

maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

S. 2053

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2053, a bill to amend part A of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve elementary and secondary education.

S. 2063

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2063, a bill to establish a Bipartisan Task Force for Responsible Fiscal Action, to assure the economic security of the United States, and to expand future prosperity and growth for all Americans.

S. 2067

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2067, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to recreational vessels.

S. 2088

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2088, a bill to place reasonable limitations on the use of National Security Letters, and for other purposes.

S. 2119

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2119, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 2135

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2135, a bill to prohibit the recruitment or use of child soldiers, to designate persons who recruit or use child soldiers as inadmissible aliens, to allow the deportation of persons who recruit or use child soldiers, and for other purposes.

S. 2140

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2140, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Francis Collins, in recognition of his outstanding contributions and leadership in the fields of medicine and genetics.

S. 2152

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], the Senator from Kansas [Mr.

BROWNBACK] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] were added as cosponsors of S. 2152, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

S. 2153

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2153, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to enhance disclosure of the terms of home mortgage loans, and for other purposes.

S. 2166

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2166, a bill to provide for greater responsibility in lending and expanded cancellation of debts owed to the United States and the international financial institutions by low-income countries, and for other purposes.

S. 2172

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2172, a bill to impose sanctions on officials of the State Peace and Development Council in Burma, to prohibit the importation of gems and hardwoods from Burma, to support democracy in Burma, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 348

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 348, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Red Ribbon Week.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 17, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 17, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on

Wednesday, October 17, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 17, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a nomination hearing.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 17, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized during the session of the Senate in order to meet to conduct a hearing on the nomination of Michael B. Mukasey to be Attorney General of the United States, on Wednesday, October 17, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs to be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 17, 2007.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SUPERFUND AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The Committee on Environment and Public Works, Subcommittee on Superfund and Environmental Health, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 17, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1495. An act to provide for the conservation and development of water and related sources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 3:24 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2102. An act to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

H.R. 2295. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

H.R. 3678. An act to amend the Internet Tax Freedom Act to extend the moratorium on certain taxes relating to the Internet and to electronic commerce.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 182. Concurrent resolution recognizing the need to pursue research into the causes, a treatment, and an eventual cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, supporting the goals and ideals of National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week, and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 225. Concurrent resolution honoring the 50th anniversary of the dawn of the Space Age, and the ensuing 50 years of productive and peaceful space activities.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 400. An act to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts, and for other purposes.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3043) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. SPECTER) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3325, in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

At 1 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate recessed until 2 p.m.

AT 2 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR,
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 3043.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. VITTER to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 79, after line 4, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3328).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. CONRAD) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 59, before the semicolon on line 22, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3335).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. KYL) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 64, before the period on line 5, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3336).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3335 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN (for Mr. SMITH) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 49, before the period on line 19, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3339).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3335 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. THUNE (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. WYDEN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 79, after line 4, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3333).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. CASEY) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 12, before the period on line 8, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3345).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 79, after line 4, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3347).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself and Mr. DEMINT) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3332).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3347 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING
THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF
NATIONAL IDIOPATHIC
PULMONARY FIBROSIS
AWARENESS WEEK

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 182) recognizing the need to pursue research into the causes, a treatment, and an eventual cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, supporting the goals and ideals of National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week, and for other purposes, received from the House of

Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING VICE PRESIDENT
ALBERT GORE, JR., AND THE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON
CLIMATE CHANGE

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 349) honoring Vice President Albert Gore, Jr., and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change for receiving the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize, in recognition of their efforts to promote understanding of the threats posed by global warming, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. REED, Mr. DODD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. BILL NELSON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. CASEY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS
OF NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 350) honoring the achievements of Mario R. Capecchi, Sir Martin J. Evans, and Oliver Smithies, winners of the 2007 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, submitted today by Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. BURR), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2179) to authorize certain programs and activities in the Forest Service, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Energy, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. BINGAMAN, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2180) to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior, the Forest Service, and the Department of Energy, and to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. BINGAMAN, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

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The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2184) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently allow penalty-free withdrawals from retirement plans for individuals called to active duty for at least 179 days, introduced today by Mrs. DOLE, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

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Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

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HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2102) to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

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Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

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ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the

Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled in the usual form between the two leaders, or their designees; that the first 30 minutes therein be controlled by the minority party; that the final 30 minutes therein be controlled by the majority party; and that, upon conclusion of morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 3043.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:21 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2007

Mr. BERNARD SANDERS, from the State of Vermont, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Reverend Dennis Ellison, of Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church, Appleton, Wisconsin, offered a prayer, and Mr. SANDERS led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, October 18, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BERNARD SANDERS, a Senator from the State of Vermont, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. SANDERS took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The morning hour being deemed expired,
and the times for the recognition of the two
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TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the
transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President
of the United States was transmitted to the
Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his
secretaries:

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF
THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT
WAS DECLARED WITH RESPECT TO
SIGNIFICANT NARCOTICS

TRAFFICKERS CENTERED IN COLOMBIA

-- PM 28

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the
Senate the following message from the
President of the United States, together with;
which was referred to the Committee on
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

On October 21, 1995, by Executive Order
12978, the President declared a national
emergency pursuant to the International
Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C.
1701-1706) to deal with the unusual and
extraordinary threat to the national security,
foreign policy, and economy of the United
States constituted by the actions of significant
narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia,
and the extreme level of violence, corruption,
and harm such actions cause in the United
States and abroad.

The order blocks all property and interests
in property that are in the United States, or
within the possession or control of United
States persons, of foreign persons listed in an
annex to the order, as well as of foreign
persons determined to play a significant role
in international narcotics trafficking centered
in Colombia. The order similarly blocks all
property and interests in property of foreign
persons determined to materially assist in, or
provide financial or technological support for
or goods or services in support of, the
narcotics trafficking activities of persons
designated in or pursuant to the order. In
addition, the order blocks all property and
interests in property of persons determined to
be owned or controlled by, or to act for or on
behalf of, persons designated in or pursuant
to the order.

The order also prohibits any transaction or
dealing by United States persons or within
the United States in property or interests in
property of the persons designated in or
pursuant to the order.

Because the actions of significant narcotics
traffickers centered in Colombia continue to

threaten the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States and to cause an extreme level of violence, corruption, and harm in the United States and abroad, the national emergency declared on October 21, 1995, and the measures adopted pursuant thereto to deal with that emergency, must continue in effect beyond October 21, 2007. Therefore, in accordance with section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)), I am continuing for 1 year the national emergency with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia. This notice shall be published in the *Federal Register* and transmitted to the Congress.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *October 18, 2007.*

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mrs. DOLE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 2191. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 2192. A bill to establish a user fee for follow-up reinspections under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 2193. A bill to provide for a 5-year SCHIP reauthorization for coverage of low-income children, an expansion of child health care insurance coverage through tax fairness, and a health care Federalism initiative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 2194. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a partnership between the Department of Education and the National Park Service to provide educational opportunities for students and teachers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 2195. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the Indian employment credit and the depreciation rules for property used predominantly within an Indian reservation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 2196. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the taxable income limit on percentage depletion for oil and natural gas produced from marginal properties; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2197. A bill to establish the Federal Labor-Management Partnership Council; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. GREGG, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. SUNUNU):

S. 2198. A bill to require the Architect of the Capitol to permit the acknowledgment of God on flag certificates; read the first time.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 2199. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the treatment of certain foreign nonqualified deferred compensation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2200. A bill to authorize the use of Federal funds for flexible financing of Indian tribal municipal, rural, and industrial water system construction projects by certain federally recognized Indian tribes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. 2201. A bill to provide for the penalty-free use of retirement funds for mortgage delinquency relief; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mr. HARKIN)):

S. 2202. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to increase the renewable content of gasoline, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 2203. A bill to reauthorize the Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2204. A bill to assist wildlife populations and wildlife habitats in adapting to and surviving the effects of global warming, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 2205. A bill to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DODD, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 2206. A bill to provide technical corrections to Public Law 109-116 (2 U.S.C. 2131a note) to extend the time period for the Joint Committee on the Library to enter into an agreement to obtain a statue of Rosa Parks, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. HARKIN):

S.J. Res. 21. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. PRYOR, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. Res. 351. A resolution designating the week beginning October 21, 2007, as "National Character Counts Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. Res. 352. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 20th anniversary of United States-Mongolia relations; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SUNUNU (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. DODD, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BOND, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. COBURN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. Res. 353. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the importance of a sovereign, democratic, and prosperous Lebanon and the need for free and fair presidential elections in Lebanon without intimidation or foreign interference; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. WEBB):

S. Con. Res. 50. A concurrent resolution commending NASA Langley Research Center in Virginia on the celebration of its 90th anniversary on October 26 and 27, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BURR, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KOHL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. INOUE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. CARPER):

S. Con. Res. 51. A concurrent resolution supporting "Lights On After School!", a national celebration of after school programs; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 65

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 311

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] were added as cosponsors of S. 311, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

S. 407

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 407, a bill to amend the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 to designate a portion of Interstate Route 14 as a high priority corridor, and for other purposes.

S. 515

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] were added as cosponsors of S. 515, a bill to provide a mechanism for the determination on the merits of the claims of claimants who met the class criteria in a civil action relating to racial discrimination by the Department of Agriculture but who were denied that determination.

S. 609

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr.

DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 609, a bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

S. 884

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 884, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act regarding residential treatment programs for pregnant and parenting women, a program to reduce substance abuse among nonviolent offenders, and for other purposes.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1406

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to strengthen polar bear conservation efforts, and for other purposes.

S. 1512

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1512, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to expand Federal eligibility for children in foster care who have attained age 18.

S. 1638

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1638, a bill to adjust the salaries of Federal justices and judges, and for other purposes.

S. 1661

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1661, a bill to communicate United States travel policies and improve marketing and other activities designed to increase travel in the United States from abroad.

S. 1843

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1843, a bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to clarify that an unlawful practice occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, and for other purposes.

S. 1850

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1850, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the treatment of Indian tribal governments as State governments for purposes of issuing tax-exempt governmental bonds, and for other purposes.

S. 1858

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1858, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1895

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1895, a bill to aid and support pediatric involvement in reading and education.

S. 1921

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1921, a bill to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1930

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1930, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prevent illegal logging practices, and for other purposes.

S. 1944

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1944, a bill to provide justice for victims of state-sponsored terrorism.

S. 1958

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1958, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure and foster continued patient quality of care by establishing facility and patient criteria for long-term care hospitals and related improvements under the Medicare program.

S. 2033

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2033, a bill to provide for greater disclosure to, and empowerment of, consumers who have entered into a contract for cellular telephone service.

S. 2038

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2038, a bill to prohibit the introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of children's products that contain lead, and for other purposes.

S. 2042

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2042, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct activities to rapidly advance treatments for spinal muscular atrophy, neuromuscular disease, and other pediatric diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 2086

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the names of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. DEMINT] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2086, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend funding for 18 months for the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and for other purposes.

S. 2139

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2139, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, provide educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill for members of the National Guard and Reserve who serve extended period of continuous active duty that include a prolonged period of service in certain theaters of operation, and for other purposes.

S. 2140

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2140, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Francis Collins, in recognition of his outstanding contributions and leadership in the fields of medicine and genetics.

S. 2166

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2166, a bill to provide for greater responsibility in lending and expanded cancellation of debts owed to the United States and the international financial institutions by low-income countries, and for other purposes.

S. 2172

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2172, a bill to impose sanctions on officials of the State Peace and Development Council in Burma, to prohibit the importation of gems and

hardwoods from Burma, to support democracy in Burma, and for other purposes.

S. 2189

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2189, a bill to provide for educational opportunities for all students in State public school systems, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 20

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 20, a joint resolution to disapprove a final rule of the Secretary of Agriculture relating to the importation of cattle and beef.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 18, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 18, 2007, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 18, 2007 at 10:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 18, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 18, 2007, at 3 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to continue the hearing on the nomination of Michael B. Mukasey to be Attorney General of the United States, on Thursday, October 18, 2007 at 10 a.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 18, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 18, 2007, at 10 a.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:48 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2095. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to prevent railroad fatalities, injuries, and hazardous materials releases, to authorize the Federal Railroad Safety Administration, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 222. Concurrent resolution commending NASA Langley Research Center in Virginia on the celebration of its 90th anniversary on October 26 and 27, 2007.

The message further announced that the House of Representatives having proceeded to reconsider the bill (H.R. 976) entitled "An Act to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes", returned by the President of the United States with his objections, to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, it was resolved, that the said bill did not pass, two-thirds of the House of Representatives not agreeing to pass the same.

HOUSE BILL AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

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

H.R. 2095. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to prevent railroad fatalities, injuries, and hazardous materials releases, to authorize the Federal Railroad Safety Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 225. Concurrent resolution honoring the 50th anniversary of the dawn of the Space Age, and the ensuing 50 years of

productive and peaceful space activities; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HOUSE BILLS PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2102. An act to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

H.R. 3678. An act to amend the Internet Tax Freedom Act to extend the moratorium on certain taxes relating to the Internet and to electronic commerce.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 3043) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3332, proposed by Mrs. MCCASKILL, to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That the following be recognized to propose amendments in the following order: Mr. DEMINT, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. BROWN.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3332 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. DEMINT to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3338).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. DEMINT,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on

the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DEMINT to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3340).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3338 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mrs. DOLE to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 37, after line 2, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3341).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3338 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in title III, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3348).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. FEINGOLD, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. MENENDEZ) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3349).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. KYL for Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. KYL, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. DEMINT) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3321).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That, at 12:30 p.m. on today, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 3338; that no amendments be in order to the amendment prior to the vote; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Mr. DEMINT and Mr. SCHUMER, or their designees; and that, upon disposition of the amendment, Mr. BYRD be recognized to propose an amendment, relative to mine safety.

Ordered further, That, if debate on the pending amendment No. 3321 has not concluded before the vote on agreeing to amendment No. 3338 ordered to occur at 12:30 p.m., upon disposition of amendment No. 3338, the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 3321; and that Mr. COBURN then be recognized to speak.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3321 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3338 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 34, nays... 61

[Rollcall Vote No. 373 Leg.]

YEAS --- 34

Allard, Barrasso, Bayh, Bennett, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Martinez, McConnell, Roberts, Sessions, Smith, Snowe, Sununu, Thune, Vitter.

NAYS --- 61

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Cochran, Collins, Conrad, Craig, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feinstein, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Inouye, Johnson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. WHITEHOUSE to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. ROCKEFELLER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3321 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. BARRASSO) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3342).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. BARRASSO) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3352).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BYRD (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. WEBB, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. DURBIN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in title I, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3362).

On motion by Mr. BYRD,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. DURBIN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 50, after line 5, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3368).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Ms. SNOWE) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3350).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. COLEMAN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3365).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That, at 2:30 p.m., the Senate vote in "stacked" sequence in relation to the following amendments in the following order: amendment No. 3368, amendment No. 3362, amendment No. 3348, and amendment No. 3321; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to each vote in "stacked" sequence; and that no other amendments be in order prior to said votes.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3365 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The hour of 2:30 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3368 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 90, nays... 3

[Rollcall Vote No. 374 Leg.]

YEAS --- 90

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed,

Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 3

Coburn, DeMint, Inhofe.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3362 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 89, nays... 4

[Rollcall Vote No. 375 Leg.]

YEAS --- 89

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Craig, Crapo, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 4

Cornyn, DeMint, Inhofe, Kyl.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3348 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. BROWN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 81, nays... 12

[Rollcall Vote No. 376 Leg.]

YEAS --- 81

Akaka, Alexander, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Crapo, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kerry,

Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 12

Allard, Burr, Coburn, Cornyn, Craig, DeMint, Ensign, Gregg, Inhofe, Kyl, Roberts, Vitter.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LAUTENBERG to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. DORGAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3321 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. SCHUMER to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. SCHUMER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to table.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 42, nays... 52

[Rollcall Vote No. 377 Leg.]

YEAS --- 42

Akaka, Baucus, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 52

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Landrieu, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Webb.

So the motion was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3321 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. KYL to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. KYL,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3365 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KYL,

Ordered, That he be recognized to propose an amendment.

The pending amendments were laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. KYL to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 55, striking all beginning on line 19 through line 23, and inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3356).

After debate,

Mr. KYL withdrew his pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3365 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. VITTER, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. GRAHAM) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 14 on line 24, by striking certain sums, and inserting in lieu thereof other sums and words (being amendment No. 3373).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 3349 be the pending question.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3349 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3373 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN (for Mr. REID) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in title II, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3395).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That the pending amendments be laid aside; that Mr. VITTER be recognized to propose an amendment; that Mr. VITTER and Mrs. BOXER each be recognized to speak for 10 minutes; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in "stacked" sequence on the following amendments in the following order: amendment No. 3395, the amendment to be proposed by Mr. VITTER, and amendment No. 3373; and that no amendments be in order prior to the votes.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3395 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. VITTER to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 79, after line 4, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3330).

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3395 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 68, nays... 25

[Rollcall Vote No. 378 Leg.]

YEAS --- 68

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Dole, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Gregg, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Johnson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 25

Allard, Barrasso, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Hagel, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, McConnell, Sessions, Shelby, Vitter, Voinovich.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That the next votes in "stacked" sequence be 10 minutes in duration.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3330 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ALLARD,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 41, nays... 52

[Rollcall Vote No. 379 Leg.]

YEAS --- 41

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

NAYS --- 52

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3373 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 46, nays... 47

[Rollcall Vote No. 380 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch,

Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

NAYS --- 47

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3365 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That Senators have until 1 p.m. on tomorrow to "file" first-degree amendments to bill H.R. 3043.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That Mr. REED be recognized to propose an amendment; that, following remarks by him, Mr. ALLARD be recognized to propose an amendment; that, following remarks by Mr. ALLARD, Ms. LANDRIEU be recognized to propose an amendment; and that following remarks by her, Mr. MENENDEZ be recognized to speak.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3365 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. REED to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 59, before the colon on line 22, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3360).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. ALLARD to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by

inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3369).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Ms. LANDRIEU to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 49, by striking the colon on line 1, and inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3402).

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2128

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2128) to make the moratorium on Internet access taxes and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce permanent; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table.

Ms. LANDRIEU objected.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 3043.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3402 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3369 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. HARKIN proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was agreed to: Mr. COBURN, amendment No. 3323; Mr. ALEXANDER, amendment No. 3337; Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CASEY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. BAYH), amendment No. 3355; Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN), amendment No. 3375.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL
CHARACTER COUNTS WEEK"
On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANDERS in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 351) designating the week beginning October 21, 2007, as "National Character Counts Week", submitted today by Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. PRYOR, and Ms. STABENOW), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNITED STATES-MONGOLIA RELATIONS

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 352) expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 20th anniversary of United States-Mongolia relations, submitted today by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. BIDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO FAIR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN LEBANON

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 353) expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the importance of a sovereign, democratic, and prosperous Lebanon and the need for free and fair presidential elections in Lebanon without intimidation or foreign interference, submitted today by Mr. SUNUNU (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. DODD, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BOND, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. COBURN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Ms. STABENOW), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING "LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL!"

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 51) resolution supporting "Lights On Afterschool!", a national celebration of after school programs, submitted today by Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BURR, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KOHL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. INOUE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. CARPER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMENDING NASA LANGLEY RESEARCH CENTER

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 222) commending NASA Langley Research Center in Virginia on the celebration of its 90th anniversary on October 26 and 27, 2007, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO OBTAINING A STATUE OF ROSA PARKS

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2206) to provide technical corrections to Public Law 109-116 (2 U.S.C. 2131a note) to extend the time period for the Joint Committee on the Library to enter into an agreement to obtain a statue of Rosa

Parks, and for other purposes, introduced on today by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DODD, and Mr. BILL NELSON), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

VETERANS' COMPENSATION COST- OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1284) to increase, effective as of December 1, 2007, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ATLANTIC FREEDOM TOUR OF THE FREEDOM SCHOONER AMISTAD

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 258) recognizing the historical and educational significance of the Atlantic Freedom Tour of the Freedom Schooner Amistad, and expressing the sense of the Senate that preserving the legacy of the Amistad story is important in promoting multicultural dialogue, education, and cooperation.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO ACTS OF TERRORISM
AGAINST AMERICANS BY THE
GOVERNMENT OF LIBYA

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1839) to require periodic reports on claims related to acts of terrorism against Americans perpetrated or supported by the Government of Libya.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2198) to require the Architect of the Capitol to permit the acknowledgment of God on flag certificates, introduced today by Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. GREGG, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. SUNUNU, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. STEVENS), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. DURBIN asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2205) to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. LUGAR), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. DURBIN asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of bill H.R. 3043.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

At 8:24 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2007

Mr. SHERROD BROWN, from the State of Ohio, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. BROWN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, October 19, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a Senator from the State of Ohio, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. BROWN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2198) to require the Architect of the Capitol to permit the acknowledgment of God on flag certificates, introduced on yesterday by Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. GREGG, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. SUNUNU), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2205) to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. LUGAR), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR,
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 3043) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3369, proposed by Mr. ALLARD, to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. BURR) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3358).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. COBURN to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3399).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. WEBB) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3361).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN for Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CARDIN, and Ms. SNOWE) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 64, before the period on line 5, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3374).

Mr. HARKIN, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 3374, as modified, to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3361 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 3333 be the pending question.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3333, proposed by Mr. THUNE, to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3361 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. HARKIN, by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was agreed to: Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Ms. COLLINS), amendment No. 3353; Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. VOINOVICH), amendment No. 3354.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3361.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 3399 be the pending question.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3399 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3361 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. CHAMBLISS) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3381).

After debate,

The amendment was withdrawn.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3361 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 3221

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 3221) moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation; that all after the enacting clause be stricken, and the text of the Senate-engrossed amendment to bill H.R. 6 be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment in the nature of a substitute); that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; that an amendment to the title be agreed to; that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; that the Senate then insist on its amendments, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

Mr. CORNYN objected.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 3043.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3361 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 1778. A bill to authorize certain activities of the Maritime Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-200).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second

times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. CORKER, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 2207. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating Green McAdoo School in Clinton, Tennessee, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BENNETT (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 2208. A bill to protect public health and safety in the event that testing of nuclear weapons by the United States is resumed; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. SMITH, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 2209. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to improve America's research competitiveness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 2210. A bill to provide incentives for investment in research and development for new medicines, to enhance access to new medicines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2211. A bill to ensure the recovery, resiliency, and health of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. 2212. A bill to support the establishment and operations of Teachers Professional Development Institutes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. Res. 354. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 35th anniversary of the enactment of the Clean Water Act; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 358

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 358, a bill to

prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment.

S. 368

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 368, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 723

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 723, a bill to provide certain enhancements to the Montgomery GI Bill Program for certain individuals who serve as members of the Armed Forces after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and for other purposes.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1394

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1394, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, to exclude from gross income of individual taxpayers discharges of indebtedness attributable to certain forgiven residential mortgage obligations.

S. 1499

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1499, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce air pollution from marine vessels.

S. 1515

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1515, a bill to establish a domestic violence volunteer attorney network to represent domestic violence victims.

S. 1641

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1641, a bill to amend Public Law 87-383 to reauthorize appropriations to promote the conservation of migratory waterfowl and to offset or prevent the serious loss of important wetland and other waterfowl habitat essential to the preservation of migratory waterfowl, and for other purposes.

S. 1882

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1882, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish various programs for the recruitment and retention of public health

workers and to eliminate critical public health workforce shortages in Federal, State, local, and tribal public health agencies.

S. 2087

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2087, a bill to amend certain laws relating to Native Americans to make technical corrections, and for other purposes.

S. 2198

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2198, a bill to require the Architect of the Capitol to permit the acknowledgment of God on flag certificates.

S. 2201

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2201, a bill to provide for the penalty-free use of retirement funds for mortgage delinquency relief.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

DESIGNATING THE "LAURENCE C. AND GRACE M. JONES POST OFFICE BUILDING"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3233) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at Highway 49 South in Piney Woods, Mississippi, as the "Laurence C. and Grace M. Jones Post Office Building".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED; BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 2131) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at Highway 49 South in Piney Woods, Mississippi, as the "Laurence C. and Grace M. Jones Post Office Building"; and that the bill be placed on the calendar.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENACTMENT OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 354) expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 35th anniversary of the enactment of the Clean Water Act, submitted today by Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. INHOFE), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2007, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, October 22, 2007; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 3 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for 10 minutes each; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled in the usual form; and that, at 3 p.m., the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 3043.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 2:02 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, October 22, 2007.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2007

Mr. JIM WEBB, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WEBB led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 22, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JIM WEBB, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. WEBB took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, October 19, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, October 19, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Friday, October 19, 2007,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries:

REPORT RELATIVE TO EXPANSION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY RELATIVE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BURMA -- PM 29

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) (IEEPA), I hereby report that I have issued an Executive Order (the "Order") that expands the scope of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997, and takes additional steps with respect to that national emergency.

In 1997, the United States put in place a prohibition on new investment in Burma in response to the Government of Burma's large-scale repression of the democratic opposition in that country. On July 28, 2003, those sanctions were expanded by steps taken in Executive Order 13310, which contained prohibitions implementing sections 3 and 4 of the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-61) and supplemented that Act with additional restrictions. I have now determined that the Government of Burma's continued repression of the democratic opposition in Burma, manifested most recently in the violent response to peaceful demonstrations, the commission of human rights abuses related to political repression, and engagement in public corruption, including by diverting or misusing Burmese public assets or by misusing public authority, warrant an expansion of the existing sanctions.

The order incorporates existing designation criteria set forth in Executive Order 13310, authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury, after consultation with the Secretary of State, to designate any person determined to be a senior official of the Government of Burma, the State Peace and Development Council of Burma, the Union Solidarity and Development Association of Burma, or any successor entity to any of the foregoing. The order blocks the property and interests in property in the United States of persons listed in the Annex to the order and provides additional criteria for designations of persons determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, after consultation with the Secretary of State, to be responsible for, or to have participated in, human rights abuses related to political repression in Burma; to be engaged, or to have engaged, in activities facilitating public corruption by senior officials of the Government of Burma; to have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, logistical, or technical support for, or goods or services in support of, the Government of Burma, the State Peace and Development Council of Burma, the Union

Solidarity and Development Association of Burma, any successor entity to any of the foregoing, any senior official of any of the foregoing, or any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13310 or section 1(b) (i)-(v) of the order; to be owned or controlled by, or to have acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13310 or section 1(b)(i)-(v) of the order; or to be a spouse or dependent child of any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to the order or Executive Order 13310.

The order leaves in place the existing prohibitions on new investment, the exportation or reexportation to Burma of financial services, and the importation of any article that is a product of Burma, which were put into effect in Executive Order 13047 and Executive Order 13310.

I delegated to the Secretary of the Treasury, after consultation with the Secretary of State, the authority to take such actions, including the promulgation of rules and regulations, and to employ all powers granted to the President by IEEPA and section 4 of the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the order.

I am enclosing a copy of the Executive Order I have issued.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *October 18, 2007.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3713. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Democratic Republic of the Congo; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3714. A communication from the Director, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Navy Operations of Surveillance Towed Array Sensor System Low Frequency Active" (RIN0648-AT80) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3715. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kentucky Regulatory Program" (Docket No.

KY-251-FOR) received on October 17, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3716. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for *Piperia yadonii*" (RIN1018-AU34) received on October 17, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3717. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exemptions from Licensing, General Licenses, and Distributions of Byproduct Material: Licensing and Reporting Requirements" (RIN3150-AH41) received on October 17, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3718. A communication from the Assistant Director, Fisheries and Habitat Conservation, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Injurious Wildlife Species; Black Carp" (RIN1018-AG70) received on October 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3719. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the administration of the Surface Transportation Project Delivery Pilot Program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3720. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bifenthrin; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8151-5) received on October 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3721. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Implementation Plans for the Clean Air Interstate Rule: Automatic Withdrawal Provisions" (FRL No. 8485-7) received on October 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3722. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fenamidone; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8152-9) received on October 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3723. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticide Data Requirements; Technical Amendments" (FRL No. 8114-1) received on October 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3724. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticides: Redesignation of Part 158; Technical Amendments" (FRL No. 8116-2) received on October 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3725. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticides; Data Requirements for Biochemical and Microbial Pesticides" ((RIN2070-AD51)(FRL No. 8109-8)) received on October 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3726. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticides; Data Requirements for Conventional Chemicals" ((RIN2070-AC12)(FRL No. 8106-5)) received on October 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3727. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "October - December 2007 Section 42 Bond Factor Amounts" (Rev. Rule. 2007-62) received on October 18, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3728. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to performance improvement within the Department during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:

Report to accompany S. 680, A bill to ensure proper oversight and accountability in

Federal contracting, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-201).

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

H.R. 1254. A bill to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations (Rept. No. 110-202).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendments:

S. 2035. A bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 2213. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve prevention, investigation, and prosecution of cyber-crime, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 2214. A bill to establish the Federal Emergency Management Agency as an independent agency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 2215. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Protective Security Advisor Program Office; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. BURR, Mr. COBURN, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S.J. Res. 22. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services within the Department of Health and Human Services relating to Medicare coverage for the use of erythropoiesis stimulating agents in cancer and related neoplastic conditions; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 22, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 600

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 600, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish the School-Based Health Clinic program, and for other purposes.

S. 777

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 777, a bill to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] were added as cosponsors of S. 803, a bill to repeal a provision enacted to end Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 1200

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1200, a bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend the Act.

S. 1276

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1276, a bill to establish a grant program to facilitate the creation of methamphetamine precursor electronic logbook systems, and for other purposes.

S. 1332

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1332, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs.

S. 1359

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1359, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance public and health professional awareness and understanding of lupus and to strengthen the Nation's research efforts to identify the causes and cure of lupus.

S. 1444

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1444, a bill to provide for free mailing privileges for personal correspondence and parcels sent to members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty in Iraq or Afghanistan.

S. 1465

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1465, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of certain medical mobility devices approved as class III medical devices.

S. 1518

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1518, a bill to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1661

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1661, a bill to communicate United States travel policies and improve marketing and other activities designed to increase travel in the United States from abroad.

S. 1711

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1711, a bill to target cocaine kingpins and address sentencing disparity between crack and powder cocaine.

S. 1729

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1729, a bill to amend titles 18 and 28 of the United States Code to provide incentives for the prompt payments of debts owed to the United States and the victims of crime by imposing surcharges on unpaid judgments owed to the United States and to the victims of crime, to provide for offsets on amounts collected by the Department of Justice for Federal agencies, to increase the amount of special assessments imposed upon convicted persons, to establish an Enhanced Financial Recovery Fund to enhance, supplement, and improve the debt collection activities of the Department of Justice, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide to assistant United States attorneys the same retirement benefits as are afforded to Federal law enforcement officers, and for authorized purposes.

S. 1730

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1730, a bill to

amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act, to reward States for engaging individuals with disabilities in work activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1843

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1843, a bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to clarify that an unlawful practice occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, and for other purposes.

S. 1858

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1858, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1930

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1930, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prevent illegal logging practices, and for other purposes.

S. 1944

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1944, a bill to provide justice for victims of state-sponsored terrorism.

S. 1954

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1954, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to pharmacies under part D.

S. 2042

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2042, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct activities to rapidly advance treatments for spinal muscular atrophy, neuromuscular disease, and other pediatric diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 2166

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2166, a bill to provide for greater responsibility in lending and expanded cancellation of debts owed to the United States and the international financial institutions by low-income countries, and for other purposes.

S. 2172

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2172, a bill to impose sanctions on officials of the State Peace and Development Council in Burma, to prohibit the importation of gems and hardwoods from Burma, to support democracy in Burma, and for other purposes.

S. 2198

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2198, a bill to require the Architect of the Capitol to permit the acknowledgment of God on flag certificates.

S. 2202

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2202, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to increase the renewable content of gasoline, and for other purposes.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR,
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Pursuant to the order of Friday, October 19, 2007,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 3043) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3361, proposed by Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. WEBB), to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That, at 5:30 p.m. the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 3369; that, upon conclusion of said vote, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 3335, as may be modified by amendment No. 3445; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to the votes; and that no second-degree amendments be in order thereto prior to the votes.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3361 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 3335 be modified with the language of amendment No. 3445.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3361 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title II, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3391).

Mr. CHAMBLISS, by unanimous consent, modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 3391, as modified, to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The hour of 5:30 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3369, proposed by Mr. ALLARD, to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 3335, as modified, be the pending question.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3335, as modified, proposed by Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. SANDERS), to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3369 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That, following the vote in relation to the pending amendment, the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 3347; that it be modified with the text of amendment No. 3428; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment, as modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3369 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

Mr. HARKIN, by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was agreed to: Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mr. DURBIN), amendment No. 3331; Ms. SNOWE, amendment No. 3419; Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. GREGG), amendment No. 3434; Mr. VOINOVICH, amendment No. 3405; Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. BUNNING), amendment No. 3411.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3369 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. HARKIN to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 68, nays... 21

[Rollcall Vote No. 381 Leg.]

YEAS --- 68

Akaka, Alexander, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Johnson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Thune, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 21

Allard, Brownback, Bunning, Chambliss, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, DeMint, Enzi, Gregg, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McConnell, Sessions, Shelby, Sununu, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. DORGAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3347, proposed by Mr. MENENDEZ, to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment was modified.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 3347, as modified, to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

Ordered, That Mrs. HUTCHISON be added as a cosponsor of the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3347, as modified, to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 88, nays... 3

[Rollcall Vote No. 382 Leg.]

YEAS --- 88

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 3

Coburn, DeMint, Kyl.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3391, as modified, to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

Mr. HARKIN proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was modified, as indicated, and agreed to: Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE), amendment No. 3432, as modified; Ms. CANTWELL, amendment No. 3377, as modified; Mr. TESTER (for himself,

Mr. BROWN, and Mr. SANDERS), amendment No. 3378.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 3360 be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3391, as modified, to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That Mrs. BOXER be recognized to speak for 10 minutes; that, upon conclusion of remarks by her, Mr. CARDIN be recognized to propose an amendment; that he be recognized to speak for 5 minutes thereon; that, upon conclusion of remarks by him, Ms. LANDRIEU be recognized to propose an amendment; and that she be recognized to speak for 5 minutes thereon.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3391, as modified, to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. DURBIN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 126, after line 7, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3400).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Ms. LANDRIEU to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 85, by striking the colon on line 10, and inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3446).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. LANDRIEU,

Ordered, That she be added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3400.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3446 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That the amendment No. 3361 be agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3446 to amendment No.

3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. HARKIN proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was modified, as indicated, and agreed to: Mr. CORNYN, amendment No. 3427, as modified; Mr. CORNYN, amendment No. 3379, as modified; and Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. TESTER), amendment No. 3344, as modified.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3446 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate resumes consideration of bill H.R. 3043 on tomorrow, Mr. ENZI be recognized to propose an amendment (being amendment No. 3437); that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the amendment be laid aside; that Mr. DEMINT be recognized to propose an amendment (being amendment No. 3387); that there be 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the amendment be laid aside; that the question then recur on agreeing to amendment No. 3365; that there be 10 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 3358; that there be 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in "stacked" sequence in relation to the following amendments in the following order: amendments numbered 3437, 3387, 3365, and 3358; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the votes; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; and that no second-degree amendment be in order to the amendments prior to the votes.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3446 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2205

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2205) to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents

and who entered the United States as children, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2205, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2205:

RICHARD J. DURBIN, ROBERT MENENDEZ, D. INOUE, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., J. LIEBERMAN, PATTY MURRAY, JEFF BINGAMAN, JACK REED, PATRICK J. LEAHY, CHUCK SCHUMER, DANIEL K. AKAKA, FRANK R. LAUTENBERG, BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, JOHN KERRY, SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, BARBARA BOXER, HARRY REID.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the motion to proceed be withdrawn.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. KLOBUCHAR in the chair) announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 99-498 re-appoints Clare Cotton, of Massachusetts, as a member of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the minority leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-292, as amended by Public Law 106-55 and Public Law 107-228, had appointed the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Dr. Richard D. Land of Tennessee.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the

Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of bill H.R. 3043.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 8:21 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2007

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., Reverend Captain Margaret G. Kibben, of the Chaplain Corps, United States Navy, offered a prayer, and Mr. TESTER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, October 23, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. TESTER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR,
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 3043) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3446, proposed by Ms. LANDRIEU, to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The pending amendments were laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. ENZI to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title II, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3437).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 3365 be the pending question; and that there be 10 minutes for debate thereon.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3365, proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. COLEMAN), to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3437 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. DEMINT (for himself and Mr. ENZI) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 4, by striking all beginning on line 22 through line 7 on page 5, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3387).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. HARKIN to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3358, proposed by Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. BURR), to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That the vote in relation to amendment No. 3358, previously ordered to occur fourth in "stacked" sequence, instead be second in "stacked" sequence.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3358 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. COBURN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3437 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. ENZI,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 65, nays... 28

[Rollcall Vote No. 383 Leg.]

YEAS --- 65

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kohl, Kyl, Levin, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Mikulski, Murkowski, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Roberts, Salazar, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb.

NAYS --- 28

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Boxer, Byrd, Cantwell, Feingold, Feinstein, Inouye, Johnson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Lieberman, Menendez, Murray, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3358 to amendment No.

3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. HARKIN to lay the pending amendment on the table.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 68, nays... 26

[Rollcall Vote No. 384 Leg.]

YEAS --- 68

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Craig, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feinstein, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Johnson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 26

Allard, Barrasso, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Graham, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Sessions, Thune, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to the motion to lay amendment No. 3387 on the table.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 60, nays... 34

[Rollcall Vote No. 385 Leg.]

YEAS --- 60

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Martinez, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 34

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, McConnell, Sessions, Shelby, Sununu, Thune, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3446 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. HARKIN proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was modified, as indicated, and agreed to: Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN), amendment No. 3351, as modified; Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. DURBIN), amendment No. 3376, as modified; Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Ms. STABENOW), amendment No. 3397; Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK), amendment No. 3401; Mr. FEINGOLD, amendment No. 3430; Mr. HATCH, amendment No. 3436; Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. DODD), amendment No. 3418; and Mr. DEMINT, amendment No. 3388.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3446 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That amendments numbered 3350 and 3446 be withdrawn.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3400 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title I, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3398).

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. KERRY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3400 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:41 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 3043.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3400 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That the following be the only amendments and motion in order to be proposed or made to the bill; and that it be in order to modify each, as indicated:

An amendment (No. 3396), intended to be proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. SANDERS), and modified;

An amendment (No. 3404), intended to be proposed by Mr. SCHUMER;

An amendment (No. 3449), intended to be proposed by Mr. DURBIN, to amendment No. 3404;

An amendment (No. 3440), intended to be proposed by Mr. BINGAMAN, and modified;

An amendment (No. 3433), intended to be proposed by Mr. KENNEDY, and modified;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. DEMINT, relative to first class air travel;

A motion to commit, to be made by a minority party Senator.

Ordered further, That it be in order to modify pending amendment numbered 3328 if Mr. VITTER and the chairman and ranking member agree.

Ordered further, That amendment No. 3345 be withdrawn.

Ordered further, That the Senate vote in "stacked" sequence in relation to the following amendments and motion in the following order: amendments numbered 3400, 3342, 3352, 3328, as may be modified, 3440, as may be modified, 3396, as may be modified, 3404, as amended, the amendment to be proposed by Mr. DEMINT, and amendment No. 3391, as modified, and the motion to commit; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

Ordered further, That there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to the each vote; that there be 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to a vote on the motion to commit; that, upon conclusion of said debate, the Senate vote on

the question of agreeing to said motion; that no second-degree amendments be in order to the amendments unless specified herein; that, upon disposition of said amendments, and if the motion is not agreed to, the amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, be agreed to; and that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time; that the Senate vote on passage of the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, upon passage of bill H.R. 3043, the Senate insist on its amendment to the bill, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, following consideration of bill H.R. 3043 on today, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Leslie Southwick, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit; that it be in order for a motion to bring to a close debate on said nomination to be immediately presented; that, on today, there be a limitation of 2 hours, be equally divided and controlled for debate between Mr. LEAHY and Mr. SPECTER, or their designees; and that the time therein.

Ordered further, That, at 9 a.m. on tomorrow, there be a limitation of 2 hours for debate on said nomination; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between Mr. LEAHY and Mr. SPECTER, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate (and notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate), the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on said nomination; that, if said motion is agreed to, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; that the Senate then resume its legislative session; that, if said motion is not agreed to, the nomination be returned to the calendar; and that the Senate resume its legislative session.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2205 ON TOMORROW

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered further, That, when the Senate resumes its legislative session on tomorrow, there be 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two

leaders, or their designees, on the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to bill S. 2205; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said motion.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR,
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 3043.

Pursuant to the order of today, Amendment No. 3345 was withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3400 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN for Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BENNETT), by unanimous consent, to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title II, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3443).

Mr. HARKIN, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 3443, as modified, to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3400 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 3430, previously agreed to, be modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3400 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

On motion by Mr. HARKIN (for Mr. KENNEDY) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title III, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3433).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment was modified.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 3433, as modified, to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3400 to amendment No.

3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. CARDIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 92, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 386 Leg.]

YEAS --- 92

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. DORGAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3342 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. ENSIGN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 91, nays... 3

[Rollcall Vote No. 387 Leg.]

YEAS --- 91

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar,

Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 3

Hagel, Lugar, Martinez.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3352 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 92, nays... 2

[Rollcall Vote No. 388 Leg.]

YEAS --- 92

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 2

Hagel, Lugar.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3328 to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment was modified.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 3328, as modified, to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3391, as modified, to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendment was deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BAUCUS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. LEVIN) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title IV, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3440).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment was modified.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 3440, as modified, to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. BINGAMAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 88, nays... 6

[Rollcall Vote No. 389 Leg.]

YEAS --- 88

Akaka, Alexander, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 6

Allard, Burr, Coburn, DeMint, Gregg, Inhofe.

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. CARDIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. CARDIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3391, as modified, to

amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendment was deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today.

On motion by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. SANDERS) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3396).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment was modified.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 3396, as modified, to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3391, as modified, to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendment was deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN for Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 126, after line 7, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3404).

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. HARKIN (for Mr. DURBIN) to amend the pending amendment on page 2, after line 11, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3449).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 3404, as amended, to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as amended.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3391, as modified, to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendment was deemed laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN (for Mr. DEMINT) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3450).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3391, as modified, to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. HARKIN, by unanimous consent, withdrew the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report back forthwith with the total discretionary amounts not to exceed the amount \$140,920,000,000, recommended by the President's budget submitted to Congress for fiscal Year 2008.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 40, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 390 Leg.]

YEAS --- 40

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

NAYS --- 54

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3325 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall the bill, as amended, pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 75, nays... 19

[Rollcall Vote No. 391 Leg.]

YEAS --- 75

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Craig, Crapo, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 19

Allard, Barrasso, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, DeMint, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Inhofe, Kyl, Martinez, Sessions, Thune, Vitter.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate insisted on its amendment, and asked a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and the chair, as authorized, appointed the following as conferees on the part of the Senate:

Mr. HARKIN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KOHL, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REED, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BYRD, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. GREGG, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. DOMENICI.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; during which the following occurred:

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

As in legislative session,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SALAZAR in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2216) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the Indian

employment credit and the depreciation rules for property used predominantly within an Indian reservation, introduced today by Mr. INHOFE, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

As in legislative session,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2217) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the taxable income limit on percentage depletion for oil and natural gas produced from marginal properties, introduced today by Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

MORNING BUSINESS

The following morning business occurred on today:

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-235. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County of the State of Florida commending the Florida officials who provided for the installation of guardrails along bodies of water and in roadway medians; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

POM-236. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners for Miami-Dade County of the State of Florida urging the Florida Legislature to designate West Flagler Street from 13 Avenue to 14 Avenue as Father Emilio Vallina Avenue; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

POM-237. A resolution adopted by the Iberville Parish Council of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to vote in favor of H.R. 1229, the "Non-Market Economy Trade

Remedy Act of 2007"; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-238. A resolution adopted by the Edina City Council of the State of Minnesota endorsing the United Nations principle of the Responsibility to Protect; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

POM-239. A resolution adopted by the Gretna City Council of the State of Louisiana expressing its support for the implementation of legislation that would improve and eliminate barriers contained in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-240. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging Congress to implement food policies that promote healthy food, farms, and communities by encouraging local production of fruits and vegetables by specialty crop farmers; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 156

Whereas, the federal Farm Bill traditionally provides crop subsidies to corn, wheat, soybean, and cotton farmers, and less than 40 percent of all United States farmers and ranchers actually receive any kind of subsidy from the federal government. However, there are many different kinds of farmers, both in Michigan and nationwide, growing nutritious and affordable fruits and vegetables that are vital to the health and well-being of Americans. Government support must emphasize nutritious, affordable, and locally available foods; and

Whereas, the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (the 2002 Farm Bill) encourages institutions participating in the school lunch program to purchase locally produced foods for school meals. While the real price of fruits and vegetables has increased by 40 percent since 1985, the cost of junk foods and sodas has declined by as much as 20 percent. We need to encourage the choice of fresh fruits and vegetables by purchasing locally grown produce and other foods, thereby supporting local farmers and benefiting students in need of high quality, nutritious food products. However, the USDA continues to discourage efforts by schools and other institutions to develop these important programs. The USDA claims that 7 CFR 3016.60(c) clearly prohibits the use of state or local geographic preferences and that all purchases are to be made competitively; and

Whereas, the Community Food Projects, a federally funded program designed to fight food insecurity through development of local food projects, promotes self-sufficiency of low-income communities. Grants from this program support urban nonprofits and urban residents in growing fresh vegetables in their neighborhoods. Funding is also used to

provide entrepreneurship training to urban farmers, again encouraging local specialty crop farmers in Michigan. However, maintaining current funding for the Community Food Projects is important to promoting healthy, locally grown foods in low-income communities; and

Whereas, the emphasis on traditional crops in the allocation of farm subsidies has resulted in a loss of fruit and vegetable farmers as well as a decrease in the acreage of specialty crop farmland used for farming nationwide. At the current rate, Michigan will lose 15 percent of its agricultural land by 2040, including 25 percent of the acreage used to grow fruit and 36 percent of the acreage used to grow dry beans. The Michigan House of Representatives supports the federal government encouraging and providing programs and assistance to farm operations that grow fruits and vegetables including but not limited to asparagus, cherries, apples, carrots, beets, lettuce, celery, squash, potatoes, peppers, pumpkins etc. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we encourage Congress and the United States Department of Agriculture to implement food policies that promote healthy food, farms, and communities by encouraging local production of fruits and vegetables by specialty crop farmers; and be it further

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

POM-241. A resolution adopted by the California State Lands Commission expressing its support for legislation which would reduce pollution from marine vessels that use the nation's ports; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, California's 1,100 mile coastline, with its beautiful beaches, wild cliffs, abundant fish stocks and fragile environment is a national treasure and a valuable state resource, which is at the heart of a tourist industry that generates nearly five billion dollars in state and local taxes each year; and is central to the state's \$46 billion ocean economy; and

Whereas, the California State Lands Commission has jurisdiction over the state-owned tide and submerged lands below the mean high tide line out to three miles from the coast as well as the lands underlying California's bays, lakes, and rivers; and

Whereas, the Commission is charged with managing these lands pursuant to the Public Trust Doctrine, common law that requires

these lands to be used for commerce, fishing, navigation, recreation, and environmental protection; and

Whereas, the impacts of air pollution affect the public trust values of the lands under the Commission's jurisdiction and the utility of these lands to the public, future generations, and the environment; and

Whereas, most commercial goods imported to the United States come through our nation's ports by means of marine vessels; and

Whereas, California is home to the busiest ports in the nation, with large volumes of international goods entering through the Ports of Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Oakland, which rank as the first, second, and fourth busiest ports in the country, respectively; and

Whereas, in 2004, 1,900 ships visited California's ports, 87% of which were foreign vessels, and it is estimated that freight volume will more than double in the Los Angeles region over the next 20 years; and

Whereas, marine vessels at California's ports emit large amounts of diesel particulate matter (PM), nitrogen oxides (NOx), and sulfur oxides (SOx), and

Whereas, most marine vessels use high emitting diesel bunker fuel, a low quality petroleum, high in sulfur, that is capable of producing approximately 50 times more haze-forming pollutants than the dirtiest trucks on our nation's highways; and

Whereas, bunker fuel used by marine vessels contains, on average, 27,000 parts per million (ppm) of sulfur, compared to the 15 ppm of sulfur allowed in diesel fuel used by heavy-duty trucks in the U.S.; and

Whereas, the pollutants emitted from burning bunker fuel cause environmental problems such as smog, soot, acid rain and global climate change, as well as damaging health effects such as asthma and cancer—as reported by the California Air Resource Board's Emission Reduction Plan for Ports and Goods Movement, air pollution from California's ports is the cause of 750 premature deaths each year; and

Whereas, in 2006, Maersk, Inc., which operates the largest container terminal in the Los Angeles harbor, voluntarily switched all 37 of its cargo ships to low-sulfur fuel, proving that it is feasible for marine vessels to use environmentally safer fuels, and

Whereas, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a delay until December 2009 to adopt new emission and fuel regulations for big ocean ship propulsion engines and there is no assurance that the rules will be adopted by then or that they will be strict enough to significantly reduce air pollution; and

Whereas, the United Nations International Maritime Organization has before it a proposal, supported by the EPA, World Shipping Council, Pacific Maritime Shipping Association, and U.S. Coast Guard, to

develop, among other things, stringent new standards on sulfur content in fuel used by marine vessels; however, it is uncertain if enough nations will support this proposal; and

Whereas, the Marine Vessel Emissions Reduction Act bill, introduced by Senators Boxer and Feinstein through S. 1499, and Congresswoman Solis through H.R. 2548, seeks to regulate the emissions of domestic and foreign-flagged marine vessels entering or leaving U.S. ports or offshore terminals; and

Whereas, specifically, the Marine Vessel Emissions Reduction Act, if passed, will mandate the EPA to set limits on the sulfur content of fuel used by these vessels, if they are within a certain distance from the coast (for the west coast, it is 200 miles), to no more than 1,000 ppm beginning December 31, 2010, unless the EPA determines that such a limit is not technically feasible, in which case there will be an interim limit of 2,000 ppm; and

Whereas, the Marine Vessel Emissions Reduction Act, if passed, will also mandate the EPA to establish standards for new and in-use engines in marine vessels that will require the maximum degree of emission reduction for PM, NOx, hydrocarbons, and carbon monoxide achievable by no later than January 1, 2012; therefore, be it

Resolved by the California State Lands Commission, that it supports the Marine Vessel Emissions Reduction Act (S. 1499 and H.R. 2548), which would reduce the emissions of air pollutants from marine vessels, including foreign-flagged vessels, entering or leaving U.S. ports or offshore terminals; and be it further

Resolved, That the Commission's Executive Officer transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Governor of California, to the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, to the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, to the Chairs and Ranking Minority Members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-242. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging Congress to address the recent approval of increased pollution by British Petroleum into the Great Lakes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 172

Whereas, Lake Michigan is a national treasure and a vital natural resource shared by four states in trust for the entire nation. Lake

Michigan is a drinking water source for millions of people and a recreational haven for swimming, fishing, and boating in all the states. Tourism and recreation based around Lake Michigan are worth billions of dollars each year to these states' economies; and

Whereas, Michigan and the other states bordering Lake Michigan rely on the federal Clean Water Act to limit polluted discharges originating from other states. Pollution originating from any state can negatively affect the public health and economy of the other states that use Lake Michigan water. Improving and preserving Lake Michigan's water quality are imperative to support the many uses of its water; and

Whereas, despite provisions in the federal Clean Water Act that prohibit degradation of water quality, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management approved, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency concurred with, a permit that allows the British Petroleum (BP) refinery in Whiting, Indiana, to increase significantly the dumping of industrial pollutants into Lake Michigan. These discharges threaten other uses of Lake Michigan water and are inconsistent with regional efforts to clean up the Great Lakes; and

Whereas, this decision sets a poor precedent for the future. States could approve increased pollution discharges to interstate waters for industries that economically benefit that state at the expense of other states that rely on that water: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the Congress of the United States and the United States Environmental Protection Agency to address the recent approval of increased pollution by British Petroleum into the Great Lakes; and be it further

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

POM-243. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging Congress to enact H.R. 2927, which responsibly balances achievable fuel economy increases with important economic and social concerns; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 165

Whereas, H.R. 2927 sets tough fuel economy standards without off ramps or loopholes, by requiring separate car and truck standards to meet a total fleet fuel economy between 32 and 35 mpg by 2022—an increase of as much as 40 percent over

current fuel economy standards—and requires vehicle fuel economy to be increased to the maximum feasible level in the years leading up to 2022; and

Whereas, H.R. 2927, while challenging, will provide automakers more reasonable lead time to implement technology changes in both the near and long term. Model year 2008 vehicles are already available today, and product and manufacturing planning is done through Model Year 2012. H.R. 2927 recognizes the critical need for engineering lead times necessary for manufacturers to make significant changes to their fleets; and

Whereas, H.R. 2927 respects consumer choice by protecting the important functional differences between passenger cars and light trucks/SUVs. Last year, 2006, was the sixth year in a row that Americans bought more trucks, minivans, and SUVs than passenger cars, because they value attributes such as passenger and cargo load capacity, four-wheel drive, and towing capability that most cars are not designed to provide; and

Whereas, while some would like fuel economy increases to be much more aggressive and be implemented with much less lead time, Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards must be set at levels and in time frames that do not impose economic harm on the manufacturers, suppliers, dealers, and others in the auto industry; and

Whereas, proponents of unrealistic and unattainable CAFE standards cite Europe's 35 mpg fuel economy, without ever mentioning Europe's \$6 per gallon gasoline prices, the high sales of diesel vehicles, the high proportion of Europeans driving manual transmission vehicles (80 percent in Europe vs. 8 percent in the U.S.), the significant differences in the size mix of vehicles, or that trucks and SUVs are virtually nonexistent among Europe households; and

Whereas, proponents of unreasonable CAFE standards claim they will save consumers billions, but they neglect to talk about the upfront costs of such changes to the manufacturers of meeting unduly strict CAFE standards—more than \$100 billion, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration—which will lead to vehicle price increases of several thousand dollars; and

Whereas, proponents of unrealistic CAFE standards ignore the potential safety impacts of downsized vehicles on America's highways and overlook the historical role and critical importance of manufacturing plants to our national and economic security. They seem unconcerned about threats to the 7.5 million jobs that are directly and indirectly dependent on a vibrant auto industry in the United States. They also seem unconcerned about maintaining CAFE rules that require the continuance of small car production in the United States; and

Whereas, H.R. 2927 is a reasonable bill that balances a number of important public policy concerns. The bill represents a tough but fair compromise that deserves serious consideration and support: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the United States Congress to enact H.R. 2927, which responsibly balances achievable fuel economy increases with important economic and social concerns, including consumer demand; and be it further

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

POM-244. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan urging Congress to extend the H2B returning worker exemption permanently; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 96

Whereas, seasonal workers are a key component of our state's and our nation's tourism and recreation industries. Annually, thousands of young men and women use seasonal employment to begin their journey on the path to a career. Many tourism areas, however, do not have the populations necessary to fill all the seasonal jobs available. In Michigan, for example, world-renowned Mackinac Island hires up to 4,500 seasonal workers each year. Its 500 year-around residents cannot begin to supply the workforce necessary for peak-season employment levels; and

Whereas, foreign workers supplement the seasonal staff needs in a host of our tourism and recreation destinations. Many of these employees are in our country under the H2B visa program; and

Whereas, all workers under the H2B visa program are here legally, are tracked by the federal government to ensure they are doing the work their visa is intended for, and are paid under federally prescribed wage scales; and

Whereas, Congress took action to help alleviate problems with the H2B visa program by capping the number of visas available at 66,000, but also exempting workers who already held an H2B visa. This action ensures that there is enough of a workforce available for those industries that depend on seasonal workers; and

Whereas, there is a sunset in the law on the federal level that would remove the returning worker exemption. As of September 30, 2007, every returning worker will again be considered a new worker and be forced to apply under the 66,000 visa limit. This cap had been reached for each of the previous

few years before Congress took action, just as the national economy has surged and more and more people are traveling. The cap also distorted hiring patterns across the nation, as employers are forced to put on workers far beyond service needs to help assure that they will have the employees they need when their season begins; and

Whereas, legislation has been introduced in Congress to revise the H2B visa program. The measure would extend the H2B returning worker exemption by removing the sunset language from current law. Clearly, this is an issue that needs prompt action: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to continue exempting returning workers allowed into this country under the H2B visa program by passing H.R. 1843; and be it further

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

POM-245. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging Congress to continue exempting returning workers from the cap on H2B visas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 183

Whereas, seasonal workers are an essential component of the tourism and recreational industries of our state and nation. Even though thousands of young people use seasonal employment to begin their journey on the path to a career, many tourism areas do not have the populations necessary to fill all the seasonal jobs available. In Michigan, for example, Mackinac Island hires up to 4,500 seasonal workers each year. The island's 500 year-round residents cannot supply the workforce necessary for peak season employment levels; and

Whereas, foreign workers supplement the seasonal staff needs in a host of our tourism and recreation destinations. Many of these employees are in our country under the H2B visa program; and

Whereas, all workers under the H2B visa program are here legally, are tracked by the federal government to ensure they are doing the work prescribed under their visa, and are paid under federally prescribed wage scales; and

Whereas, according to the Michigan Travel Commission, the travel and tourism industry is a \$17.5 billion industry in the state of Michigan, contributing \$971 million annually to the state treasury. This industry is dependent upon seasonal workers in order to do business; and

Whereas, recently, the Congress of the United States took action to help alleviate problems with the H2B visa program by capping the number of visas available at 66,000 but also exempting workers who already have H2B visas. This action ensured that there is enough of a workforce available for those industries that depend on seasonal workers; and

Whereas, currently, there is a sunset in the law at the federal level that would remove the returning worker exemption. As of September 30, 2007, every returning worker would again be considered a new worker and be forced to apply under the 66,000 visa limit. This cap had been reached for each of the previous few years before Congress took action, just as the national economy has surged and more and more people are traveling. This cap also distorted hiring patterns across the nation, as employers are forced to put on workers far beyond service needs to help assure that they will have the employees they need when their season begins; and

Whereas, legislation has been introduced in the Congress of the United States to revise the H2B visa program. The measure would extend the H2B returning worker exemption by removing the sunset language from current law. Clearly, this is an issue that needs prompt action: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to continue exempting returning workers from the cap on H2B visas; and be it further

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

POM-246. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging Congress to reestablish medical care for certain veterans whose income and disability status disqualified them for medical care as of January 17, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 175

Whereas, we have been at war for nearly six years since the September 11th terrorist attacks on our soil. During this time, American military personnel have served around the world in combat. The wounds and illnesses that they may endure as the result of this service in our defense could affect them for a lifetime. It is our responsibility as a nation to honor their service and sacrifice by doing all we can to restore their health and opportunities in civilian life; and

Whereas, beginning January 17, 2003, veterans with income above certain levels and who have no service-connected disability

have been ineligible for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical care. These Priority 8 category veterans may lack other sources of health care, and so ineligibility for VA health care could be a threat to their long-term health. Even veterans without evident war-related injuries or illnesses could have hidden health issues that can evolve into serious problems. Infections or viruses from serving in foreign lands might not reveal themselves until later in life. In addition, veterans with combat wounds such as traumatic brain injury (TSI) from blast effects or post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) may not display symptoms for years. Without early access to the VA healthcare system, veterans may not have the benefits of medical monitoring and early intervention in developing health issues; and

Whereas, Congress has before it two bills that would restore VA eligibility to these Priority 8 veterans under current standards with income levels too high and no service-connected disability. In the House of Representatives, H.R. 463 would restore this eligibility, while in the Senate, S. 1147 has been introduced. We owe it to our veterans to act on this legislation to ensure that any long-term problems that may not be currently evident can be identified and treated in a timely manner. Providing quality health care is part of our duty as a nation to our veterans, and there is no excuse for failing to right this mistake: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the United States Congress to reestablish medical care for certain veterans whose income and disability status disqualified them for Department of Veterans Affairs medical care as of January 17, 2003; and be it further

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

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of a committee was submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1845. A bill to provide for limitations in certain communications between the Department of Justice and the White House Office relating to civil and criminal investigations, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-203).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second

times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 2216. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the Indian employment credit and the depreciation rules for property used predominantly within an Indian reservation; read the first time.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 2217. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the taxable income limit on percentage depletion for oil and natural gas produced from marginal properties; read the first time.

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. 2218. A bill to provide for the award of a military service medal to members of the Armed Forces who were exposed to ionizing radiation as a result of participation in a test of atomic weapons; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Ms. STABENOW Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 2219. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to deliver a meaningful benefit and lower prescription drug prices under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 2220. A bill to amend the Outdoor Recreation Act of 1963 to authorize certain appropriations; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 2221. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the reporting of sales price data for implantable medical devices; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 507

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 507, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for reimbursement of certified midwife services and to provide for more equitable reimbursement rates for certified nurse-midwife services.

S. 719

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 719, a bill to amend section 10501 of title 49, United States Code, to exclude solid waste disposal from the jurisdiction of the Surface Transportation Board.

S. 940

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 940, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the subpart F exemption for active financing income.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 972

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 972, a bill to provide for the reduction of adolescent pregnancy, HIV rates, and other sexually transmitted diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 982

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 982, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for integration of mental health services and mental health treatment outreach teams, and for other purposes.

S. 1200

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1200, a bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend the Act.

S. 1375

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1375, a bill to ensure that new mothers and their families are educated about postpartum depression, screened for symptoms, and provided with essential services, and to increase research at the National Institutes of Health on postpartum depression.

S. 1395

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1395, a bill to prevent unfair practices in credit card accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 1413

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1413, a bill to provide for research and education with respect to uterine fibroids, and for other purposes.

S. 1445

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1445, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services

to establish, promote, and support a comprehensive prevention, research, and medical management referral program for hepatitis C virus infection.

S. 1553

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1553, a bill to provide additional assistance to combat HIV/AIDS among young people, and for other purposes.

S. 1616

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1616, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to promote and assure the quality of biodiesel fuel, and for other purposes.

S. 1718

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1718, a bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for reimbursement to servicemembers of tuition for programs of education interrupted by military service, for deferment of students loans and reduced interest rates for servicemembers during periods of military service, and for other purposes.

S. 1847

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1847, a bill to reauthorize the Consumer Product Safety Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1870

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1870, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the United States over waters of the United States.

S. 2004

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2004, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish epilepsy centers of excellence in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2022

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2022, a bill to prohibit the closure or relocation of any county office of the Farm Service Agency until at least one year after the enactment of an Act to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs for fiscal years after 2007.

S. 2087

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2087, a bill to

amend certain laws relating to Native Americans to make technical corrections, and for other purposes.

S. 2128

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2128, a bill to make the moratorium on Internet access taxes and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce permanent.

S. 2136

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2136, a bill to address the treatment of primary mortgages in bankruptcy, and for other purposes.

S. 2160

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2160, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a pain care initiative in health care facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2162

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2162, a bill to improve the treatment and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and substance use disorders, and for other purposes.

S. 2166

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2166, a bill to provide for greater responsibility in lending and expanded cancellation of debts owed to the United States and the international financial institutions by low-income countries, and for other purposes.

S. 2190

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2190, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the inclusion of barbiturates and benzodiazepines as covered part D drugs beginning in 2008.

S. 2205

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2205, a bill to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 23, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 23, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 23, 2007 at 10 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to hold a hearing entitled, "Examining the human health impacts of global warming."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet to hold a hearing entitled "EEOICPA: Is the Program Claimant Friendly for Our Cold War Heroes?" during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 23, 2007 at 10 a.m. in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 23, 2007, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Six Years After Anthrax: Are We Better Prepared to Respond to Bioterrorism?"

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 23, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:22 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 53. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a long-term lease with the Government of the United States Virgin Islands to provide land on the island of Saint John, Virgin Islands, for the establishment of a school, and for other purposes.

H.R. 189. An act to establish the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park in the State of New Jersey and for other purposes.

H.R. 523. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public land located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the Wells Hydroelectric Project of Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County, Washington, to the utility district.

H.R. 767. An act to protect, conserve, and restore native fish, wildlife, and their natural habitats at national wildlife refuges through cooperative, incentive-based grants to control, mitigate, and eradicate harmful nonnative species, and for other purposes.

H.R. 783. An act to modify the boundary of Mesa Verde National Park, and for other purposes.

H.R. 813. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Prado Basin Natural Treatment System Project, to authorize the Secretary to carry out a program to assist agencies in projects to construct regional brine lines in California, to authorize the Secretary to participate in the Lower Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and reclamation project, and for other purposes.

H.R. 830. An act to authorize the exchange of certain interests in land in Denali National Park in the State of Alaska.

H.R. 1205. An act to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1337. An act to provide for a feasibility study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District and cities served by the District.

H.R. 1462. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the implementation of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program for Endangered Species in the Central and Lower Platte River Basin and to modify the Pathfinder Dam and Reservoir.

H.R. 1803. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study to design and construct a four reservoir intertie system for the purposes of improving the water storage opportunities, water supply reliability, and water yield of San Vicente, El Capitan, Murray, and Loveland Reservoirs in San Diego County, California in consultation and cooperation with the City of San Diego and the Sweetwater Authority, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1855. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Madera Irrigation District for purposes of supporting the Madera Water Supply Enhancement Project.

H.R. 2094. An act to provide for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2197. An act to modify the boundary of the Hopewell Culture National Historical Park in the State of Ohio, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3564. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Administrative Conference of the United States through fiscal year 2011, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3775. An act to support research and development of new industrial processes and technologies that optimize energy efficiency and environmental performance, utilize diverse sources of energy, and increase economic competitiveness.

H.R. 3776. An act to provide for research, development, and demonstration programs in advanced storage systems for electric drive vehicles, stationary applications, and electricity transmission and distribution applications, to support the ability of the United States to remain globally competitive in this field, and to promote the efficient delivery and use of energy.

At 5:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 327) to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop and implement a comprehensive program designed to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 53. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a long-term lease with the Government of the United States Virgin Islands to provide land on the island of Saint John, Virgin Islands, for the establishment of a school, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 189. An act to establish the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park in the State of New Jersey and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 523. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public land located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the Wells Hydroelectric Project of Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County, Washington, to the utility district; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 767. An act to protect, conserve, and restore native fish, wildlife, and their natural habitats at national wildlife refuges through

cooperative, incentive-based grants to control, mitigate, and eradicate harmful nonnative species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 813. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Prado Basin Natural Treatment System Project, to authorize the Secretary to carry out a program to assist agencies in projects to construct regional brine lines in California, to authorize the Secretary to participate in the Lower Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and reclamation project, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 830. An act to authorize the exchange of certain interests in land in Denali National Park in the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1205. An act to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1462. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the implementation of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program for Endangered Species in the Central and Lower Platte River Basin and to modify the Pathfinder Dam and Reservoir; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1803. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study to design and construct a four reservoir intertie system for the purposes of improving the water storage opportunities, water supply reliability, and water yield of San Vicente, El Capitan, Murray, and Loveland Reservoirs in San Diego County, California in consultation and cooperation with the City of San Diego and the Sweetwater Authority, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1855. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Madera Irrigation District for purposes of supporting the Madera Water Supply Enhancement Project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2197. An act to modify the boundary of the Hopewell Culture National Historical Park in the State of Ohio, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3775. An act to support research and development of new industrial processes and technologies that optimize energy efficiency and environmental performance, utilize diverse sources of energy, and increase economic competitiveness; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3776. To provide for research, development, and demonstration programs in advanced energy storage systems for electric drive vehicles, stationary applications, and electricity transmission and distribution applications, to support the ability of the United States to remain globally competitive in this field, and to promote the efficient delivery and use of energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE BILLS PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1337. An act to provide for a feasibility study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District and cities served by the District.

H.R. 2094. An act to provide for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, and for other purposes.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then resume consideration of the nomination of Leslie Southwick; that the time until 11 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the minority leader control time from 10:40 a.m. until 10:50 a.m.; that the majority leader control time from 10:50 a.m. until 11 a.m.; and that, at 11 a.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on said nomination, as pursuant to the order of today.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. LOTT, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. BROWNBACK.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 9:28 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SALAZAR in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2007

Mr. KEN SALAZAR, from the State of Colorado, called the Senate to order at 9 a.m., in executive session, the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. SALAZAR led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, October 24, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable KEN SALAZAR, a Senator from the State of Colorado, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. SALAZAR took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

As in legislative session,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2216) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the Indian employment credit and the depreciation rules for property used predominantly within an Indian reservation, introduced on yesterday by Mr. INHOFE, and

read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

As in legislative session,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2217) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the taxable income limit on percentage depletion for oil and natural gas produced from marginal properties, introduced on yesterday by Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

After the consideration of executive business,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CARDIN,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2205

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WEBB in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. REID on Monday, October 22, 2007, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2205) to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Monday, October 22, 2007, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2205.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 52, nays... 44

[Rollcall Vote No. 394 Leg.]

YEAS --- 52

Akaka, Bayh, Bennett, Biden, Bingaman, Brown, Brownback, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Craig, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Johnson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Reid, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Stabenow, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 44

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Landrieu, McCaskill, McConnell, Murkowski, Pryor, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 294

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to consider bill S. 294.

PASSENGER RAIL INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENT ACT

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TESTER in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 294) to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendments.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the reported amendments be agreed to.

The question then being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. LAUTENBERG to further amend the bill on various pages and lines, by

striking certain words and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3451).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG,

Ordered, That the reported amendments, previously agreed to, be considered original text for the purpose of further amendment; that amendment No. 3451 be agreed to, and considered original text for the purpose of further amendment; and that no points of order be considered waived by virtue of this order.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. SUNUNU to further amend the bill, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3452).

Pending debate,

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending amendment No. 3452, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 3452 to bill S. 294:

MITCH MCCONNELL, JOHN E. SUNUNU, JOHN ENSIGN, TED STEVENS, KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON, JOHN BARRASSO, ROBERT F. BENNETT, LARRY E. CRAIG, LINDSEY GRAHAM, WAYNE ALLARD, TRENT LOTT, JIM BUNNING, JIM DEMINT, MEL MARTINEZ, RICHARD BURR, DAVID VITTER.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3452 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. SUNUNU to further amend the bill on page 32, after line 20, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3453).

Pending debate,

Mr. LAUTENBERG called for the regular order with respect to amendment No. 3452.

Whereupon

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3452 to the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. LAUTENBERG (for Mr. CARPER) amend the pending amendment, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3454).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG,

Ordered, That when the Senate resumes consideration of bill S. 294 on tomorrow, there be 2 hours, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate between Mr. LAUTENBERG and Mr. SUNUNU, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 3453; and that no

amendment be in order to said amendment prior to the vote.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3454 to amendment No. 3452 to the bill, as amended.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries:

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO -- PM 30

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

The situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which has been marked by widespread violence and atrocities that continue to threaten regional stability and was addressed by the United Nations Security Council in Resolution 1596 of April 18, 2005, Resolution 1649 of December 21, 2005, and Resolution 1698 of July 31, 2006, continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006, and the related measures blocking the property of certain persons contributing to the conflict.

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication, stating that the national emergency with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the related measures blocking the property of certain persons contributing to the conflict in that country, must continue in effect beyond October 27, 2007.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *October 24, 2007.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3729. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Revision of Requirements for Authorization of Use of International Standards" (RIN2137-AE01) received on October 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3730. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fees for Unified Carrier Registration Plan and Agreement" (RIN2126-AB09) received on October 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3731. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Air Tour Safety Standards" ((RIN2120-AF07)-(Docket No. FAA-1998-4521)) received on October 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3732. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Noatak, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-AAL-08)) received on October 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3733. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "High-Intensity Radiated Fields Protection for Aircraft Electrical and Electronic Systems" ((RIN2120-AI06)(Docket No. FAA-2206-23657)) received on October 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3734. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fire Penetration Resistance of Thermal Acoustic Insulation Installed on Transport Category Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AI75)(Docket No. FAA-2006-24277)) received on October 19, 2007; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3735. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Manhattan, KS" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-ACE-2)) received on October 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3736. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Marshalltown, IA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-ACE-4 page 27420)) received on October 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3737. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Marshalltown, IA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-ACE-4 page 27416)) received on October 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3738. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Monticello, IA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-ACE-3)) received on October 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3739. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Monticello, IA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-ACE-3 page 27415)) received on October 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3740. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Recording of Major Repairs and Major Alterations" ((RIN2120-AJ19)(Docket No. FAA-2007-28631)) received on October 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3741. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of

Class E Airspace; Canby, MN" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-AGL-2)) received on October 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3742. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Canby, MN" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-AGL-2 page 27417)) received on October 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3743. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Area Navigation Routes, Western United States" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-ANM-1)) received on October 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3744. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Manhattan, KS" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-ACE-2 page 27418)) received on October 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3745. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Alaskan Way Viaduct: Emergency Relief Eligibility"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3746. A communication from the Chief of the Border Security Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments to List of User Fee Airports" (CBP Dec. 07-83) received on October 18, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3747. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed amendment to a manufacturing agreement for the export of defense services to Japan to support the maintenance of an infrared detecting system; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3748. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a proposed re-export of firearms for end-use by the Afghan National Army; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3749. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense articles and services to provide maintenance support for the Iraqi Government's UH-1H helicopters; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3750. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of defense services and articles to Germany and the United Kingdom related to the Nemesis Multi-Band Viper Laser Based Directional Infrared Countermeasures System; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3751. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles and services to Italy to establish a depot repair facility for night vision equipment; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3752. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of defense services and articles to Korea in support of the Multi-Role Electronically Scanned Array Radar; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3753. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles and services to Spain for the production of select components of the M2HB Machine Gun; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3754. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles and services to Canada for the development and manufacture of 45/9mm GI ammunition; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3755. A communication from the Secretary of Defense and Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, the report of a draft bill entitled, "America's Wounded Warriors Act"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INOUYE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1492. A bill to improve the quality of federal and state data regarding the availability and quality of broadband services and to promote the deployment of affordable broadband services to all parts of the Nation (Rept. No. 110-204).

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

S. 2223. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional tax incentives to promote habitat conservation and restoration, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-205).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 2222. A bill to require the International Trade Commission to report on the specific impact of each free trade agreement in force with respect to the United States on a sector-by-sector basis, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 2223. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional tax incentives to promote habitat conservation and restoration, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2224. A bill to require a licensee to notify the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and the State and county in which a facility is located, whenever there is an unplanned release of radioactive substances; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2225. A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to clarify the tariff rate for certain mechanics' work gloves; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 2226. A bill to recognize the Navy UDT-SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the official national museum of Navy SEALs and their predecessors; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mr. REED):

S. 2227. A bill to provide grants to States to ensure that all students in the middle grades are taught an academically rigorous curriculum with effective supports so that students complete the middle grades prepared for success in high school and postsecondary endeavors, to improve State and district policies and programs relating to the academic achievement of students in the middle grades, to develop and implement effective middle school models for struggling

students, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. REED, Mr. HATCH, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2228. A bill to extend and improve agricultural programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. Res. 355. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Boston's celebration of the Little Rock Nine on the 50th anniversary of their courageous and selfless stand in the face of hatred, violence, and intolerance; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 22, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 38

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 38, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a program for the provision of readjustment and mental health services to veterans who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.

S. 211

At the request of Mrs. DOLE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services, volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 388

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 388, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a national standard in accordance with which nonresidents of a State may carry concealed firearms in the State.

S. 469

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

S. 644

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 644, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recodify as part of that title certain educational assistance programs for members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces, to improve such programs, and for other purposes.

S. 759

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 759, a bill to prohibit the use of funds for military operations in Iran.

S. 819

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 819, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes.

S. 1012

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1012, a bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 1359

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1359, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance public and health professional awareness and understanding of lupus and to strengthen the Nation's research efforts to identify the causes and cure of lupus.

S. 1512

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1512, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to expand Federal eligibility for children in foster care who have attained age 18.

S. 1737

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1737, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a waiver of the 35-mile drive

requirement for designations of critical access hospitals.

S. 1809

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1809, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that distributions from an individual retirement plan, a section 401(k) plan, a section 403(b) contract, or a section 457 plan shall not be includible in gross income to the extent used to pay long-term care insurance premiums.

S. 1818

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1818, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to phase out the use of mercury in the manufacture of chlorine and caustic soda, and for other purposes.

S. 1852

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1852, a bill to designate the Friday after Thanksgiving of each year as "Native American Heritage Day" in honor of the achievements and contributions of Native Americans to the United States.

S. 1911

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1911, a bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to protect the health of susceptible populations, including pregnant women, infants, and children, by requiring a health advisory, drinking water standard, and reference concentration for trichloroethylene vapor intrusion, and for other purposes.

S. 2075

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2075, a bill to ensure that women seeking an abortion receive an ultrasound and the opportunity to review the ultrasound before giving informed consent to receive an abortion.

S. 2139

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2139, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, provide educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill for members of the National Guard and Reserve who serve extended period of continuous active duty that include a prolonged period of service in certain theaters of operation, and for other purposes.

S. 2166

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2166, a bill to

provide for greater responsibility in lending and expanded cancellation of debts owed to the United States and the international financial institutions by low-income countries, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 48

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 48, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding high level visits to the United States by democratically-elected officials of Taiwan.

SENATE RESOLUTION 118

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 118, a resolution urging the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,
NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry be authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 24, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING,
AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 24, 2007, at 2 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE,
AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 24, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 24, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 24, 2007, at 1:45 p.m., to hold a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY
AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 24, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 24, 2007.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, in order to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, October 24, 2007.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs to be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 24, 2007.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 24, 2007, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PRIVATE SECTOR
AND CONSUMER SOLUTIONS TO
GLOBAL WARMING AND WILDLIFE
PROTECTION

The Committee on Environment and Public Works, Subcommittee on Private Sector and Consumer Solutions to Global Warming and Wildlife Protection, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 24, 2007, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:43 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 327. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop and implement a comprehensive program designed to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.

H.R. 1284. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2007, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.

H.R. 3233. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at Highway 49 South in Piney Woods, Mississippi, as the "Laurence C. and Grace M. Jones Post Office Building".

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 12:40 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1011. An act to designate additional National Forest System lands in the State of Virginia as wilderness or a wilderness study area, to designate the Kimberling Creek Potential Wilderness Area for eventual incorporation in the Kimberling Creek Wilderness, to establish the Seng Mountain and Bear Creek Scenic Areas, to provide for

the development of trail plans for the wilderness areas and scenic areas, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1680. An act to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to regulate the sale of ammonium nitrate to prevent and deter the acquisition of ammonium nitrate by terrorists, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1808. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia, as the "Charlie Norwood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

H.R. 1955. An act to prevent homegrown terrorism, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2408. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Green Bay, Wisconsin, as the "Milo C. Huempfner Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic".

H.R. 2868. To eliminate the exemption from State regulation for certain securities designated by national securities exchanges.

H.R. 3927. An act to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 1011. An act to designate additional National Forest System lands in the State of Virginia as wilderness or a wilderness study area, to designate the Kimberling Creek Potential Wilderness Area for eventual incorporation in the Kimberling Creek Wilderness, to establish the Seng Mountain and Bear Creek Scenic Areas, to provide for the development of trail plans for the wilderness areas and scenic areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1680. To authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to regulate the sale of ammonium nitrate to prevent and deter the acquisition of ammonium nitrate by terrorists, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1808. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia, as the "Charlie Norwood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1955. An act to prevent homegrown terrorism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2408. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Green Bay, Wisconsin, as the "Milo C. Huempfner Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2868. An act to eliminate the exemption from State regulation for certain securities designated by national securities exchanges; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A MEMORIAL IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HONORING DISABLED VETERANS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 995) to amend Public Law 106-348 to extend the authorization for establishing a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3564) to amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Administrative Conference of the United States through fiscal year 2011, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first time.

Mr. LAUTENBERG asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. LAUTENBERG objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two

leaders be reserved; that there be a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled; that the majority control the first 30 minutes therein, and the minority control the second 30 minutes therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate then resume consideration of bill S. 294.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG,

At 7:45 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2007

Mr. KEN SALAZAR, from the State of Colorado, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. SALAZAR led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, October 25, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable KEN SALAZAR, a Senator from the State of Colorado, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. SALAZAR took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND
TIME AND PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3564) to amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Administrative Conference of the United States through fiscal year 2011, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, October 23, 2007, and read the first time on yesterday; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE
RECEIVED DURING
ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the Secretary of the Senate, on October 24, 2007, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 995. An act to amend Public Law 106-348 to extend the authorization for establishing a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the enrolled bill was signed on October 24, 2007, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 2242. An original bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to establish supplemental agricultural disaster assistance and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for conservation and

alternative energy sources and to provide tax relief for farmers, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-206).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 346. A resolution expressing heartfelt sympathy for the victims of the devastating thunderstorms that caused severe flooding during August 2007 in the States of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin, and for other purposes.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 347. A resolution designating May 2008 as "National Be Bear Aware and Wildlife Stewardship Month".

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. 2229. A bill to withdraw certain Federal land in the Wyoming Range from leasing and provide an opportunity to retire certain leases in the Wyoming Range; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. 2230. A bill to amend title VIII of the Public Health Service Act to expand the nurse student loan program, to establish grant programs to address the nursing shortage, to amend title VII of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for a nurse faculty pilot project, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (by request):

S. 2231. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to strengthen cooperative conservation efforts and to reduce barriers to the use of partnerships to enable Federal natural resource managers to meet their obligations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 2232. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a demonstration program to adapt the lessons of providing foreign aid to underdeveloped economies to the provision of Federal economic development assistance to certain similarly situated individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. CORKER):

S. 2233. A bill to provide a permanent deduction for States and local general sales taxes; read the first time.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 2234. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the deduction for qualified tuition and related expenses; read the first time.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2235. A bill to designate the facility under development by the Stanislaus Ag Center Foundation, in Stanislaus County, California, as the National Ag Science Center; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 2236. A bill to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional limitations on preexisting condition exclusions in group health plans and health insurance coverage in the group and individual markets; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. 2237. A bill to fight crime; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 2238. A bill to amend the National Dam Safety Program Act to establish a program to provide grant assistance to States for the rehabilitation and repair of deficient dams; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 2239. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow self-employed individuals to deduct health insurance costs in computing self-employment taxes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2240. A bill to prohibit termination of employment of volunteer firefighters and emergency medical personnel responding to emergencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 2241. A bill to provide consistent enforcement authority to the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Forest Service to respond to violations of regulations regarding the management, use, and protection of public land under the jurisdiction of those agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 2242. An original bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to establish supplemental agricultural disaster assistance and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for conservation and alternative energy sources and to provide tax relief for farmers, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2243. A bill to strongly encourage the Government of Saudi Arabia to end its support for institutions that fund, train, incite, encourage, or in any other way aid and abet terrorism, to secure full Saudi cooperation in the investigation of terrorist incidents, to denounce Saudi sponsorship of extremist Wahhabi ideology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. REID (for Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2244. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out demonstration projects and outreach programs for the identification and abatement of lead hazards, to establish the Joint Task Force on Lead-Based Hazards and the Task Force on Children's Environmental Health and Safety, to strengthen the authority of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 2245. A bill to establish a commission to ensure food safety in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE
RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. SANDERS):

S. Res. 356. A resolution affirming that any offensive military action taken against Iran must be explicitly approved by Congress before such action may be initiated; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 367

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to prohibit the import, export, and sale of goods made with sweatshop labor, and for other purposes.

S. 450

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act

to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 591

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 591, a bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to adjust for inflation the allowable amounts of financial resources of eligible households and to exclude from countable financial resources certain retirement and education accounts.

S. 627

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 627, a bill to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to improve the health and well-being of maltreated infants and toddlers through the creation of a National Court Teams Resource Center, to assist local Court Teams, and for other purposes.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 805, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa in the effort to achieve internationally recognized goals in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other major diseases and the reduction of maternal and child mortality by improving human health care capacity and improving retention of medical health professionals in sub-Saharan Africa, and for other purposes.

S. 898

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 898, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to fund breakthroughs in Alzheimer's disease research while providing more help to caregivers and increasing public education about prevention.

S. 906

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 906, a bill to prohibit the sale, distribution, transfer, and export of elemental mercury, and for other purposes.

S. 1038

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1038, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand workplace health incentives by equalizing the tax consequences of employee athletic facility use.

S. 1161

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN], the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1161, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize the

expansion of medicare coverage of medical nutrition therapy services.

S. 1200

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1200, a bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend the Act.

S. 1275

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1275, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for a screening and treatment program for prostate cancer in the same manner as is provided for breast and cervical cancer.

S. 1310

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1310, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of increased payments for ground ambulance services under the Medicare program.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1843

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1843, a bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to clarify that an unlawful practice occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1843, supra.

S. 1848

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1848, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to address the impact of globalization, to reauthorize trade adjustment assistance, to extend trade adjustment assistance to service workers, communities, firms, and farmers, and for other purposes.

S. 1930

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1930, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prevent illegal logging practices, and for other purposes.

S. 1946

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1946, a bill to help Federal prosecutors and investigators

combat public corruption by strengthening and clarifying the law.

S. 1958

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1958, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure and foster continued patient quality of care by establishing facility and patient criteria for long-term care hospitals and related improvements under the Medicare program.

S. 2033

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2033, a bill to provide for greater disclosure to, and empowerment of, consumers who have entered into a contract for cellular telephone service.

S. 2054

At the request of Mr. BROWN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2054, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to make grants to assist cities with a vacant housing problem, and for other purposes.

S. 2058

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2058, a bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to close the Enron loophole, prevent price manipulation and excessive speculation in the trading of energy commodities, and for other purposes.

S. 2070

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2070, a bill to prevent Government shutdowns.

S. 2099

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2099, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare competitive bidding project for clinical laboratory services.

S. 2119

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] were added as cosponsors of S. 2119, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 2160

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2160, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a pain care initiative in health care facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2162

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2162, a bill to improve the treatment and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and substance use disorders, and for other purposes.

S. 2170

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2170, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the treatment of qualified restaurant property as 15-year property for purposes of the depreciation deduction.

S. 2172

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2172, a bill to impose sanctions on officials of the State Peace and Development Council in Burma, to prohibit the importation of gems and hardwoods from Burma, to support democracy in Burma, and for other purposes.

S. 2187

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2187, a bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to provide for child care workforce development initiatives, and for other purposes.

S. 2228

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2228, a bill to extend and improve agricultural programs, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 22, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services within the Department of Health and Human Services relating to Medicare coverage for the use of erythropoiesis stimulating agents in cancer and related neoplastic conditions.

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 22, *supra*.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 51

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 51, a concurrent resolution supporting "Lights On Afterschool!", a national celebration of after school programs.

SENATE RESOLUTION 346

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution

346, a resolution expressing heartfelt sympathy for the victims of the devastating thunderstorms that caused severe flooding during August 2007 in the States of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CARPER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 25, 2007 at 9 a.m. in room SR-328A of the Russell Senate Office building to continue its markup of the 2007 farm bill.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 25, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 25, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Small Business Health Insurance: Building a Gateway to Coverage."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct an Executive Business Meeting on Thursday, October 25, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 25, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, FEDERAL SERVICE, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

The Committee on Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 25, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled, "Single Audits: Are They Helping to Safeguard Federal Funds?"

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION SAFETY, INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY, AND WATER QUALITY

The Committee on Environment and Public Works, Subcommittee on Transportation Safety, Infrastructure Security, and Water Quality, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 25, 2007 at 10 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing on effectiveness of Federal drunk driving programs.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 1:57 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 505. An act to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity.

H.R. 1483. An act to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas, and for other purposes.

At 5:19 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3965. An act to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 1483. An act to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

PASSENGER RAIL INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENT ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 294) to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3453, proposed by Mr. SUNUNU, to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG,

Ordered, That the Senate vote in relation to the pending amendment at 12:15 p.m.; that the time until then be equally divided and controlled for debate; and that all provisions of the order of yesterday remain in status quo.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3453 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SUNUNU,

Ordered, That there be an additional 4 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to a vote in relation to the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3453 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. SUNUNU,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 28, nays... 66

[Rollcall Vote No. 395 Leg.]

YEAS --- 28

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Martinez, McConnell, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

NAYS --- 66

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Johnson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LAUTENBERG to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. LOTT,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3454, proposed by Mr.

CARPER, to amendment No. 3452, proposed by Mr. SUNUNU, to the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. SUNUNU,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3454 to amendment No. 3452 to the bill, as amended.

Mr. SUNUNU asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose an amendment.

Mr. LAUTENBERG objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3454 to amendment No. 3452 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. SUNUNU to further amend the bill on page 35, various lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 3456).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. ALLARD to further amend the bill by striking subsection (a) of section 219 (being amendment No. 3455).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SUNUNU,

Ordered, That his amendment No. 3456 be the pending question.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3456 to the bill, as amended.

Mr. SUNUNU modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 3456, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Mr. DURBIN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose an amendment.

Mr. LOTT objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3456, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG,

Ordered, That, at 3:15 p.m. on today, the Senate vote in relation to the pending amendment, as modified; and that the 4 minutes prior to the vote be divided and controlled, as follows: Mr. LAUTENBERG, 1 minute; Mr. LOTT, 1 minute; Mr. SUNUNU, 2 minutes.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3456, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. LAUTENBERG,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 27, nays... 64

[Rollcall Vote No. 396 Leg.]

YEAS --- 27

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cornyn, DeMint, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Sessions, Shelby, Sununu, Thune, Vitter.

NAYS --- 64

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Craig, Crapo, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Johnson, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, Lott, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LAUTENBERG to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3455 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Mr. LAUTENBERG (for Mrs. MURRAY), by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines; each was modified, and agreed to: amendment No. 3457, as modified, and amendment No. 3459, as modified.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3455 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Mr. LOTT (for Mr. DEMINT), by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines; each was agreed to: amendment No. 3460, amendment No. 3461.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3455 to the bill, as amended.

INTERNET TAX FREEDOM ACT AMENDMENTS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 3678) to amend the Internet Tax Freedom Act to extend the moratorium on certain taxes relating to the Internet and to electronic commerce.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. SUNUNU (for himself, Mr. CARPER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. INOUE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. BROWNBACK) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3466, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PASSENGER RAIL INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENT ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 294.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3455 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 3452 be withdrawn; and that the amendment be withdrawn (taking with it amendment No. 3454 thereto).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3455 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. CARPER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANDERS in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2233) to provide a permanent deduction for States and local general sales taxes, introduced today by Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. CORKER), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. CARPER asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. CARPER objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. CARPER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2234) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the deduction for qualified tuition and related expenses, introduced today by Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. CARPER asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. CARPER objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. CARPER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 505) to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. CARPER asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. CARPER objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. CARPER,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3963) to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. CARPER asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. CARPER objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would

lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CARPER,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then resume consideration of bill S. 294; that, at 10 a.m., the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that the following be recognized to speak therein for the times indicated: Mr. DODD, 20 minutes; Mr. DORGAN, 30 minutes; Mr. INHOFE, 2 hours.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CARPER,

At 7:45 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2007

Mr. SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Reverend Doctor Philip J. Parker, from Calvary Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Virginia, offered a prayer, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, October 26, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, a Senator from the State of

Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. WHITEHOUSE took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2233) to provide a permanent deduction for States and local general sales taxes, introduced on yesterday by Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. CORKER), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. CARPER objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2234) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the deduction for qualified tuition and related expenses, introduced yesterday by Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. CARPER objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND
TIME AND PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 505) to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. CARPER objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND
TIME AND PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3963) to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. CARPER objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

PASSENGER RAIL INVESTMENT
AND IMPROVEMENT ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 294) to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3455, proposed by Mr. ALLARD, to the bill, as amended.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on bill S. 294, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill S. 294:

FRANK R. LAUTENBERG, TRENT LOTT, JOE LIEBERMAN, BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, ROBERT MENENDEZ, DANIEL K. INOUE, SUSAN M. COLLINS, MIKE CRAPO, LARRY E. CRAIG, JOHN WARNER, BYRON L. DORGAN, GORDON H. SMITH, MAX BAUCUS, BILL NELSON, ROBERT P. CASEY, HARRY REID.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived; that the vote on the motion to bring to a close debate on bill S. 294 occur on Tuesday, October 30, 2007 at a time to be determined by the two leaders; and that it be in order for Senators to "file" first-degree amendments to the bill until 3:30 p.m. on Monday, October 29, 2007.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3455 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BOND (for Mr. DEMINT) to further amend the bill in title II, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3467).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BOND (for Mr. DEMINT) to further amend the bill on page 33, by striking all beginning with line 22 through line 5, page 34, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3468).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BOND (for Mr. DEMINT) to further amend the bill on page 15, line 21, by striking "(b)" and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3469).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BOND (for Mr. DEMINT) to further amend the bill on page 31, striking line 21, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3470).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BOND to further amend the bill on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 3464).

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 635. A bill to provide for a research program for remediation of closed methamphetamine production laboratories, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-207).

By Mr. DORGAN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1347. A bill to amend the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act to modify the date as of which certain tribal land of the Lytton Rancheria of California is deemed to be held in trust and to provide for the conduct of certain activities on the land (Rept. No. 110-208).

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Select Committee on Intelligence, without amendment:

S. 2248. An original bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-209).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 2246. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend eligibility for Federal TRIO programs to members of the reserve components serving on active duty in support of contingency operations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. 2247. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the depreciation classification of motorsports entertainment complexes; read the first time.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 2248. An original bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act, and for other purposes; from the Select Committee on Intelligence; placed on the calendar.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCHUMER Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 2249. A bill to establish the Northern Border Economic Development Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CRAPO:

S. 2250. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. LOTT, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 2251. A bill to ensure that individual homeowners that were not previously required to purchase flood insurance that are now required to do so because of the updating of flood insurance program rate maps receive a discount for the purchase of such insurance; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. DORGAN Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. INHOFE Ms. SNOWE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. CASEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. TESTER Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DODD, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THUNE and Mr. BURR):

S. Res. 357. A bill designating the week of November 11 through November 17, 2007, as "National Veterans Awareness Week" to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to the country; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 702

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 702, a bill to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to State courts to develop and implement State courts interpreter programs.

S. 790

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 790, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to permit the simplified summer food programs to be carried out in all States and by all service institutions.

S. 1160

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1160, a bill to

ensure an abundant and affordable supply of highly nutritious fruits, vegetables, and other specialty crops for American consumers and international markets by enhancing the competitiveness of United States-grown specialty crops.

S. 1299

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1299, a bill to establish on behalf of consumers a fiduciary duty and other standards of care for mortgage brokers and originators, and to establish standards to assess a consumer's ability to repay, and for other purposes.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1512

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1512, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to expand Federal eligibility for children in foster care who have attained age 18.

S. 1734

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1734, a bill to provide for prostate cancer imaging research and education.

S. 2156

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2156, a bill to authorize and facilitate the improvement of water management by the Bureau of Reclamation, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Energy to increase the acquisition and analysis of water resources for irrigation, hydroelectric power, municipal, and environmental uses, and for other purposes.

S. 2227

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2227, a bill to provide grants to States to ensure that all students in the middle grades are taught an academically rigorous curriculum with effective supports so that students complete the middle grades prepared for success in high school and postsecondary endeavors, to improve State and district policies and programs relating to the academic achievement of students in the middle grades, to develop and implement effective middle school models for struggling students, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was

added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 22, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services within the Department of Health and Human Services relating to Medicare coverage for the use of erythropoiesis stimulating agents in cancer and related neoplastic conditions.

SENATE RESOLUTION 346

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 346, a resolution expressing heartfelt sympathy for the victims of the devastating thunderstorms that caused severe flooding during August 2007 in the States of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin, and for other purposes.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL H.R. 3963

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 3963) to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3963, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3963:

MAX BAUCUS, HARRY REID, BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, ROBERT MENENDEZ, DANIEL K. INOUE, JACK REED, BARBARA BOXER, PATRICK LEAHY, BERNARD SANDERS, KEN SALAZAR, KENT CONRAD, RON WYDEN, BYRON L. DORGAN, DEBBIE STABENOW, BILL NELSON, ROBERT P. CASEY.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived; and that the motion to proceed be withdrawn.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

H. CON. RES. 172 AND H.R. 1154
INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the following concurrent resolution and bill on the calendar be indefinitely postponed:

H. Con. Res. 172. Honoring the life of each of the 9 fallen City of Charleston firefighters who lost their lives in Charleston, South Carolina, on June 18, 2007.

H.R. 1154. To award a Congressional Gold Medal to Michael Ellis DeBakey, M.D.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL
VETERANS AWARENESS WEEK"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 357) designating the week of November 11 through November 17, 2007, as "National Veterans Awareness Week" to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to the country, submitted today by Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. DORGAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. CASEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. TESTER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DODD, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. BURR), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL BE
BEAR AWARE AND WILDLIFE
STEWARDSHIP MONTH"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 347) designating May 2008 as "National Be Bear Aware and Wildlife Stewardship Month".

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING HEARTFELT
SYMPATHY FOR THE VICTIMS OF
THE DEVASTATING
THUNDERSTORMS THAT CAUSED
SEVERE FLOODING DURING
AUGUST 2007 IN THE STATES OF
ILLINOIS, IOWA, MINNESOTA,
OHIO, AND WISCONSIN

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 346) expressing heartfelt sympathy for the victims of the devastating thunderstorms that caused severe flooding during August 2007 in the States of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment.

The reported amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment to the preamble.

The reported amendment to the preamble was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, on motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. COLEMAN), so as to read: "A resolution expressing heartfelt sympathy for the victims of the devastating thunderstorms that caused severe flooding during August 2007 in the States of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin, and for other purposes."

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2247) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the depreciation classification of motorsports entertainment complexes, introduced today by Mr. ROBERTS, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

**ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 3 P.M. ON MONDAY,
OCTOBER 29, 2007, AND FOR
PROGRAM**

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 3 p.m. on Monday, October 29, 2007; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 90 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for 10 minutes each; that the first 60 minutes therein be controlled by Mrs. BOXER; that the remaining 60 minutes therein be controlled by the minority party; and that, upon conclusion of morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 294.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 1:47 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 3 p.m. on Monday, October 29, 2007.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2007

Ms. MARIA CANTWELL, from the State of Washington, called the Senate to order at 3 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Ms. CANTWELL led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, October 29, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARIA CANTWELL, a Senator from the State of Washington, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Ms. CANTWELL took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, October 26, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

**CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH**

Pursuant to the order of Friday, October 26, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

**BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR**

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2247) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the depreciation classification of motorsports entertainment complexes, introduced on Friday, October 26, 2007 by Mr. ROBERTS, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

**TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS**

Pursuant to the order of Friday, October 26, 2007,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with amendments:

S. 1498. A bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit the import, export, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-210).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

Report to accompany H.R. 50, A bill to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act and the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994 (Rept. No. 110-211).

Report to accompany H.R. 465, A bill to reauthorize the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997 (Rept. No. 110-212).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second

times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 2252. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the deduction for host families of foreign exchange and other students from \$50 per month to \$200 per month, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 2253. A bill to provide adjustments in payment to certain hospitals under the Medicaid program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COCHRAN:

S. 2254. A bill to establish the Mississippi Hills National Heritage Area in the State of Mississippi, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 2255. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for studies of the Chisholm Trail and Great Western Trail to determine whether to add the trails to the National Trails System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2256. A bill to establish an Office of International and Domestic Product Safety and a Product Safety Coordinating Council to improve the management, coordination, promotion, and oversight of product safety responsibilities, develop a centralized public database for product recalls, advisories, and alerts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DODD, Mr. LEAHY, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2257. A bill to impose sanctions on officials of the State Peace and Development Council in Burma, to amend the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 to prohibit the importation of gemstones and hardwoods from Burma, to promote a coordinated international effort to restore civilian democratic rule to Burma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. BYRD):

S. Res. 358. A resolution expressing the importance of friendship and cooperation

between the United States and Turkey; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. REED, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. DODD, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. SUNUNU):

S. Res. 359. A resolution congratulating the Boston Red Sox on winning the 2007 World Series; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1200

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1200, a bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend the Act.

S. 1299

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1299, a bill to establish on behalf of consumers a fiduciary duty and other standards of care for mortgage brokers and originators, and to establish standards to assess a consumer's ability to repay, and for other purposes.

S. 1587

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1587, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to allow a special depreciation allowance for reuse and recycling property and to provide for tax-exempt financing of recycling equipment, and for other purposes.

S. 1731

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1731, a bill to provide for the continuing review of unauthorized Federal programs and agencies and to establish a bipartisan commission for the purposes of improving oversight and eliminating wasteful Government spending.

S. 1858

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1858, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1871

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1871, a bill to provide for special transfers of funds to States to promote certain improvements in State unemployment compensation laws.

S. 1921

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1921, a bill to

amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1963

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1963, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow bonds guaranteed by the Federal home loan banks to be treated as tax exempt bonds.

S. 2062

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2062, a bill to amend the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 to reauthorize that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2119

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2119, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 2125

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2125, a bill to improve public awareness in the United States among older individuals and their families and caregivers about the impending Digital Television Transition through the establishment of a Federal interagency taskforce between the Federal Communications Commission, the Administration on Aging, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, and the outside advice of appropriate members of the aging network and industry groups.

S. 2136

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2136, a bill to address the treatment of primary mortgages in bankruptcy, and for other purposes.

S. 2159

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2159, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

S. 2172

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2172, a bill to impose sanctions on officials of the State Peace and Development Council in Burma, to prohibit the importation of gems and hardwoods from Burma, to support democracy in Burma, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 22, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services within the Department of Health and Human Services relating to Medicare coverage for the use of erythropoiesis stimulating agents in cancer and related neoplastic conditions.

SENATE RESOLUTION 356

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA], the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 356, a resolution affirming that any offensive military action taken against Iran must be explicitly approved by Congress before such action may be initiated.

SENATE RESOLUTION 357

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 357, a bill designating the week of November 11 through November 17, 2007, as "National Veterans Awareness Week" to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to the country.

PASSENGER RAIL INVESTMENT
AND IMPROVEMENT ACT

Pursuant to the order of Friday, October 26, 2007,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 294) to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3464, proposed by Mr. BOND, to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Mr. LOTT, by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was agreed to: Mr. COBURN, amendment No. 3475; Mr. DEMINT, amendment No. 3483; Mrs. HUTCHISON, amendment No. 3488; Mr. BOND, amendment No. 3485; Mr. DEMINT, amendment No. 3484; Mr. CRAPO, amendment No. 3477; Mr. ALLARD, amendment No. 3476; Mr. SANDERS, amendment No. 3473; Mr. TESTER, amendment No. 3472.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3464 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LOTT,

Ordered, That amendments numbered 3455 and 3464 be withdrawn.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3470, proposed by Mr. DEMINT, to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR SEQUENTIAL
REFERRAL OF NOMINATION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. CANTWELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the sequential referral of the nomination of Julia L. Meyers, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary for Homeland Security, to the Committee on the Judiciary be extended until November 2, 2007; that, if the nomination has not been reported by said date, the committee then be discharged from further consideration of the nomination; and that the nomination be placed on the calendar.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. CANTWELL,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. CANTWELL,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

CONGRATULATING THE BOSTON
RED SOX ON WINNING THE 2007
WORLD SERIES

On the request of Ms. CANTWELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 359) congratulating the Boston Red Sox on winning the 2007 World Series, submitted today by Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. REED, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. DODD, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. SUNUNU), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. CANTWELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business; that the first half of the time therein be controlled by the minority leader, or his designee, and the second half of the time therein be controlled by the majority leader, or his designee; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 294.

Ordered further, That, Senators be authorized to "file" second-degree amendments until 12 noon on tomorrow.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. CANTWELL,

At 7:19 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2007

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. TESTER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, October 30, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. TESTER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Journal of the proceedings of the
Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The morning hour being deemed expired,
and the times for the recognition of the two
leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Senate proceeded to a period for the
transaction of morning business.
Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that
on today, Tuesday, October 30, 2007, she had
presented to the President of the United
States the following enrolled bills:

S. 2106. A bill to provide nationwide
subpoena authority for actions brought under
the September 11 Victim Compensation Fund
of 2001.

S. 2258. A bill to temporarily extend the
programs under the Higher Education Act of
1965, to amend the definition of an eligible
not-for-profit holder, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid
before the Senate, together with
accompanying papers, reports, and
documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3756. A communication from the
Assistant Director of the Directive and
Regulations Branch, Forest Service,
Department of Agriculture, transmitting,
pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled
"Sale and Disposal of National Forest System
Timber; Modification of Timber Sale
Contracts in Extraordinary Conditions;
Noncompetitive Sale of Timber" (RIN0596-
AB70) received on October 25, 2007; to the
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and
Forestry.

EC-3757. A communication from the
Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs,
Department of Agriculture, transmitting,
pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled
"Fresh Prunes Grown in Designated Counties
in Washington and in Umatilla County, OR;
Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No.

FV-07-924-1-FIR) received on October 25,
2007; to the Committee on Agriculture,
Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3758. A communication from the
Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs,
Department of Agriculture, transmitting,
pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled
"Raisins Produced from Grapes Grown in
California; Final Free and Reserve
Percentages for 2006-07 Crop Natural
Seedless Raisins" (Docket No. FV-07-989-1-
FIR) received on October 25, 2007; to the
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and
Forestry.

EC-3759. A communication from the
Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs,
Department of Agriculture, transmitting,
pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled
"Walnuts Grown in California; Increased
Assessment Rate" (Docket No. FV-07-984-1-
FR) received on October 25, 2007; to the
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and
Forestry.

EC-3760. A communication from the
Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs,
Department of Agriculture, transmitting,
pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled
"National Organic Program, Sunset Review"
((RIN0581-AC51)(Docket No. TM-04-07-
FR)) received on October 25, 2007; to the
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and
Forestry.

EC-3761. A communication from the
Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal
and Plant Health Inspection Service,
Department of Agriculture, transmitting,
pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled
"Importation of Unshu Oranges from the
Republic of Korea into Alaska" (Docket No.
APHIS-2006-0133) received on October 25,
2007; to the Committee on Agriculture,
Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3762. A communication from the
Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal
and Plant Health Inspection Service,
Department of Agriculture, transmitting,
pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled
"Imported Fire Ant; Additions to the List of
Quarantined Areas" (Docket No. APHIS-
2007-0114) received on October 25, 2007; to
the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and
Forestry.

EC-3763. A communication from the
Acting Director, Program Development and
Regulatory Analysis, Department of
Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law,
the report of a rule entitled "Servicing of Water
Programs Loans and Grants" (RIN0572-
AB59) received on October 12, 2007; to the
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and
Forestry.

EC-3764. A communication from the
Principal Deputy, Office of the Under
Secretary of Defense (Personnel and
Readiness), transmitting, the report of the
authorization of Captain Sean A. Pybus to
wear the authorized insignia of the grade of

rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with
title 10, United States Code, section 777; to
the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3765. A communication from the
Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting,
pursuant to law, a report entitled "Joint
Improvised Explosive Divide Organization
Third Quarter Report for Fiscal Year 2007";
to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3766. A communication from the
Associate General Counsel for Legislation
and Regulations, Office of Housing,
Department of Housing and Urban
Development, transmitting, pursuant to law,
the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the
Single Family Mortgage Insurance Program"
(RIN2502-AI03) received on October 25,
2007; to the Committee on Banking,
Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3767. A communication from the
Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting,
pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report
on the national emergency with respect to
Sudan that was declared in Executive Order
13067 of November 3, 1997; to the
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban
Affairs.

EC-3768. A communication from the
Associate General Counsel for Legislation
and Regulations, Office of Housing,
Department of Housing and Urban
Development, transmitting, pursuant to law,
the report of a rule entitled "Standards for
Mortgagor's Investment in Mortgaged
Property" (RIN2502-AI52) received on
October 25, 2007; to the Committee on
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3769. A communication from the
Associate General Counsel for Legislation
and Regulations, Office of Housing,
Department of Housing and Urban
Development, transmitting, pursuant to law,
the report of a rule entitled "Housing
Counseling Program" (RIN2502-AH99)
received on October 25, 2007; to the
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban
Affairs.

EC-3770. A communication from the
Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors
of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting,
pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled
"Fair Credit Reporting Affiliate Marketing
Regulations" (Docket No. R-1203) received
on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3771. A communication from the
Principal Deputy Associate Administrator,
Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation,
Environmental Protection Agency,
transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a
rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of
Air Quality Implementation Plans; Michigan;
Consumer Products Rule" (FRL No. 8486-6)
received on October 25, 2007; to the
Committee on Environment and Public
Works.

EC-3772. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Michigan; Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements for Abnormal Conditions" (FRL No. 8486-4) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3773. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New York Emission Statement Program" (FRL No. 8428-5) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3774. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina: State Implementation Plan Revisions" (FRL No. 8488-5) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3775. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delegation of Authority to the States of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska for New Source Performance Standards; National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; and Maximum Achievable Control Technology Standards" (FRL No. 8487-5) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3776. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Plywood and Composite Wood Products" ((RIN2060-AO65)(FRL No. 8482-2)) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3777. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ohio: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL No. 8488-6)

received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3778. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Modification of Baselines for Gasoline Produced or Imported for Use in Hawaii, Alaska and U.S. Territories" ((RIN2060-AK02)(FRL No. 8487-2)) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3779. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Trust Arrangements Purporting to Provide Nondiscriminatory Post-Retirement Medical and Life Insurance Benefits" (Notice 2007-84) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3780. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coordinated Issue: Non Refundable Upfront Fees, Technology Access Fees, Milestone Payments, Royalties and Deferred Income Under a Collaboration Agreement" (UIL No. 263.13-02) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3781. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - November 2007" (Rev. Rul. 2007-66) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3782. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Abusive Trust Arrangements Utilizing Cash Value Life Insurance Policies Purportedly to Provide Welfare Benefits" (Notice 2007-83) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3783. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States v. Roxworthy 457F.3d 590 rev'g No. 04-MC-18-C" (AOD 2007-40) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3784. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "Proposed Changes to the Process for Obtaining Consent to Change an Accounting Method" (Notice 2007-88) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3785. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice of Additional 2008 Transition Relief Under Section 409A" (Notice 2007-86) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3786. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Inflation Adjustments Revenue Procedure" (Notice 2007-66) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3787. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Roosevelt Wallace v. Commissioner 128 T.C. No. 11" (AOD 2007-5) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3788. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transfers of Assets or Stock Following a Reorganization" ((RIN1545-BD56)(TD 9361)) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3789. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Employer and Payer Guidance on Reporting and Wage Withholding Requirements for Calendar Year 2007" (Notice 2007-89) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3790. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partnership Audit Techniques Guide" (Chapter 13) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3791. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Deductions Under Sections 419 and 419A for Employer Contributions to Welfare Benefit Funds Utilizing Cash Value Life Insurance Policies" (Rev. Rul. 2007-65) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3792. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative

Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a certification regarding the proposed transfer of major defense equipment including the C-130H Aircraft from Thailand to the Thai Aviation Industries and Rockwell Collins for the purpose of installing Avionic Upgrades; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3793. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of technical data and assistance relative to the manufacture of water coolers and supporting materials for the Spy-ID Radar for the governments of Australia, Japan, Korea, and Spain; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 2258. A bill to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, to amend the definition of an eligible not-for-profit holder, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2259. A bill to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Prado Basin Natural Treatment System Project, to authorize the Secretary to participate in the Lower Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and reclamation project, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. MIKULSKI Mr. SPECTER, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 2260. A bill to extend the existing provisions regarding the eligibility for essential air service subsidies through fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2261. A bill to restore the rule that agreements between manufacturers and retailers, distributors, or wholesalers to set the minimum price below which the manufacturer's product or service cannot be sold violates the Sherman Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2262. A bill to authorize the Preserve America Program and Save America's Treasures Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WEBB:

S. 2263. A bill to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to establish an initiative to promote the research, development, and demonstration of miner tracking and communications systems and to promote the establishment of standards and other measurement services regarding underground communications to protect miners in the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. 2264. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend for 2 years the tax-free distributions from individual retirement plans for charitable purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. MIKULSKI Mr. SPECTER, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 2265. A bill to extend the existing provisions regarding the eligibility for essential air service subsidies through fiscal year 2008; considered and passed.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2266. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide for an alternative test for qualifying as a cooperative housing corporation; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. Res. 360. A resolution offering condolences regarding the tragic fire in Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina, which killed 6 University of South Carolina students and 1 student from Clemson University on October 28, 2007; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 469

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

S. 507

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 507, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for reimbursement of certified midwife services and to provide for more equitable reimbursement rates for certified nurse-midwife services.

S. 600

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 600, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish the School-Based Health Clinic program, and for other purposes.

S. 814

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 814, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the deduction of attorney-advanced expenses and court costs in contingency fee cases.

S. 881

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] were added as cosponsors of S. 881, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 911, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 1003

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1003, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to emergency medical services and the quality and efficiency of care furnished in emergency departments of hospitals and critical access hospitals by establishing a bipartisan commission to examine factors that affect the effective delivery of such services, by providing for additional payments for certain physician services furnished in such emergency departments, and by establishing a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Working Group, and for other purposes.

S. 1060

At the request of Mr. BYRD, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1060, a bill to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, and for other purposes.

S. 1200

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1200, a bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend the Act.

S. 1340

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1340, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiaries with access to geriatric assessments and chronic care coordination services, and for other purposes.

S. 1386

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1386, a bill to amend the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, to provide better assistance to low- and moderate-income families, and for other purposes.

S. 1418

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1418, a bill to provide assistance to improve the health of newborns, children, and mothers in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 1758

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1758, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to help individuals with functional impairments and their families pay for services and supports that they need to maximize their functionality and independence and have choices about community participation, education, and employment, and for other purposes.

S. 1848

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1848, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to address the impact of globalization, to reauthorize trade adjustment assistance, to extend trade adjustment assistance to service workers, communities, firms, and farmers, and for other purposes.

S. 1852

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1852, a bill to designate the Friday after Thanksgiving of each year as "Native American Heritage Day" in honor of the achievements and contributions of Native Americans to the United States.

S. 1858

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1858, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1858, supra.

S. 1871

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1871, a bill to provide for special transfers of funds to States to promote certain improvements in State unemployment compensation laws.

S. 1895

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1895, a bill to aid and support pediatric involvement in reading and education.

S. 1921

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1921, a bill to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1957

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1957, a bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to provide protection for fashion design.

S. 1966

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1966, a bill to reauthorize HIV/AIDS assistance.

S. 1991

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1991, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of extending the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to include additional sites associated with the preparation and return phases of the expedition, and for other purposes.

S. 2045

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2045, a bill to reform the Consumer Product Safety

Commission to provide greater protection for children's products, to improve the screening of noncompliant consumer products, to improve the effectiveness of consumer product recall programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2063

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2063, a bill to establish a Bipartisan Task Force for Responsible Fiscal Action, to assure the economic security of the United States, and to expand future prosperity and growth for all Americans.

S. 2071

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2071, a bill to enhance the ability to combat methamphetamine.

S. 2080

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2080, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to ensure that sewage treatment plants monitor for and report discharges of raw sewage, and for other purposes.

S. 2123

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2123, a bill to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions.

S. 2132

At the request of Mr. BROWN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2132, a bill to prohibit the introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of children's products that contain lead, and for other purposes.

S. 2168

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 2168, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to enable increased federal prosecution of identity theft crimes and to allow for restitution to victims of identity theft.

S. 2181

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2181, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect Medicare beneficiaries' access to home health services under the Medicare program.

S. 2182

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 2182, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to mental health services.

S. 2183

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2183, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants for community-based mental health infrastructure improvement.

S. 2191

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2191, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, and for other purposes.

S. 2243

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2243, a bill to strongly encourage the Government of Saudi Arabia to end its support for institutions that fund, train, incite, encourage, or in any other way aid and abet terrorism, to secure full Saudi cooperation in the investigation of terrorist incidents, to denounce Saudi sponsorship of extremist Wahhabi ideology, and for other purposes.

S. 2254

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2254, a bill to establish the Mississippi Hills National Heritage Area in the State of Mississippi, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 356

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 356, a resolution affirming that any offensive military action taken against Iran must be explicitly approved by Congress before such action may be initiated.

SENATE RESOLUTION 358

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 358, a resolution expressing the importance of friendship and cooperation between the United States and Turkey.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 30, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 30, 2007, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet to hold a hearing entitled "Protecting the U.S. From Drug Resistant Tuberculosis: Reinvesting in Control and New Tools Research" during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 30, 2007 at 10 a.m. in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 30, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "The Role of Local Law Enforcement in Countering Violent Islamist Extremism."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 30, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:22 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3678) to amend the Internet Tax Freedom Act to extend the moratorium on certain taxes relating to the Internet and to electronic commerce.

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

H.R. 1473. An act to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to require child care providers to provide to parents information regarding whether such providers carry current liability insurance.

H.R. 2671. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 301 North Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida, as the "C. Clyde Atkins United States Courthouse".

H.R. 2728. An act to designate the station of the United States Border Patrol located at 25762 Madison Avenue in Murrieta,

California, as the "Theodore L. Newton, Jr. and George F. Azrak Border Patrol Station".

H.R. 3224. An act to amend the National Dam Safety Program Act to establish a program to provide grant assistance to States for the rehabilitation and repair of deficient dams.

H.R. 3247. An act to improve the provision of disaster assistance for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3877. An act to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to establish an initiative to promote the research, development, and demonstration of miner tracking and communications systems and to promote the establishment of standards and other measurement services regarding underground communications to protect miners in the United States.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 230. Concurrent resolution supporting the observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 234. Concurrent resolution calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to respect the human rights of refugees from North Korea.

At 3:13 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3678. An act to amend the Internet Tax Freedom Act to extend the moratorium on certain taxes relating to the Internet and to electronic commerce.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 4:07 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 2106. An act to provide nationwide subpoena authority for actions brought under the September 11 Victim Compensation Fund of 2001.

S. 2258. An act to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, to amend the definition of an eligible not-for-profit holder, and for other purposes.

At 5:24 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 2106. An act to provide nationwide subpoena authority for actions brought under the September 11 Victim Compensation Fund of 2001.

S. 2258. An act to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of

1965, to amend the definition of an eligible not-for-profit holder, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. TESTER).

HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS REFERRED

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

H.R. 1473. An act to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to require child care providers to provide to parents information regarding whether such providers carry current liability insurance; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 2671. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 301 North Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida, as the "C. Clyde Atkins United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 2728. An act to designate the station of the United States Border Patrol located at 25762 Madison Avenue in Murrieta, California, as the "Theodore L. Newton, Jr. and George F. Azrak Border Patrol Station"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 3224. An act to amend the National Dam Safety Program Act to establish a program to provide grant assistance to States for the rehabilitation and repair of deficient dams; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 3247. An act to improve the provision of disaster assistance for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3877. To require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to establish an initiative to promote the research, development, and demonstration of miner tracking and communications systems and to promote the establishment of standards and other measurement services regarding underground communications to protect miners in the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 3927. An act to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 230. Concurrent resolution supporting the observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H. Con. Res. 234. Concurrent resolution calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to respect the human rights of refugees from North Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

THIRD HIGHER EDUCATION ACT EXTENSION

On the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2258) to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, to amend the definition of an eligible not-for-profit holder, and for other purposes, introduced on today by Mr. KENNEDY, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PASSENGER RAIL INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENT ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 294) to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3470, proposed by Mr. DEMINT, to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Mr. COBURN asked unanimous consent the pending amendments be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose an amendment for Mr. ENSIGN.

Mr. LAUTENBERG objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3470 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. COBURN to further amend the pending bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3474).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG,

Ordered, That the time until 11:45 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate on the pending amendment; that no amendments be in order thereto prior to a vote in relation thereto; and that, upon disposition of the

amendment, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill S. 294.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3474 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. COBURN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 24, nays... 67

[Rollcall Vote No. 397 Leg.]

YEAS --- 24

Allard, Barrasso, Bayh, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cornyn, Crapo, DeMint, Ensign, Enzi, Gregg, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, McCaskill, McConnell, Roberts, Shelby, Sununu, Thune, Voinovich.

NAYS --- 67

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Craig, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LAUTENBERG to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. LIEBERMAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of Friday, October 26, 2007, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Friday, October 26, 2007, to bring to a close debate on bill S. 294.

Pursuant to the order of Friday, October 26, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 79, nays... 13

[Rollcall Vote No. 398 Leg.]

YEAS --- 79

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran,

Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Thune, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse.

NAYS --- 13

Allard, Barrasso, Brownback, Bunning, Chambliss, Coburn, DeMint, Ensign, Enzi, Gregg, Inhofe, Shelby, Sununu.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3470, proposed by Mr. DEMINT, to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG,

Ordered, That the time consumed during the recess of the Senate be counted against the time for debate pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3470, proposed by Mr. DEMINT, to the bill, as amended.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:32 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SALAZAR in the chair) called the Senate to order.

PASSENGER RAIL INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENT ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 294.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3470 to the bill, as amended.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 3963

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 3963) to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes, be withdrawn; and that the Senate proceed to consider said bill upon disposition of the bill (H.R. 2419) to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

Mr. LOTT objected.

PASSENGER RAIL INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENT ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 294.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3470 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG,

Ordered, That pending amendments numbered 3470, 3469, and 3468 be withdrawn.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 3467, proposed by Mr. DEMINT, to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG,

Ordered, That there be 20 minutes for debate on the pending amendment; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; that no amendment to the amendment be in order prior to the vote; that no amendments be in order to be proposed except for a managers' package of amendments, agreed to by both managers and leaders; that, at 4 p.m., the Senate vote in relation to the pending amendment No. 3467; that, upon disposition of the amendment, time for debate pursuant to rule XXII of Standing Rules of the Senate be concluded; that, upon disposition of amendment No. 3467 and the managers' amendments, the bill, as amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3467 to the bill, as amended.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 3963 ON TOMORROW

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG,

Ordered, That the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3963 on tomorrow, at a time to be determined by the two leaders, but not earlier than 6:30 p.m. on tomorrow.

PASSENGER RAIL INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENT ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 294.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3467 to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the order of today that the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 3467 at 4 p.m., the Senate vote at 4:05 p.m.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3467 to the bill, as amended.

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

Mr. LAUTENBERG, by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; each was modified, as indicated, and agreed to: Mr. DEMINT, amendment No. 3469, as modified; Mr. VITTER, amendment No. 3486; Mr. SCHUMER, amendment No. 3489, as modified.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3467 to the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. LOTT,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 27, nays... 65

[Rollcall Vote No. 399 Leg.]

YEAS --- 27

Allard, Barrasso, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cornyn, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lugar, McConnell, Roberts, Shelby, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

NAYS --- 65

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Craig, Crapo, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Martinez, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. CARDIN to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. LAUTENBERG,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. LAUTENBERG,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall the bill, as amended, pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 70, nays... 22

[Rollcall Vote No. 400 Leg.]

YEAS --- 70

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse.

NAYS --- 22

Allard, Barrasso, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Craig, DeMint, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, McConnell, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

On motion by Mr. LAUTENBERG to reconsider the vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. LAUTENBERG,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT
PRO TEMPORE
UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON CIVIL
RIGHTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MENENDEZ in the chair) announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the minority leader, pursuant to section 2 (b) of Public Law 98-183, as amended by Public Law 103-419 had appointed the following individual to the United States Commission on Civil Rights: Gail Heriot of California.

OFFERING CONDOLENCES
REGARDING THE TRAGIC FIRE IN
OCEAN ISLE BEACH, NORTH
CAROLINA

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 360) offering condolences regarding the tragic fire in Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina, which killed 6 University of South Carolina students and 1 student from Clemson University on October 28, 2007, submitted today by Mr. DEMINT (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXTENDING PROVISIONS ON
ELIGIBILITY FOR ESSENTIAL AIR
SERVICE SUBSIDIES THROUGH
FISCAL YEAR 2008

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2265) to extend the existing provisions regarding the eligibility for essential air service subsidies through fiscal year 2008, introduced on today by Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. JOHNSON), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ANDREW LAROCHELLE GOD,
FAMILY, AND COUNTRY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2198) to require the Architect of the Capitol to permit the acknowledgment of God on flag certificates.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2264) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend for 2 years the tax-free distributions from individual retirement plans for charitable purposes, introduced today by Mr. ROBERTS, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. DURBIN asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2295) to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on October 17, 2007, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first time.

Mr. DURBIN asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL TOMORROW, AND FOR
PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 12 noon on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each; that the first half of the time therein be controlled by the majority leader, or his designee, and the second half of the time therein be controlled by the minority leader, or his designee; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3963.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

At 7:16 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 12 noon on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2007

Mr. ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, called the Senate to order at 12 noon, the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CASEY led the

Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 31, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., a Senator from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CASEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2264) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend for 2 years the tax-free distributions from individual retirement plans for charitable purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. ROBERTS, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND
TIME AND PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2295) to amend the Public Health Service Act to

provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on October 17, 2007, and read the first time on yesterday; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated.

EC-3794. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oriental Fruit Fly; Addition and Removal of Quarantined Areas in California" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0151) received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3795. A communication from the Administrator, Risk Management Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Fresh Market Sweet Corn Crop Insurance Provisions" (RIN0563-AC02) received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3796. A communication from the Director of Defense Research and Engineering, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the Department's intent to fund Foreign Comparative Testing projects during fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3797. A communication from the Under Secretary for Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's intent to impose new foreign policy-based export controls on certain persons in Burma; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3798. A communication from the Associate Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Global Terrorism Sanctions Regulations; Terrorism Sanctions Regulations; Foreign Terrorist Organizations Sanctions Regulations" (31 CFR Parts 594, 595, and 597) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3799. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to credit availability for small businesses; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3800. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's view on the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3801. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Member Inspection of Credit Union Books, Records, and Minutes" (RIN3133-AD33) received on October 29, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3802. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Share Insurance Appeals; Clarification of Enforcement Authority of NCUA Board" (12 CFR Parts 745 and 747) received on October 29, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3803. A communication from the Associate Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule Amending the Sudanese Sanctions Regulations to Implement Executive Order 13412" (31 CFR Part 538) received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3804. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 57245) received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3805. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 57241) received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3806. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank

of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving the export of thirty Boeing 737-900ER passenger aircraft to Indonesia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3807. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (72 FR 58020) received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3808. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a biennial report relative to the use of federal assistance provided to the states and Interstate Marine Fisheries Commissions; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3809. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Standard for Automatic Residential Garage Door Operators" (RIN3041-AC42) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3810. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program for Commercial Equipment: Distribution Transformers Energy Conservation Standards" (RIN1904-AB08) received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3811. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "The Potential Benefits of Distributed Generation and the Rate-Related Issues that May Impede its Expansion"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3812. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Pension Plan, etc., Cost-of-Living Adjustments for 2008" (Notice 2007-87) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3813. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, an interim feasibility report and environmental impact statement relative to several levee projects; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3814. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption; Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000; Consular Office Procedures in Convention Cases" (RIN1400-AC40) received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3815. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an erratum notice relative to a report on the employment of an adequate number of Americans during 2006 by the United Nations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3816. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Government of Cuba's compliance with several agreements made between it and the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3817. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2007-213 - 2007-220); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3818. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Default Investment Alternatives under Participant Directed Individual Account Plans" (RIN1210-AB10) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3819. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Management Costs, Interim Final Rule" ((RIN1660-AA21)(FEMA-2006-0035)) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3820. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-133, "Bank Charter Modernization Amendment Act of 2007" received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3821. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-132, "Child's Right to Nurse Human Rights Amendment Act of 2007" received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3822. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-131, "Homestead Housing Preservation Amendment Act of 2007" received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3823. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-164, "District of Columbia Free Clinic Captive Insurance Company Establishment Temporary Act of 2007" received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3824. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-165, "Energy Efficiency Standards Act of 2007" received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3825. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-163, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 452, S.O. 06-1034 Act of 2007" received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3826. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-162, "Quality Teacher Incentive Clarification Act of 2007" received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3827. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-134, "Closing of a Portion of 8th Street, S.E., and the Public Alley in Squares 5956 and W-5956, S.O. 05-4555, Act of 2007" received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3828. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, received on October 25, 2007; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-3829. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of an acting officer for the position of Assistant Attorney General, received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3830. A communication from the Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2008 to 2013; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-3831. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Chief Financial Officer, received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3832. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination and designation of an acting officer for the position of Commissioner of Labor Statistics, received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of a committee was submitted:

By Mr. DODD, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2271. An original bill to authorize State and local governments to divest assets in companies that conduct business operations in Sudan, to prohibit United States Government contracts with such companies, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-213).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 2267. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an income tax credit for eldercare expenses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 2268. A bill to require issuers of long term care insurance to establish third party review processes for disputed claims; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 2269. A bill to reauthorize the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply Project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 2270. A bill to include health centers in the list of entities eligible for mortgage insurance under the National Housing Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 2271. An original bill to authorize State and local governments to divest assets in companies that conduct business operations in Sudan, to prohibit United States Government contracts with such companies, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 2272. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service known as the Southpark Station in Alexandria, Louisiana, as the John "Marty" Thiels Southpark Station, in honor and memory of Thiels, a Louisiana postal worker who was killed in the line of duty on October 4, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. AKAKA (by request):

S. 2273. A bill to enhance the functioning and integration of formerly homeless veterans who reside in permanent housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DURBIN and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2274. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to prevent the abuse of dextromethorphan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2275. A bill to prohibit the manufacture, sale, or distribution in commerce of certain children's products and child care articles that contain phthalates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2276. A bill to enhance United States competitiveness in aeronautics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. KOHL, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2277. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the limitation on the issuance of qualified veterans' mortgage bonds for Alaska, Oregon, and Wisconsin and to modify the definition of qualified veteran; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2278. A bill to improve the prevention, detection, and treatment of community and healthcare-associated infections (CHAI), with a focus on antibiotic-resistant bacteria; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 2279. A bill to combat international violence against women and girls; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself, Mr. REID, and Mr. BENNETT):

S. Res. 361. A resolution to permit the collection of donations in Senate buildings to be sent to United States military personnel on active duty overseas participating in or in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and the war on terrorism; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. Res. 362. A resolution recognizing 2007 as the year of the 100th Anniversary of the American Society of Agronomy; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 367

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to prohibit the import, export, and sale of goods made with sweatshop labor, and for other purposes.

S. 450

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, supra.

S. 667

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 667, a bill to expand programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse and neglect prevention, and early identification of developmental and health delays, including potential mental health concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 694

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 694, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of light motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 714

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 714, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to ensure that all dogs and cats used by research facilities are obtained legally.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 803, a bill to repeal a provision enacted to end Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 887

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 887, a bill to restore import and entry agricultural inspection functions to the Department of Agriculture.

S. 1060

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1060, a bill to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, and for other purposes.

S. 1164

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1164, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve patient access to, and utilization of, the colorectal cancer screening benefit under the Medicare Program.

S. 1356

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1356, a bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to establish industrial bank holding company regulation, and for other purposes.

S. 1782

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1782, a bill to amend chapter 1 of title 9 of United States Code with respect to arbitration.

S. 1876

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1876, a bill to prohibit extraterritorial detention and rendition, except under limited circumstances, to modify the definition of "unlawful enemy combatant" for purposes of

military commissions, to extend statutory habeas corpus to detainees, and for other purposes.

S. 1880

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1880, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit dog fighting ventures.

S. 1958

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1958, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure and foster continued patient quality of care by establishing facility and patient criteria for long-term care hospitals and related improvements under the Medicare program.

S. 2050

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2050, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the five-month waiting period in the disability insurance program, and for other purposes.

S. 2063

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2063, a bill to establish a Bipartisan Task Force for Responsible Fiscal Action, to assure the economic security of the United States, and to expand future prosperity and growth for all Americans.

S. 2119

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2119, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 2143

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2143, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act to establish a program to improve the health and education of children through grants to expand school breakfast programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2172

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2172, a bill to impose sanctions on officials of the State Peace and Development Council in Burma, to prohibit the importation of gems and hardwoods from Burma, to support democracy in Burma, and for other purposes.

S. 2213

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2213, a bill to

amend title 18, United States Code, to improve prevention, investigation, and prosecution of cyber-crime, and for other purposes.

S. 2219

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2219, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to deliver a meaningful benefit and lower prescription drug prices under the Medicare Program.

S. 2262

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2262, a bill to authorize the Preserve America Program and Save America's Treasures Program, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 334

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 334, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the degradation of the Jordan River and the Dead Sea and welcoming cooperation between the peoples of Israel, Jordan, and Palestine.

SENATE RESOLUTION 356

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 356, a resolution affirming that any offensive military action taken against Iran must be explicitly approved by Congress before such action may be initiated.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DORGAN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISASTER RECOVERY

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 31, 2007, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 31, 2007, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 31, 2007 at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 31, 2007, at 11 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet on Wednesday, October 31, 2007.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs to be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 31, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL H.R. 3963

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the motion made, and subsequently withdrawn on Friday, October 26, 2007, by Mr. REID, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 3963) to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DORGAN,

Ordered, That the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3963 at 3:45 p.m. today; that, if said motion is agreed to, the vote be deemed to have begun at 6:30 p.m.; that the time for debate, pursuant to provisions of rule XXII of Standing Rules of the Senate, therefore be deemed to have begun at 6:50 p.m.; and that the time until the vote be equally divided and controlled for the debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANDERS in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Friday, October 26, 2007, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3963.

Pursuant to the order of Friday, October 26, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 62, nays... 33

[Rollcall Vote No. 401 Leg.]

YEAS --- 62

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse.

NAYS --- 33

Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID raised the question as to the presence of a quorum.

Mrs. LINCOLN asked unanimous consent that the quorum call be withdrawn.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Pending the ascertainment of a quorum.

When

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the quorum call be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Pending debate,

PERMITTING DONATIONS TO
ACTIVE UNITED STATES MILITARY
PERSONNEL

On the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 361) to permit the collection of donations in Senate buildings to be sent to United States military personnel on active duty overseas participating in or in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and the war on terrorism, submitted today by Mr. REID for Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. REID, and Mr. BENNETT), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN
SOCIETY OF AGRONOMY

On the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 362) recognizing 2007 as the year of the 100th Anniversary of the American Society of Agronomy, submitted today by Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "CHARLIE
NORWOOD DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL
CENTER"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1808) to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia, as the "Charlie Norwood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE NAVY UDT-
SEAL MUSEUM IN FORT PIERCE,
FLORIDA

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the Committee on Armed Services be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2779) to recognize the Navy UDT-SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the official national museum of Navy SEALs and their predecessors.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the first half of the time therein be controlled by the minority party, and the second half of the time therein be controlled by the majority party; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3963.

Ordered further, That time consumed in morning business on today and tomorrow, and time in adjournment, be counted against the time for debate under rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

At 5:49 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2007

Mr. ROBERT MENENDEZ, from the State of New Jersey, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MENENDEZ led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, November 1, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT MENENDEZ, a Senator from the State of New Jersey, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. MENENDEZ took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.
Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries:

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL
EMERGENCY RELATIVE TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF SUDAN—PM 31

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

The crisis constituted by the actions and policies of the Government of Sudan that led to the declaration of a national emergency in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997, and the expansion of that emergency in Executive Order 13400 of April 26, 2006, and with respect to which additional steps were taken in Executive Order 13412 of October 13, 2006, has not been resolved. These actions and policies are hostile to U.S. interests and pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to Sudan and maintain in force the comprehensive sanctions against Sudan to respond to this threat.

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication, stating that the Sudan emergency is to continue in effect beyond November 3, 2007.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, *November 1, 2007.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3833. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indian Tribal Land Acquisition Program Loan Writedowns" (RIN0560-AG87) received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3834. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, a report relative to the views of the Department on S. 453, the "Deceptive Practices and Voter Intimidation Prevention Act of 2007"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3835. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Source Tracking of Sealed Sources; Revised Compliance Dates" (RIN3150-AI22) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DODD, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2284. An original bill to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-214).

S. 2285. An original bill to reauthorize the Federal terrorism risk insurance program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-215).

By Mr. DODD, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1518. A bill to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-216).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendments:

S. 2168. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to enable increased federal prosecution of identity theft crimes and to allow for restitution to victims of identity theft.

By Mr. DODD, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2286. An original bill to establish a nonpartisan commission on natural catastrophe risk management and insurance, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

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

S. 2280. A bill to amend the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 2281. A bill to expand the boundaries of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 2282. A bill to increase the number of full-time personnel of the Consumer Product Safety Commission assigned to duty stations at United States ports of entry or to inspect overseas production facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CRAPO:

S. 2283. A bill to preserve the use and access of pack and saddle stock animals on public land administered by the National Park Service, and Bureau of Land Management, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, or the Forest Service on which there is a historical tradition of the use of pack and saddle stock animals; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 2284. An original bill to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 2285. An original bill to reauthorize the Federal terrorism risk insurance program, and

for other purposes; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 2286. An original bill to establish a nonpartisan commission on natural catastrophe risk management and insurance, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2287. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the percentage depletion allowance for certain hardrock mines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. KERRY):

S. 2288. A bill to establish portfolio quality standards, improve lender oversight by the Small Business Administration, create economic outcome and performance measurements, strengthen the loan programs under section 7(a) of the Small Business Act and title V of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. KYL, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 2289. A bill to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, to limit the duration of Federal consent decrees to which State and local governments are a party, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2290. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16731 Santa Ana Avenue in Fontana, California, as the "Beatrice E. Watson Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 2291. A bill to enhance citizen access to Government information and services by establishing plain language as the standard style of Government documents issued to the public, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 2292. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002, to establish the Office for Bombing Prevention, to address terrorist explosive threats, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KYL, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ROBERTS Mr. HATCH, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 2293. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the individual alternative minimum tax, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. 2294. A bill to strengthen immigration enforcement and border security and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE)

S. 2295. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require a voter-verified permanent paper ballot under title III of such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2296. A bill to provide for improved disclosures by all mortgage lenders at the loan approval and settlement stages of all mortgage loans; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 2297. A bill to require the FCC to conduct an economic study on the impact that low-power FM stations will have on full-power commercial FM stations; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 2298. A bill to prohibit an applicant from obtaining a low-power FM license if an applicant has engaged in any manner in the unlicensed operation of any station in violation of section 301 of the Communications Act of 1934; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 2299. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish an advisory committee to develop recommendations regarding the national aquatic animal health plan developed by the National Aquatic Animal Health Task Force, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 2300. A bill to improve the Small Business Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. OBAMA):

S.J. Res. 23. A joint resolution clarifying that the use of force against Iran is not authorized by the Authorization for the Use of Military Force Against Iraq, any resolution previously adopted, or any other provision of law; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT
AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. Res. 363. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the treatment of Social Security "notch babies"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. Res. 364. A resolution commending the people of the State of Washington for showing their support for the needs of the State of Washington's veterans and encouraging residents of other States to pursue creative ways to show their own support for veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. Con. Res. 52. A concurrent resolution encouraging the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to take action to ensure a peaceful transition to democracy in Burma; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 67

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 67, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit former members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces are entitled to travel on such aircraft.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 582, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to classify automatic fire sprinkler systems as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 597

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 597, a bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

S. 667

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 667, a bill to expand programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse and neglect prevention, and early identification of developmental and health delays, including potential mental health concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 719

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs.

CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 719, a bill to amend section 10501 of title 49, United States Code, to exclude solid waste disposal from the jurisdiction of the Surface Transportation Board.

S. 771

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] were added as cosponsors of S. 771, a bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to improve the nutrition and health of schoolchildren by updating the definition of "food of minimal nutritional value" to conform to current nutrition science and to protect the Federal investment in the national school lunch and breakfast programs.

S. 1003

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1003, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to emergency medical services and the quality and efficiency of care furnished in emergency departments of hospitals and critical access hospitals by establishing a bipartisan commission to examine factors that affect the effective delivery of such services, by providing for additional payments for certain physician services furnished in such emergency departments, and by establishing a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Working Group, and for other purposes.

S. 1132

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1132, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Indian tribes to receive charitable contributions of apparently wholesome food.

S. 1159

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1159, a bill to amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part.

S. 1457

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1457, a bill to provide for the protection of mail delivery on certain postal routes, and for other purposes.

S. 1668

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of S. 1668, a bill to assist in providing affordable housing to those affected by the 2005 hurricanes.

S. 1693

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1693, a bill to enhance the adoption of a nationwide interoperable health information technology system and to improve the quality and reduce the costs of health care in the United States.

S. 1729

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1729, a bill to amend titles 18 and 28 of the United States Code to provide incentives for the prompt payments of debts owed to the United States and the victims of crime by imposing surcharges on unpaid judgments owed to the United States and to the victims of crime, to provide for offsets on amounts collected by the Department of Justice for Federal agencies, to increase the amount of special assessments imposed upon convicted persons, to establish an Enhanced Financial Recovery Fund to enhance, supplement, and improve the debt collection activities of the Department of Justice, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide to assistant United States attorneys the same retirement benefits as are afforded to Federal law enforcement officers, and for authorized purposes.

S. 1782

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1782, a bill to amend chapter 1 of title 9 of United States Code with respect to arbitration.

S. 1843

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1843, a bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to clarify that an unlawful practice occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, and for other purposes.

S. 1858

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1858, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated follow-up care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1943

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1943, a bill to establish uniform standards for interrogation

techniques applicable to individuals under the custody or physical control of the United States Government.

S. 1951

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1951, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure that individuals eligible for medical assistance under the Medicaid program continue to have access to prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 2069

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] were added as cosponsors of S. 2069, a bill to increase the United States financial and programmatic contributions to promote economic opportunities for women in developing countries.

S. 2119

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2119, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 2123

At the request of Mr. BAYH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2123, a bill to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions.

S. 2127

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2127, a bill to provide assistance to families of miners involved in mining accidents.

S. 2147

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2147, a bill to require accountability for contractors and contract personnel under Federal contracts, and for other purposes.

S. 2170

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2170, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the treatment of qualified restaurant property as 15-year property for purposes of the depreciation deduction.

S. 2181

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2181, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect Medicare beneficiaries' access to home health services under the Medicare program.

S. 2228

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 2228, a bill to extend and improve agricultural programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2233

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2233, a bill to provide a permanent deduction for States and local general sales taxes.

S. 2250

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2250, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers under the Medicare Program.

S. 2257

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] and the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 2257, a bill to impose sanctions on officials of the State Peace and Development Council in Burma, to amend the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 to prohibit the importation of gemstones and hardwoods from Burma, to promote a coordinated international effort to restore civilian democratic rule to Burma, and for other purposes.

S. 2277

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2277, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the limitation on the issuance of qualified veterans' mortgage bonds for Alaska, Oregon, and Wisconsin and to modify the definition of qualified veteran.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 22, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services within the Department of Health and Human Services relating to Medicare coverage for the use of erythropoiesis stimulating agents in cancer and related neoplastic conditions.

SENATE RESOLUTION 241

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 241, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should reaffirm the commitments of the United States to the 2001 Doha Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health and to pursuing trade policies that promote access to affordable medicines.

SENATE RESOLUTION 356

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr.

BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 356, a resolution affirming that any offensive military action taken against Iran must be explicitly approved by Congress before such action may be initiated.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 1, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 1, 2007 in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 1, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct an Executive Business Meeting on Thursday, November 1, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 1, 2007 at 2:30 p.m..

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, FEDERAL SERVICES, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

The Committee on Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 1, 2007, at 2 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Small Business Administration: Is the 7 (a) Program Achieving Measurable Outcomes?"

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PRIVATE SECTOR AND CONSUMER SOLUTIONS TO GLOBAL WARMING AND WILDLIFE PROTECTION

The Committee on Environment and Public Works, Subcommittee on Private Sector and Consumer Solutions to Global Warming and Wildlife Protection, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 1, 2007, at 9 a.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:06 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1236. An act to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authorization of the United States Postal Service to issue a semi-postal to raise funds for breast cancer research.

H.R. 2787. An act to amend the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 to require that weather radios be installed in all manufactured homes manufactured or sold in the United States.

H.R. 3307. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 570 Broadway in Bayonne, New Jersey, as the "Dennis P. Collins Post Office Building".

H.R. 3446. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 East Michigan Avenue in Marshall, Michigan, as the "Michael W. Schragg Post Office Building".

H.R. 3867. An act to update and expand the procurement programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 58. Joint resolution expressing support for designation of the month of October 2007 as "Country Music Month" and to honor country music for its long history of supporting America's armed forces and its tremendous impact on national patriotism.

At 1:06 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3043) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; it agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. OBEY, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. DELAURO, Messrs. JACKSON of Illinois, KENNEDY, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. LEE, Messrs. UDALL of New Mexico, HONDA, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Messrs. RYAN of Ohio, MURTHA, EDWARDS, WALSH of New York, REGULA, PETERSON of Pennsylvania, WELDON of Florida, SIMPSON, REHBERG, YOUNG of Florida, WICKER and LEWIS of California as managers of the conference on the part of the House.

HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION REFERRED

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

H.R. 1236. To amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2787. An act to amend the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 to require that weather radios be installed in all manufactured homes manufactured or sold in the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 3307. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 570 Broadway in Bayonne, New Jersey, as the "Dennis P. Collins Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3446. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 East Michigan Avenue in Marshall, Michigan, as the "Michael W. Schragg Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3867. An act to update and expand the procurement programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.J. Res. 58. Joint resolution expressing support for designation of the month of October 2007 as "Country Music Month" and to honor country music for its long history of supporting America's armed forces and its tremendous impact on national patriotism; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

BILL SEQUENTIALLY REFERRED

The bill (S. 2248) to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act, and for other purposes was sequentially referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, pursuant to paragraph 3(b) of S. Res. 400, 94th Congress, as amended by S. Res. 445 (108th) for a period not to exceed 10 days of session.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2184

Mr. INHOFE asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider the bill (S. 2184) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently allow penalty-free withdrawals from retirement plans for individuals called to active duty for at least 179 days; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that the bill then

be held at the desk pending receipt of from the House of Representatives of a companion bill.

Mr. INHOFE further asked unanimous consent that, when said bill is received, the Senate proceed to its consideration; that all after the enacting clause be stricken, and the text of bill S. 2184, as passed, be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment in the nature of a substitute); and that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed.

Mr. BAUCUS objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2185

Mr. INHOFE asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider the bill (S. 2185) to permanently extend the current marginal tax rates; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that the bill then be held at the desk pending receipt of from the House of Representatives of a companion bill.

Mr. INHOFE further asked unanimous consent that, when said bill is received, the Senate proceed to its consideration; that all after the enacting clause be stricken, and the text of bill S. 2185, as passed, be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment in the nature of a substitute); and that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed.

Mr. BAUCUS objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2233

Mr. INHOFE asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider the bill (S. 2233) to provide a permanent deduction for States and local general sales taxes; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that the bill then be held at the desk pending receipt of from the House of Representatives of a companion bill.

Mr. INHOFE further asked unanimous consent that, when said bill is received, the Senate proceed to its consideration; that all after the enacting clause be stricken, and the text of bill S. 2233, as passed, be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment in the nature of a substitute); and that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed.

Mr. BAUCUS objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2216

Mr. INHOFE asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider the bill (S. 2216) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the Indian employment credit and the depreciation rules for property used predominantly within an

Indian reservation; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that the bill then be held at the desk pending receipt of from the House of Representatives of a companion bill.

Mr. INHOFE further asked unanimous consent that, when said bill is received, the Senate proceed to its consideration; that all after the enacting clause be stricken, and the text of bill S. 2216, as passed, be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment in the nature of a substitute); and that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed.

Mr. BAUCUS objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL S. 2217

Mr. INHOFE asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider the bill (S. 2217) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the taxable income limit on percentage depletion for oil and natural gas produced from marginal properties; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that the bill then be held at the desk pending receipt of from the House of Representatives of a companion bill.

Mr. INHOFE further asked unanimous consent that, when said bill is received, the Senate proceed to its consideration; that all after the enacting clause be stricken, and the text of bill S. 2217, as passed, be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment in the nature of a substitute); and that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed.

Mr. BAUCUS objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL S. 2247

Mr. INHOFE asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider the bill (S. 2247) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the depreciation classification of motor-sports entertainment complexes; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that the bill then be held at the desk pending receipt of from the House of Representatives of a companion bill.

Mr. INHOFE further asked unanimous consent that, when said bill is received, the Senate proceed to its consideration; that all after the enacting clause be stricken, and the text of bill S. 2247, as passed, be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment in the nature of a substitute); and that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed.

Mr. BAUCUS objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL S. 2234

Mr. INHOFE asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider the bill (S. 2234) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the deduction for qualified tuition and related expenses; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that the bill then be held at the desk pending receipt of from the House of Representatives of a companion bill.

Mr. INHOFE further asked unanimous consent that, when said bill is received, the Senate proceed to its consideration; that all after the enacting clause be stricken, and the text of bill S. 2234, as passed, be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment in the nature of a substitute); and that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed.

Mr. BAUCUS objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL S. 2264

Mr. INHOFE asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider the bill (S. 2264) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend for 2 years the tax-free distributions from individual retirement plans for charitable purposes; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that the bill then be held at the desk pending receipt of from the House of Representatives of a companion bill.

Mr. INHOFE further asked unanimous consent that, when said bill is received, the Senate proceed to its consideration; that all after the enacting clause be stricken, and the text of bill S. 2264, as passed, be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment in the nature of a substitute); and that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed.

Mr. BAUCUS objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL H.R. 3963

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SALAZAR in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. REID on October 26, 2007, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 3963) to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3963 be agreed to; that the bill be laid aside; that the Senate resume consideration of said bill

at 4 p.m. on Monday, November 5, 2007; that, at 5 p.m. on Monday next, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to a motion to bring to a close debate on the bill; that, if said motion is agreed to, there be 2 hours for debate on the bill, and on any germane amendments thereto; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote under the provisions rule XXII of Standing Rules of the Senate (that no further amendments be in order upon conclusion of debate time).

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3963 be agreed to; and that the bill be laid aside; that the Senate resume consideration of said bill upon disposition of bill H.R. 2419.

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3963.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the pending motion be agreed to; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that a motion to bring to a close debate on the bill be presented; that the time until 4:45 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that no amendments or motions be in order to the bill; that, at 4:45 p.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the bill, notwithstanding provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate; that, if the motion is agreed to, the bill be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, without intervening action or debate.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,
The motion was deemed agreed to.
Whereupon,

CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE
PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION
ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. MCCASKILL in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3963) to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill H.R. 3963, which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 3963:

MAX BAUCUS, HARRY REID, BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, S. WHITEHOUSE, ROBERT MENENDEZ, D.K. INOUE, JACK REED, BARBARA BOXER, PATRICK J. LEAHY, BERNARD SANDERS, KEN SALAZAR, KENT CONRAD, RON WYDEN, BYRON L. DORGAN, DEBBIE STABENOW, BILL NELSON, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR.

The question being on passage of the bill.
Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BAUCUS,

Ordered, That the minority leader, or his designee, control the time from 4:25 p.m. until 4:35 p.m.; and that the majority leader control the time from 4:35 p.m. until 4:45 p.m.

Ordered further, That the quorum, pursuant to rule XXII of Standing Rules of the Senate, prior to the vote on the motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill H.R. 3963, be waived.

The question being on passage of the bill.
Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. KLOBUCHAR in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on today, to bring to a close debate on the pending bill H.R. 3963.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 65, nays... 30

[Rollcall Vote No. 402 Leg.]

YEAS --- 65

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Dodd, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse.

NAYS --- 30

Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McConnell, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The bill was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of passage of the bill.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 65, nays... 30

[Rollcall Vote No. 403 Leg.]

YEAS—65

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse.

NAYS—30

Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McConnell, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill do pass.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 2419

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, on Monday, November 5, 2007, following morning business, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2419) to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

DESIGNATING THE "CHARLES GEORGE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2546) to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Asheville, North Carolina, as the "Charles George Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANDERS in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2293) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the individual alternative minimum tax, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KYL, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. HATCH, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. ENSIGN), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2294) to strengthen immigration enforcement and border security and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:48 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2007

Mr. SHERROD BROWN, from the State of Ohio, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. BROWN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, November 2, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a Senator from the State of Ohio, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. BROWN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INOUYE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 950. A bill to develop and maintain an integrated system of coastal and ocean observations for the Nation's coasts, oceans, and Great Lakes, to improve warnings of tsunami, hurricanes, El Nino events, and other natural hazards, to enhance homeland security, to support maritime operations, to improve management of coastal and marine resources, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-217).

By Mr. INOUYE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 1582. A bill to reauthorize and amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-218).

By Mr. INOUYE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 1769. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to facilitate number portability in order to increase consumer choice of voice service provider (Rept. No. 110-219).

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, without amendment:

S. 2302. An original bill to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-220).

By Mr. INOUYE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment and with a preamble:

H. Con. Res. 225. A concurrent resolution honoring the 50th anniversary of the dawn of the Space Age, and the ensuing 50 years of productive and peaceful space activities.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 2301. A bill for the relief of Malachy McAllister, Nicola McAllister, and Sean Ryan McAllister; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 2302. An original bill to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 2303. A bill to amend section 435(o) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding the definition of economic hardship; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE
RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. AKAKA):

S. Res. 365. A resolution encouraging all employers to target veterans for recruitment and to provide preference in hiring to qualified veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS
S. 311

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 311, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

S. 518

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 518, a bill to amend the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 to require the Statistics Commissioner to collect information from coeducational secondary schools on such schools' athletic programs.

S. 597

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 597, a bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

S. 1200

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1200, a bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend the Act.

S. 1354

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1354, a bill to amend the definition of a law enforcement officer under subchapter III of chapter 83 and chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, respectively, to ensure the inclusion of certain positions.

S. 1373

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1373, a bill to provide grants and loan guarantees for the development and construction of science parks to promote the clustering of innovation through high technology activities.

S. 1451

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1451, a bill to encourage the development of coordinated quality reforms to improve health care delivery and reduce the cost of care in the health care system.

S. 1730

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1730, a bill to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act, to reward States for engaging individuals with disabilities in work activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1914

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1914, a bill to require a comprehensive nuclear posture review, and for other purposes.

S. 2045

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2045, a bill to reform the Consumer Product Safety Commission to provide greater protection for children's products, to improve the screening of noncompliant consumer products, to improve the effectiveness of consumer product recall programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2107

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2107, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 570 Broadway in Bayonne, New Jersey, as the "Dennis P. Collins Post Office Building".

S. 2181

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2181, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect Medicare beneficiaries' access to home health services under the Medicare program.

S. 2186

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2186, a bill to permit individuals who are employees of a grantee that is receiving funds under section 330 of the Public Health Service Act to enroll in health insurance coverage provided under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.

S. 2246

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2246, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend eligibility for Federal TRIO programs to members of the reserve components serving on active duty in support of contingency operations.

S. 2278

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2278, a bill to improve the prevention, detection, and treatment of community and healthcare-associated infections (CHAI), with a focus on antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2293) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the individual alternative minimum tax, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KYL, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. HATCH, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. ENSIGN), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2294) to strengthen immigration enforcement and border security and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. MCCONNELL), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO REPORT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered That, notwithstanding an adjournment of the Senate, the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to report a bill, and "file" an accompanying report, until 3 p.m. on today.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the VICE PRESIDENT, pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194, as amended, by Public Law 101-595, and upon recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation had appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy: Mr. INOUE, Ms. CANTWELL.

BLINDED VETERANS PAIRED ORGAN ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1163) to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve compensation and specially adapted housing for veterans in certain cases of impairment of vision involving both eyes, and to provide for the use of the National Directory of New Hires for income verification purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 797) to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve compensation benefits for veterans in certain cases of impairment of vision involving both eyes, to provide for the use of the National Directory of New Hires for income verification purposes, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide an educational assistance allowance for qualifying work study activities, and to authorize the provision of bronze representations of the letter "V" for the

graves of eligible individuals buried in private cemeteries in lieu of Government-provided headstones or markers.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That all after the enacting clause be stricken, and the text of bill S. 1163, as amended, be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment in the nature of a substitute); that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table.

Ordered further, That bill S. 1163 then be returned to the calendar.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 5, 2007, AND FOR
PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, November 5, 2007; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 3 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Ordered further, That, at 3 p.m., the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2419) to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes; and that only after the majority manager has proposed an amendment (in the nature of a substitute), there be debate on the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

At 12:20 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, November 5, 2007.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2007

Mr. JIM WEBB, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m.,

the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WEBB led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, November 5, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JIM WEBB, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. WEBB took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, November 2, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, November 2, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Friday, November 2, 2007,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2304. A bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide grants for the improved mental health treatment and services provided to offenders with mental illnesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr.

FEINGOLD, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. BROWN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. KERRY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SCHUMER and Mr. DODD):

S. 2305. A bill to prevent voter caging; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. CANTWELL Mr. CRAIG, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. McCASKILL, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2306. A bill to encourage and facilitate the use of renewable fuel in the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 2307. A bill to amend the Global Change Research Act of 1990, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 2308. A bill to improve the efficiency of customs and other services at the Wild Horse, Montana port of entry; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE
RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CONRAD, and Mrs. DOLE):

S. Res. 366. A resolution designating November 2007 as "National Methamphetamine Awareness Month", to increase awareness of methamphetamine abuse; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS
S. 400

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 400, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that dependent students who take a medically necessary leave of absence do not lose health insurance coverage, and for other purposes.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to

amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

S. 450

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 661

At the request of Mr. CASEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 661, a bill to establish kinship navigator programs, to establish guardianship assistance payments for children, and for other purposes.

S. 759

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 759, a bill to prohibit the use of funds for military operations in Iran.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 836

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 836, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for sewer overflow control grants.

S. 1159

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1159, a bill to amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part.

S. 1551

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1551, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

S. 1580

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY], the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] were added as cosponsors

of S. 1580, a bill to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

S. 1638

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1638, a bill to adjust the salaries of Federal justices and judges, and for other purposes.

S. 1661

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1661, a bill to communicate United States travel policies and improve marketing and other activities designed to increase travel in the United States from abroad.

S. 1854

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1854, a bill to amend the Social Security Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve elderly suicide early intervention and prevention strategies, and for other purposes.

S. 1876

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1876, a bill to prohibit extraterritorial detention and rendition, except under limited circumstances, to modify the definition of "unlawful enemy combatant" for purposes of military commissions, to extend statutory habeas corpus to detainees, and for other purposes.

S. 1956

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1956, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide equitable access for foster care and adoption services for Indian children in tribal areas, and for other purposes.

S. 1963

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1963, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow bonds guaranteed by the Federal home loan banks to be treated as tax exempt bonds.

S. 1991

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1991, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of extending the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to include additional sites associated with the preparation and return phases of the expedition, and for other purposes.

S. 2056

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr.

BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2056, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restore financial stability to Medicare anesthesiology teaching programs for resident physicians.

S. 2058

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2058, a bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to close the Enron loophole, prevent price manipulation and excessive speculation in the trading of energy commodities, and for other purposes.

S. 2119

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2119, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 2136

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2136, a bill to address the treatment of primary mortgages in bankruptcy, and for other purposes.

S. 2164

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2164, a bill to establish a Science and Technology Scholarship Program to award scholarships to recruit and prepare students for careers in the National Weather Service and in National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration marine research, atmospheric research, and satellite programs and for other purposes.

S. 2166

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2166, a bill to provide for greater responsibility in lending and expanded cancellation of debts owed to the United States and the international financial institutions by low-income countries, and for other purposes.

S. 2168

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2168, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to enable increased federal prosecution of identity theft crimes and to allow for restitution to victims of identity theft.

S. 2237

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2237, a bill to fight crime.

S. 2272

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2272, a bill to designate the facility of the United States

Postal Service known as the Southpark Station in Alexandria, Louisiana, as the John "Marty" Thiels Southpark Station, in honor and memory of Thiels, a Louisiana postal worker who was killed in the line of duty on October 4, 2007.

S. 2300

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2300, a bill to improve the Small Business Act, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 22, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services within the Department of Health and Human Services relating to Medicare coverage for the use of erythropoiesis stimulating agents in cancer and related neoplastic conditions.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2262. An act to modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands, consistent with the principles of self-initiation of mining claims, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3920. An act to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to reauthorize trade adjustment assistance, to extend trade adjustment assistance to service workers and firms, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 2262. An act to modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands, consistent with the principles of self-initiation of mining claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3920. An act to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to reauthorize trade adjustment assistance, to extend trade adjustment assistance to service workers and firms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

FARM, NUTRITION, AND BIOENERGY ACT

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 1, 2007,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2419) to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. GRASSLEY) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3500, in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

RELATIVE TO CERTAIN TRIBAL LANDS OF THE LYTTON RANCHERIA OF CALIFORNIA

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1347) to amend the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act to modify the date as of which certain tribal land of the Lytton Rancheria of California is deemed to be held in trust and to provide for the conduct of certain activities on the land.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders, or their designees; that the minority control the first half of time therein, and the majority control the second half of the time therein; and that, following morning

business, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 2419.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

At 6:58 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2007

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. TESTER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, November 6, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. TESTER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

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

S. 2113. A bill to implement the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 2309. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the service treatable as service engaged in combat with the enemy for utilization of non-official evidence for proof of service-connection in a combat-related disease or injury; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 2310. A bill to establish a National Catastrophic Risks Consortium and a National Homeowners' Insurance Stabilization Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 2311. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the amendment or repeal of monographs, to expand the Food and Drug Administration's authority to regulate drug advertising, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ALEXANDER:

S. 2312. A bill to amend title VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide for State student achievement contracts; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 2313. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance efforts to address antimicrobial resistance; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2314. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make geothermal heat pump systems eligible for the energy credit and the residential energy efficient property credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. SMITH, Mr.

VOINOVICH, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. CASEY):

S. Res. 367. A resolution commemorating the 40th anniversary of the mass movement for Soviet Jewish freedom and the 20th anniversary of the Freedom Sunday rally for Soviet Jewry on the National Mall; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. Res. 368. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that, at the 20th Regular Meeting of the International Commission on the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, the United States should pursue a moratorium on the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna fishery to ensure control of the fishery and further facilitate recovery of the stock, pursue strengthened conservation and management measures to facilitate the recovery of the Atlantic bluefin tuna, and seek a review of compliance by all Nations with the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas' conservation and management recommendation for Atlantic bluefin tuna and other species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. Res. 369. A resolution designating November 25, 2007, as "Drive Safer Sunday"; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. DOLE (for herself and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. Res. 370. A resolution supporting and encouraging greater support for Veterans Day each year; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 311

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 311, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

S. 329

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 368

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 368, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime

Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 431

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 431, a bill to require convicted sex offenders to register online identifiers, and for other purposes.

S. 714

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 714, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to ensure that all dogs and cats used by research facilities are obtained legally.

S. 819

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 819, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes.

S. 1012

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1012, a bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit through 2013, and for other purposes.

S. 1492

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1492, a bill to improve the quality of federal and state data regarding the availability and quality of broadband services and to promote the deployment of affordable broadband services to all parts of the Nation.

S. 1514

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1514, a bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

S. 1661

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1661, a bill to communicate United States travel policies and improve marketing and other activities designed to increase travel in the United States from abroad.

S. 1775

At the request of Mr. BURR, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1775, a bill to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that no child is left behind.

S. 1782

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1782, a bill to amend chapter 1 of title 9 of United States Code with respect to arbitration.

S. 1800

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1800, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require emergency contraception to be available at all military health care treatment facilities.

S. 1852

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1852, a bill to designate the Friday after Thanksgiving of each year as "Native American Heritage Day" in honor of the achievements and contributions of Native Americans to the United States.

S. 1943

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1943, a bill to establish uniform standards for interrogation techniques applicable to individuals under the custody or physical control of the United States Government.

S. 2035

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2035, a bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

S. 2051

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2051, a bill to amend the small rural school achievement program and the rural and low-income school program under part B of title VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

S. 2053

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2053, a bill to amend part A of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve elementary and secondary education.

S. 2119

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms.

STABENOW], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT] were added as cosponsors of S. 2119, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 2123

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2123, a bill to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions.

S. 2140

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2140, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Francis Collins, in recognition of his outstanding contributions and leadership in the fields of medicine and genetics.

S. 2168

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2168, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to enable increased federal prosecution of identity theft crimes and to allow for restitution to victims of identity theft.

S. 2225

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2225, a bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to clarify the tariff rate for certain mechanics' work gloves.

S. 2238

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2238, a bill to amend the National Dam Safety Program Act to establish a program to provide grant assistance to States for the rehabilitation and repair of deficient dams.

S. 2246

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2246, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend eligibility for Federal TRIO programs to members of the reserve components serving on active duty in support of contingency operations.

S. 2256

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2256, a bill to establish an Office of International and Domestic Product Safety and a Product Safety Coordinating Council to improve the management, coordination, promotion, and oversight of product safety responsibilities, develop a centralized public

database for product recalls, advisories, and alerts, and for other purposes.

S. 2257

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2257, a bill to impose sanctions on officials of the State Peace and Development Council in Burma, to amend the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 to prohibit the importation of gemstones and hardwoods from Burma, to promote a coordinated international effort to restore civilian democratic rule to Burma, and for other purposes.

S. 2262

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2262, a bill to authorize the Preserve America Program and Save America's Treasures Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2275

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2275, a bill to prohibit the manufacture, sale, or distribution in commerce of certain children's products and child care articles that contain phthalates, and for other purposes.

S. 2277

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2277, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the limitation on the issuance of qualified veterans' mortgage bonds for Alaska, Oregon, and Wisconsin and to modify the definition of qualified veteran.

S. 2289

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2289, a bill to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, to limit the duration of Federal consent decrees to which State and local governments are a party, and for other purposes.

S. 2303

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2303, a bill to amend section 435(o) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding the definition of economic hardship.

SENATE RESOLUTION 299

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 299, a resolution recognizing the religious and historical significance of the festival of Diwali.

SENATE RESOLUTION 321

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 321, a resolution expressing the

sense of the Senate regarding the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

SENATE RESOLUTION 356

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 356, a resolution affirming that any offensive military action taken against Iran must be explicitly approved by Congress before such action may be initiated.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 6, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 6, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on the "GOP and WEP: policies affecting pensions from work not covered by Social Security.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, to conduct an Executive business meeting on Tuesday, November 6, 2007. The hearing will commence at 10 a.m. in room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs to be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 6, 2007, to conduct an oversight hearing on the hiring practices and quality control in VA medical facilities. The Committee will meet in room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 9:30 a.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 6, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 4:41 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2546. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Asheville, North Carolina, as the "Charles George Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 5:20 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3222) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; it agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. MURTHA, Mr. DICKS, Mr. VISCLOSKEY, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BOYD of Florida, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. OBEY, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. WICKER, Mr. KINGSTON, and Mr. LEWIS of California as managers of the conference on the part of the House.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill and joint resolution, without amendment.

S. 2206. An act to provide technical corrections to Public Law 109-116 (2 U.S.C. 2131a note) to extend the time period for the Joint Committee on the Library to enter into an agreement to obtain a statue of Rosa Parks, and for other purposes.

S.J. Res. 7. Joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Roger W. Sant as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

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

H.R. 513. An act to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to enhance the protection of credit ratings of members of the reserve component who serve on active duty in support of a contingency operation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1567. An act to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide increased assistance for the prevention, treatment, and control of tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2949. An act to authorize grants to the Eurasia Foundation, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 60. Concurrent resolution expressing support for the goals of Veterans Educate Today's Students (VETS) Day, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

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

H.R. 513. An act to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to enhance the protection of credit ratings of members of the reserve component who serve on active duty in support of a contingency operation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2949. An act to authorize grants to the Eurasia Foundation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 60. Concurrent resolution expressing support for the goals of Veterans Educate Today's Students (VETS) Day, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 1567. An act to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide increased assistance for the prevention, treatment, and control of tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

NOTICES OF INTENT TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Pursuant to rule V of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

Mr. COBURN submitted notice in writing of his intent to move to suspend paragraph 4(b)-(3) of Rule XXVIII for the purpose of proposing to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3043), making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, an amendment.

Pursuant to rule V of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

Mr. ENSIGN submitted notice in writing of his intent to move to suspend paragraph 4(b)-(3) of Rule XXVIII for the purpose of proposing to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3043), making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, an amendment.

OBJECTION TO REQUIREMENT
THAT AMENDMENTS TO BILL

H.R. 2419 BE RELEVANT

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that amendments to bill H.R. 2419 be relevant to the bill or the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

Mr. CHAMBLISS objected.

Pending debate,

FARM, NUTRITION, AND
BIOENERGY ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 2419) to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. GRASSLEY), to the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. TESTER) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and sums, and inserting other words and sums (being amendment No. 3508).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3509).

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the language proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3510).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment by striking "3" and inserting "4" (being amendment No. 3511).

On motion, by Mr. REID to commit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry with instructions to report back forthwith, with an amendment (numbered 3512).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on

the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the instruction contained in the pending motion by striking "5" and inserting "6" (being amendment No. 3513).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment by striking "6" and inserting "7" (being amendment No. 3514).

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:31 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

FARM, NUTRITION, AND
BIOENERGY ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2419.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3514 to amendment No. 3513 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3512) contained in the motion to commit the pending bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF
CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL

H.R. 3043 ON TOMORROW

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, following the joint meeting of Congress on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to consider the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3043) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, if received from the House of Representatives; that there be a limitation of one hour for debate thereon; that one hour therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between Mr. HARKIN, Mr. REED, Mr. SPECTER, and Mrs. HUTCHISON; that there be two hours for debate controlled by the two leaders, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, Mrs. HUTCHISON be recognized to raise a

point of order under rule XXVIII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, relative to scope; that Mr. HARKIN then be recognized to move to waive provisions of said rule for consideration of the conference report; that the Senate debate said motion, as pursuant to the provisions of rule XXVIII; that, if the point of order is held well-taken, Mr. COBURN be recognized to move to suspend the rules, provided said motion is timely filed; that there be 30 minutes for debate thereon, equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion, by Mr. COBURN, to suspend the rules; that if said motion is agreed to, the Senate recede from its amendment to bill H.R. 3043, with a further amendment, as pursuant to the rule; that, if the motion to waive is agreed to, a motion to bring to a close debate on the conference report be deemed to have been presented on today; and that the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said motion on Thursday, November 8, 2007.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

AUTHORITY FOR APPOINTMENT
OF COMMITTEE OF ESCORT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the PRESIDENT of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the Honorable Nicolas Sarkozy, President of the French Republic, into the Chamber of the House of Representatives on tomorrow for a joint meeting at 11 a.m. on tomorrow.

DESIGNATING "DRIVE SAFER
SUNDAY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 369) designating November 25, 2007, as "Drive Safer Sunday", submitted today by Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mrs. LINCOLN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING
GREATER SUPPORT FOR
VETERANS DAY EACH YEAR

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 370) supporting and encouraging greater support for Veterans Day each year, submitted today by Mrs. DOLE (for herself and Mr. BILL NELSON), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then recess until 12:15 p.m. for a joint meeting of Congress.

Ordered further, That, at 12:15 p.m., the Senate proceed to consider the conference report on bill H.R. 3043, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 8:57 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 10:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr.

CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, November 7, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the order of yesterday, providing that the Senate recess for a joint meeting until 12:15 p.m. on today, be modified such that the Senate instead recess subject to the call of the chair.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 10:35 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate recessed, subject to the call of the chair.

AT 12:23 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MENENDEZ in the chair) called the Senate to order.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL
H.R. 3043

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3043) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the conference report.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the order of yesterday, it be in order for her to raise a point of order against the pending conference report; that Mr. HARKIN then be recognized to move to waive; and that time for debate, pursuant to the order of yesterday, remain in status quo.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

Mrs. HUTCHISON raised a point of order, viz, that Division B of the pending conference report is new matter not contained in either the House- or Senate-passed bill, violates provisions of paragraph 3 of rule XXVIII of Standing Rules of the Senate, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN, under paragraph 5 of rule XXVIII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, to waive provisions of the rule for consideration of the pending conference report.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion to waive.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 47, nays... 46

[Rollcall Vote No. 404 Leg.]

YEAS --- 47

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 46

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith,

Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mrs. HUTCHISON.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and Division B of conference report not in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER thereupon stated that, the conference report having been defeated pursuant to the provisions of rule XXVIII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the question being on agreeing to the motion to recede from its amendment to bill H.R. 3043, and replace said amendment with an amendment (numbered 3557, in the nature of a substitute), deemed proposed by Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. HARKIN).

On motion by Mr. CONRAD,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to recede.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 56, nays... 37

[Rollcall Vote No. 405 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Craig, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 37

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

So the motion to recede and replace with an amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. BROWN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. BROWN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF VETO MESSAGE ON BILL H.R. 1495

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate receives the President's veto message on bill H.R. 1495, it be deemed read and spread upon the Journal; that there be 3 hours for

debate on said message; that the time therein be divided and controlled, as follows: Mrs. BOXER, 45 minutes; Mr. INHOFE, 45 minutes; and the minority leader, or his designee, 90 minutes; that, upon conclusion of debate, the message be laid aside; that, when the Senate resumes consideration of the bill on tomorrow, there be 30 minutes for debate thereon, divided and controlled, as follows: Mrs. BOXER, 7-1/2 minutes, Mr. INHOFE, 7-1/2 minutes; and the minority leader, or his designee, 15 minutes; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question, "Shall the bill pass, the objections of the President of the United States to the contrary notwithstanding?"

VETO MESSAGE ON BILL H.R. 1495

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SALAZAR in the chair) laid before the Senate the message from the President of the United States returning to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, the bill (H.R. 1495) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes, with his objections thereto, received from the House of Representatives on today; which was deemed read and, as the Constitution prescribes, spread upon the Journal, as follows:

The message from the President to the House of Representatives is as follows:

To the House of Representatives:

I am returning herewith without my approval H.R. 1495, the "Water Resources Development Act of 2007."

This bill lacks fiscal discipline. I fully support funding for water resources projects that will yield high economic and environmental returns to the Nation and each year my budget has proposed reasonable and responsible funding, including \$4.9 billion for 2008, to support the Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) main missions. However, this authorization bill makes promises to local communities that the Congress does not have a track record of keeping. The House of Representatives took a \$15 billion bill into negotiations with a \$14 billion bill from the Senate and instead of splitting the difference, emerged with a Washington compromise that costs over \$23 billion. This is not fiscally responsible, particularly when local communities have been waiting for funding for projects already in the pipeline. The bill's excessive authorization for over 900 projects and programs exacerbates the massive backlog of ongoing Corps construction projects, which will require an additional \$38 billion in future appropriations to complete.

This bill does not set priorities. The authorization and funding of Federal water

resources projects should be focused on those projects with the greatest merit that are also a Federal responsibility. My Administration has repeatedly urged the Congress to authorize only those projects and programs that provide a high return on investment and are within the three main missions of the Corps' civil works program: facilitating commercial navigation, reducing the risk of damage from floods and storms, and restoring aquatic ecosystems. This bill does not achieve that goal. This bill promises hundreds of earmarks and hinders the Corps' ability to fulfill the Nation's critical water resources needs—including hurricane protection for greater New Orleans, flood damage reduction for Sacramento, and restoration of the Everglades—while diverting resources from the significant investments needed to maintain existing Federal water infrastructure. American taxpayers should not be asked to support a pork-barrel system of Federal authorization and funding where a project's merit is an afterthought.

I urge the Congress to send me a fiscally responsible bill that sets priorities. Americans sent us to Washington to achieve results and be good stewards of their hard-earned taxpayer dollars. This bill violates that fundamental commitment. For the reasons outlined above, I must veto H.R. 1495.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, November 2, 2007.

Two-thirds of the House of Representatives, upon reconsideration, having passed the bill, the objections of the President of the United States to the contrary notwithstanding,

The Senate proceeded, as the Constitution prescribes, to reconsider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill, upon reconsideration.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Wednesday, November 7, 2007, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill and joint resolution:

S. 2206. A bill to provide technical corrections to Public Law 109-116 (2 U.S.C. 2131a note) to extend the time period for the Joint Committee on the Library to enter into

an agreement to obtain a statue of Rosa Parks, and for other purposes.

S.J. Res. 7. A joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Roger W. Sant as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3836. A communication from the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's Program for Planning, Managing, and Accounting for Civilian Contractor Services and Contractor Personnel during Contingency Operations; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3837. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3838. A communication from the Chairman, Examination Council, Federal Financial Institutions, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a review of their regulations for purposes of identifying outdated or otherwise unnecessary regulatory requirements imposed on insured depository institutions; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3839. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Louisiana; Approval of 8-Hour Ozone Section 110(a)(1) Maintenance Plans for the Parishes of Beauregard, Grant, and St. Mary" (FRL No. 8491-4) received on November 2, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3840. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oxytetracycline; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8153-7) received on November 2, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3841. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Imperial County and Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control Districts" (FRL No. 8492-3) received on November 2, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3842. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Kern County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 8489-7) received on November 2, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3843. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Performance for Equipment Leaks of VOC in the Synthetic Organic Chemicals Manufacturing Industry; Standards of Performance for Equipment Leaks of VOC in Petroleum Refineries" ((RIN2060-AN71)(FRL No. 8492-4)) received on November 2, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3844. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Continuous Instrumental Test Methods: Technical Amendments" ((RIN2060-AO09)(FRL No. 8490-9)) received on November 2, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3845. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Railroad Industry Overview" (Docket No. LMSB-04-1007-072) received on November 2, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3846. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program: Changes to the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and CY 2008 Payment Rates, the Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment System and CY 2008 Payment Rates, the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System and FY 2008 Payment Rates; and Payments for Graduate Medical Education for Affiliated Teaching Hospitals in Certain Emergency Situations" ((RIN0938-AO71)(RIN0938-AO70)-(RIN0938-AO35)) received on November 2, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3847. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of technical data and defense services to the Republic of Korea for the manufacture and assembly of the X1100 Series Transmissions; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3848. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flood Mitigation Assistance" (RIN1660-AA00) received on November 2, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3849. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazard Mitigation Planning and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program" (RIN1660-AA17) received on November 2, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3850. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flood Mitigation Grants and Hazard Mitigation Planning" (RIN1660-AA36) received on November 2, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3851. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Statistical Programs of the United States Government: Fiscal Year 2008"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3852. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 56920) received on October 29, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3853. A communication from the Associate Director for Human Resources, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Agency's use of the Category Rating system during the period ending September 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3854. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Almonds Grown in California; Change in Requirements for Interhandler

Transfers of Almonds" (Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0051) received on October 29, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3855. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "User Fees for 2007 Crop Cotton Classification Services to Growers" ((RIN0581-AC75)(Docket No. AMS-CN-07-0060)) received on October 29, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3856. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Raisins Produced from Grapes Grown in California; Use of Estimated Trade Demand to Compute Volume Regulation Percentages" (Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0071) received on October 29, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3857. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dates Grown or Packed in Riverside County, California; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0104) received on October 29, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3858. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Export Certification for Wood Packaging Material" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0122) received on October 30, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3859. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Army, case number 03-09; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3860. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC90) received on October 20, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3861. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Shallow-Water Species Fishery

by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC88) received on October 20, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3862. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC89) received on October 29, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3863. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inseason Closure of the Commercial Fishery for South Atlantic Golden Tilefish for the 2007 Fishing Year" (RIN0648-XC83) received on October 24, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3864. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC91) received on October 20, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3865. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Broodstock Protection and Effort Reduction Measures for the Area 3 Lobster Fishery" (RIN0648-AU07) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3866. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Framework Adjustment 7 to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass FMP Final Rule" (RIN0648-AV21) received on October 29, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3867. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inseason Adjustments to Groundfish Management Measures" (RIN0648-AW07) received on October 31, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3868. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a quarterly report relative to the Defense Cooperation

Account; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3869. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Identity Theft Red Flags and Address Discrepancies under the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003" (Docket No. R-1255) received on October 29, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

EC-3870. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Housing Choice Voucher Program Homeownership Option; Eligibility of Units Not Yet Under Construction" (RIN2577-AC60) received on October 22, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3871. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for the Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow in Miami-Dade County, Florida" (RIN1018-AV79) received on November 2, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3872. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Seven Mussels in the Apalachicola Region, Alabama, Florida, and Georgia" (RIN1018-AU87) received on November 2, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3873. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a document recently issued by the Agency relative to the Clean Water Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3874. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: HI-STORM 100 Revision 4" (RIN3150-AI23) received on October 24, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3875. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency,

transmitting, a document recently issued by the Agency relative to its Interim Wet Weather SNC Policy; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3876. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Colorado; Revised Denver PM10 Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 8490-6) received on October 30, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3877. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Revisions to the Nevada State Implementation Plan; Requests for Rescission" (FRL No. 8489-4) received on October 30, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3878. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Air Quality Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Control of Emissions from Existing Other Solid Waste Incinerator Units; Nevada" (FRL No. 8489-6) received on October 30, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3879. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticide Tolerance Nomenclature Changes; Technical Amendments; Correction" (FRL No. 8151-4) received on October 30, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3880. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District and Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 8487-6) received on October 30, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3881. A communication from the Program Manager, Center for Medicare Management, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule, and Other Part B Payment Policies for CY 2008; Revisions to the Payment Policies of Ambulance Services Under the Ambulance Fee Schedule for CY 2008; and the Amendment of the E-Prescribing Exemption for Computer Generated Facsimile Transmissions" (RIN0938-AO65) received on November 2, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3882. A communication from the Program Manager, Center for Medicare Management, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisit User Fee Program for Medicare Survey and Certification Activities" (RIN0938-AP22) received on November 2, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3883. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms to Georgia for use by the Georgian Defense Ministry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3884. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Miscellaneous Amendments to Acquisition Regulations" (AIDAR Circular 2007-02) received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3885. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Annual Performance Plan for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution, Fiscal Year 2008" (Rept. No. 110-221).

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 597. A bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years (Rept. No. 110-222).

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

S. 589. A bill to provide for the transfer of certain Federal property to the United States

Paralympics, Incorporated, a subsidiary of the United States Olympic Committee (Rept. No. 110-223).

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

H.R. 798. A bill to direct the Administrator of General Services to install a photovoltaic system for the headquarters building of the Department of Energy (Rept. No. 110-224).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

Report to accompany S. 775, A bill to establish a National Commission on the Infrastructure of the United States (Rept. No. 110-225).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. McCASKILL, Mr. CARPER, Mr. OBAMA, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2315. A bill to prohibit an entity under the jurisdiction of a Federal agency from paying for travel by employees of that agency; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. REED, Mr. KERRY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DODD, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. KOHL, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 2316. A bill to designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 2317. A bill to amend titles 17 and 18, United States Code, and the Trademark Act of 1946 to strengthen and harmonize the protection of intellectual property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BUNNING, and Mr. SMITH):

S. 2318. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the individual alternative minimum tax and to permanently extend the reductions in income tax rates, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 2319. A bill to ensure the continued and future availability of life saving trauma health care in the United States and to prevent further trauma center closures and downgrades by assisting trauma centers with uncompensated care costs, core mission services, and emergency needs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 2320. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide continued entitlement to coverage for immunosuppressive drugs furnished to beneficiaries under the Medicare Program that have received a kidney transplant and whose entitlement to coverage would otherwise expire, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 2321. A bill to amend the E-Government Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-347) to reauthorize appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CARDIN:

S. 2322. A bill to amend the International Center Act to authorize the lease or sublease of certain property described in such Act to an entity other than a foreign government or international organization if certain conditions are met; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 2323. A bill to provide for the conduct of carbon capture and storage technology research, development, and demonstration projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 400

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 400, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that dependent students who take a medically necessary leave of absence do not lose health insurance coverage, and for other purposes.

S. 562

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 562, a bill to provide for flexibility and improvements in elementary and secondary education, and for other purposes.

S. 1142

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN]

was added as a cosponsor of S. 1142, a bill to authorize the acquisition of interests in undeveloped coastal areas in order better to ensure their protection from development.

S. 1159

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1159, a bill to amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part.

S. 1418

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1418, a bill to provide assistance to improve the health of newborns, children, and mothers in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 1512

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1512, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to expand Federal eligibility for children in foster care who have attained age 18.

S. 1638

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] and the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1638, a bill to adjust the salaries of Federal justices and judges, and for other purposes.

S. 1880

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1880, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit dog fighting ventures.

S. 1965

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1965, a bill to protect children from cybercrimes, including crimes by online predators, to enhance efforts to identify and eliminate child pornography, and to help parents shield their children from material that is inappropriate for minors.

S. 2020

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2020, a bill to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2010, to rename the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 as the "Tropical Forest and Coral Conservation Act of 2007", and for other purposes.

S. 2045

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2045, a bill to reform the Consumer Product Safety Commission to provide greater protection for children's products, to improve the screening

of noncompliant consumer products, to improve the effectiveness of consumer product recall programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2056

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2056, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restore financial stability to Medicare anesthesiology teaching programs for resident physicians.

S. 2068

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] were added as cosponsors of S. 2068, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional standard deduction for real property taxes for nonitemizers.

S. 2071

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2071, a bill to enhance the ability to combat methamphetamine.

S. 2159

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 2159, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

S. 2168

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2168, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to enable increased federal prosecution of identity theft crimes and to allow for restitution to victims of identity theft.

S. 2172

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2172, a bill to impose sanctions on officials of the State Peace and Development Council in Burma, to prohibit the importation of gems and hardwoods from Burma, to support democracy in Burma, and for other purposes.

S. 2181

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2181, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect Medicare beneficiaries' access to home health services under the Medicare program.

S. 2250

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2250, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers under the Medicare Program.

S. 2278

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2278, a bill to improve the prevention, detection, and treatment of community and healthcare-associated infections (CHAI), with a focus on antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

S. 2289

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2289, a bill to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, to limit the duration of Federal consent decrees to which State and local governments are a party, and for other purposes.

S. 2313

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2313, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance efforts to address antimicrobial resistance.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 22, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services within the Department of Health and Human Services relating to Medicare coverage for the use of erythropoiesis stimulating agents in cancer and related neoplastic conditions.

SENATE RESOLUTION 366

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 366, a resolution designating November 2007 as "National Methamphetamine Awareness Month", to increase awareness of methamphetamine abuse.

SENATE RESOLUTION 368

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr.

SUNUNU] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 368, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that, at the 20th Regular Meeting of the International Commission on the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, the United States should pursue a moratorium on the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna fishery to ensure control of the fishery and further facilitate recovery of the stock, pursue strengthened conservation and management measures to facilitate the recovery of the Atlantic bluefin tuna, and seek a review of compliance by all Nations with the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas' conservation and management recommendation for Atlantic bluefin tuna and other species, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 370

At the request of Mrs. DOLE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 370, a resolution supporting and encouraging greater support for Veterans Day each year.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, November 7, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining U.S. Government Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights" on Wednesday, November 7, 2007. The hearing will commence at 10 a.m. in room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a markup of S. 2300, the Small Business Contracting Revitalization Act of 2007. The meeting will commence on Wednesday, November 7, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs to be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 7, 2007, to conduct an oversight hearing on performance and structure of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. The Committee will meet

in room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 9:30 a.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:28 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3043) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

At 12:48 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill and joint resolution:

S. 2206. An act to provide technical corrections to Public Law 109-116 (2 U.S.C. 2131 a note) to extend the time period for the Joint Committee on the Library to enter into an agreement to obtain a statue of Rosa Parks, and for other purposes.

S.J. Res. 7. Joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Roger W. Sant as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The enrolled bill and joint resolution were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 5:14 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House, having proceeded to reconsider the bill (H.R. 1495) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes, returned by the President of the United States with his objections, to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, it was resolved that the said bill pass, two-thirds of the House of Representatives agreeing to pass the same.

DESIGNATING THE "OSCAR G. JOHNSON DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL FACILITY"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2602) to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical

facility in Iron Mountain, Michigan, as the "Oscar G. Johnson Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ACCOUNTABILITY IN
GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 680) to ensure proper oversight and accountability in Federal contracting, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. DURBIN for Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) to insert, in lieu of the language proposed to be inserted by the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), other words (being amendment No. 3565, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. CANTWELL in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2318) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the individual alternative minimum tax and to permanently extend the reductions in income tax rates, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BUNNING, and Mr. SMITH), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. DURBIN asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:45 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:45 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders, or their designees; that the majority control the first half of time therein, and the minority control the second half of the time therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume reconsideration of bill H.R. 1495, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

At 6:58 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:45 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2007

Mr. KEN SALAZAR, from the State of Colorado, called the Senate to order at 9:45 a.m., the Reverend Dr. David Swanson, of the First Presbyterian Church, Orlando, Florida, offered a prayer, and Mr. SALAZAR led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, November 8, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable KEN SALAZAR, a Senator from the State of Colorado, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

President pro tempore

Mr. SALAZAR took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2318) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the individual alternative minimum tax and to permanently extend the reductions in income tax rates, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BUNNING, and Mr. SMITH), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following messages from the President of the United States were transmitted to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries:

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL
EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE
PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS OF
MASS DESTRUCTION—PM 32

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)), I transmit herewith notice of a 1-year continuation of the national emergency with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction that was declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994, as amended.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, *November 8, 2007.*

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL
EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO IRAN—
PM 33

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication, stating that the Iran emergency declared in Executive Order 12170 on November 14, 1979, is to continue in effect beyond November 14, 2007.

Our relations with Iran have not yet returned to normal, and the process of implementing the January 19, 1981 agreements with Iran is still underway. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared on November 14, 1979, with respect to Iran, beyond November 14, 2007.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, *November 8, 2007.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3886. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Asian Longhorned Beetle; Additions to Quarantined Areas" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0127) received on November 6, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3887. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Waiver of Specialty Metals Restriction for Acquisition of Commercially Available Off-the-Shelf Items" (DFARS Case 2007-D013) received on November 2, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3888. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Management Official Interlocks Threshold Change" (12 C.F.R. Section 701.23) received on October 30, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

EC-3889. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of Indian Housing Block Grant Funds for Rental Assistance in Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Projects" (RIN2577-AC61) received on November 2, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3890. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Allied Ag Cat Productions, Inc. G-164 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2007-CE-034)) received on October 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3891. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330-201, -202, -203, -223, -243, -301, -321, -322, -323, -341, -342, and -343 Airplanes; and Model A340-200 and -300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-261)) received on October 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3892. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation; Fire Extinguisher Exception for Driveaway-Towaway Operations" (RIN2126-AB08) received on October 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3893. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2007 Base Period T-Bill Rate" (Rev. Rul. 2007-64) received on November 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3894. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, weekly reports relative to post-liberation Iraq covering the period from August 15, 2007, to October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of a committee was submitted:

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals From the Concurrent Resolution, Fiscal Year 2008" (Rept. No. 110-226).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. COBURN):

S. 2324. A bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to enhance the Offices of the Inspectors General, to create a Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VOINOVICH:

S. 2325. A bill to modernize and update the National Housing Act and enable the Federal Housing Administration to use risk-based pricing to more effectively reach underserved borrowers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 2326. A bill to improve the safety of motorcoaches, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD):

S. 2327. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit against tax for increased homeowners insurance premiums suffered by certain coastal homeowners or resulting from hurricane events; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD):

S. 2328. A bill to establish a homeowner mitigation loan program within the Federal Emergency Management Agency to promote pre-disaster property mitigation measures; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 2329. A bill to establish the Thomas Edison National Historical Park in the State of New Jersey as the successor to the Edison National Historic Site; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ)):

S. 2330. A bill to authorize a pilot program within the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development with the goal of preventing at-risk veterans and veteran families from falling into homelessness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. WEBB):

S. 2331. A bill to exclude from gross income payments from the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund to the victims of the tragic event, loss of life and limb, at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. OBAMA, Ms SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BIDEN, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2332. A bill to promote transparency in the adoption of new media ownership rules by the Federal Communications Commission, and to establish an independent panel to make recommendations on how to increase the representation of women and minorities in broadcast media ownership; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 2333. A bill to amend the Public Health Services Act to reauthorize the Community Health Centers program, the National Health Service Corps, and rural health care programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BURR, Mr. BOND, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GREGG, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. CORKER):

S. Res. 371. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the issuance of State driver's licenses and other government-issued photo identification to illegal aliens; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 372. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the declaration of a state of emergency in Pakistan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. Res. 373. A resolution encouraging all employers to target veterans for recruitment and to provide preference in hiring to qualified veterans; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. Res. 374. A resolution expressing support for designation of a National Veterans History Project Week to encourage public participation in a nationwide project that collects and preserves the stories of the men and women who served our Nation in times of war and conflict; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 548

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 548, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor.

S. 584

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 584, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rehabilitation credit and the low-income housing credit.

S. 594

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 594, a bill to limit the use, sale, and transfer of cluster munitions.

S. 597

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 597, an act to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 4 years.

S. 616

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 616, a bill to promote health care coverage parity for individuals participating in legal recreational activities or legal transportation activities.

S. 714

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 714, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare

Act to ensure that all dogs and cats used by research facilities are obtained legally.

S. 881

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 881, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 911, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 960

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 960, a bill to establish the United States Public Service Academy.

S. 1027

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1027, a bill to prevent tobacco smuggling, to ensure the collection of all tobacco taxes, and for other purposes.

S. 1494

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1494, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the special diabetes programs for Type I diabetes and Indians under that Act.

S. 1588

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1588, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage for treatment of a minor child's congenital or developmental deformity or disorder due to trauma, infection, tumor, or disease.

S. 1661

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1661, a bill to communicate United States travel policies and improve marketing and other activities designed to increase travel in the United States from abroad.

S. 1679

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 1679, a bill to provide that the great hall of the Capitol Visitor Center shall be known as Emancipation Hall.

S. 1795

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1795, a bill to improve access to workers' compensation programs for injured Federal employees.

S. 1871

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1871, a bill to provide for special transfers of funds to States to promote certain improvements in State unemployment compensation laws.

S. 1878

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1878, a bill to authorize grants for contributions toward the establishment of the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library.

S. 1905

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1905, a bill to provide for a rotating schedule for regional selection of delegates to a national Presidential nominating convention, and for other purposes.

S. 1958

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1958, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure and foster continued patient quality of care by establishing facility and patient criteria for long-term care hospitals and related improvements under the Medicare program.

S. 1965

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1965, a bill to protect children from cybercrimes, including crimes by online predators, to enhance efforts to identify and eliminate child pornography, and to help parents shield their children from material that is inappropriate for minors.

S. 1970

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1970, a bill to establish a National Commission on Children and Disasters, a National Resource Center on Children and Disasters, and for other purposes.

S. 1996

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1996, a bill to reauthorize the Enhancing

Education Through Technology Act of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 2071

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] and the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] were added as cosponsors of S. 2071, a bill to enhance the ability to combat methamphetamine.

S. 2136

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2136, a bill to address the treatment of primary mortgages in bankruptcy, and for other purposes.

S. 2140

At the request of Mr. DURGAN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2140, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Francis Collins, in recognition of his outstanding contributions and leadership in the fields of medicine and genetics.

S. 2220

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2220, a bill to amend the Outdoor Recreation Act of 1963 to authorize certain appropriations.

S. 2246

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2246, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend eligibility for Federal TRIO programs to members of the reserve components serving on active duty in support of contingency operations.

S. 2250

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2250, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers under the Medicare program.

S. 2257

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2257, a bill to impose sanctions on officials of the State Peace and Development Council in Burma, to amend the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 to prohibit the importation of gemstones and hardwoods from Burma, to promote a coordinated international effort to restore civilian democratic rule to Burma, and for other purposes.

S. 2317

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2317, a bill to amend titles 17 and 18, United States Code, and the Trademark Act of 1946 to strengthen and harmonize the protection of intellectual property, and for other purposes.

S. 2320

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2320, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide continued entitlement to coverage for immunosuppressive drugs furnished to beneficiaries under the Medicare Program that have received a kidney transplant and whose entitlement to coverage would otherwise expire, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 241

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 241, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should reaffirm the commitments of the United States to the 2001 Doha Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health and to pursuing trade policies that promote access to affordable medicines.

SENATE RESOLUTION 358

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 358, a resolution expressing the importance of friendship and cooperation between the United States and Turkey.

SENATE RESOLUTION 366

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 366, a resolution designating November 2007 as "National Methamphetamine Awareness Month", to increase awareness of methamphetamine abuse.

SENATE RESOLUTION 368

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 368, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that, at the 20th Regular Meeting of the International Commission on the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, the United States should pursue a moratorium on the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna fishery to ensure control of the fishery and further facilitate recovery of the stock, pursue strengthened conservation and management measures to facilitate the recovery of the Atlantic bluefin tuna, and seek a review of compliance by all Nations with the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas' conservation and management

recommendation for Atlantic blue-fin tuna and other species, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 8, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 8, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 8, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on Syria.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 8, 2007 at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct an Executive Business Meeting on Thursday, November 8, 2007, at 10 a.m.

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

The Joint Economic Committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a hearing entitled, "The Economic Outlook," in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, on Thursday, November 8, 2007.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

The Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 8, 2007, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 9:47 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the bill (S. 2265) to extend the existing provisions regarding the eligibility for essential air service subsidies through fiscal year 2008, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1429) to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, to expand access, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Messrs. GEORGE MILLER of California, KILDEE, Ms. WOOLSEY, Messrs. DAVIS of Illinois, GRIJALVA, Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, Messrs. SARBANES, SESTAK, LOEBSACK, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Messrs. MCKEON, CASTLE, Messrs. FORTUÑO, BISHOP of Utah, KELLER of Florida, WILSON of South Carolina, BOUSTANY, and HELLER of Nevada as managers of the conference on the part of the House.

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

H.R. 1119. An act to amend title 36, United States Code, to revise the congressional charter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America, Incorporated, to authorize associate membership in the corporation for the spouse and siblings of a recipient of the Purple Heart medal.

H.R. 2884. An act to assist members of the Armed Forces in obtaining United States citizenship, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3495. An act to establish a National Commission on Children and Disasters, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3866. An act to reauthorize certain programs under the Small Business Act for each of fiscal years 2008 and 2009.

H.R. 3997. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide earnings assistance and tax relief to members of the uniformed services, volunteer firefighters, and Peace Corps volunteers, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 162. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Congress and the President should increase basic pay for members of the Armed Forces.

At 1:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3685. An act to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 236. Concurrent resolution recognizing the close relationship between the United States and the Republic of San Marino.

At 2:07 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3222) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

At 3:55 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3074) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. OLVER, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. BERRY, Mr. OBEY, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. WOLF, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. WALSH of New York, Mr. GOODE, and Mr. LEWIS of California as the managers of the conference on the part of the House.

At 8:35 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3043) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS REFERRED

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

H.R. 2884. An act to assist members of the Armed Forces in obtaining United States citizenship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following bill was read, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 767. An act to protect, conserve, and restore native fish, wildlife, and their natural habitats at national wildlife refuges through cooperative, incentive-based grants to control, mitigate, and eradicate harmful nonnative species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 162. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Congress and the President should increase basic pay for members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

H. Con. Res. 236. Concurrent resolution recognizing the close relationship between the United States and the Republic of San Marino; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 1119. An act to amend title 36, United States Code, to revise the congressional charter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America, Incorporated, to authorize associate membership in the corporation for the spouse and siblings of a recipient of the Purple Heart medal.

RECONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 1495 VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. AKAKA in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the message from the President of the United States, returning to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, with his objections thereto, the bill (H.R. 1495) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed reconsideration of the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill, upon reconsideration.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LOTT,

Ordered, That, at 11:45 a.m., the Senate vote on the pending question of reconsideration; and that the time until 11:45 a.m. be divided and controlled, as follows: Mr. INHOFE and Mrs. BOXER, half of the time therein; and the majority leader, half of the time therein.

The question being on the passage of the bill, upon reconsideration.

After debate,

The hour of 11:45 a.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) stated the question to be: Shall the bill pass, the objections of the President of the United States to the contrary notwithstanding?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 79, nays... 14

[Rollcall Vote No. 406 Leg.]

YEAS --- 79

Akaka, Alexander, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Craig, Crapo, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 14

Allard, Brownback, Burr, Coburn, DeMint, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Gregg, Kyl, McCaskill, McConnell, Sessions, Sununu.

So, upon reconsideration, it was

Resolved, That the bill do pass, two-thirds of those present and voting having voted in the affirmative.

Pending debate,

FARM, NUTRITION, AND BIOENERGY ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TESTER in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 2419) to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3514, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 3513, proposed by Mr. REID, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3512) contained in the motion, by Mr. REID, to commit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL H.R. 3222

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate immediately proceed to consider the conference report on bill H.R. 3222.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL H.R. 3222

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) laid before the Senate the report of the committee of conference on the

disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3222) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the conference report.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Michael B. Mukasey, of New York, to be Attorney General; that there be 5 hours for debate, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, between the Chairman and ranking member of the Committee of the Judiciary; and that the time controlled by the minority be divided as follows: Mr. LEAHY, 45 minutes; Mr. DORGAN, 15 minutes; Mr. DURBIN, 20 minutes; Mr. CARDIN, 10 minutes; Mr. REED, 15 minutes; Mr. KENNEDY, 10 minutes; Mr. HARKIN, 10 minutes; Mrs. BOXER, 15 minutes; and Mr. SALAZAR, 10 minutes.

Ordered further, That, upon conclusion of said debate, the leaders be recognized to speak for 10 minutes each; that, upon conclusion of remarks by the majority leader, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; that the motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; and that the Senate resume its legislative session.

ORDER FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL H.R. 3222

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, following executive session, the Senate resume consideration of the conference report on bill H.R. 3222; and that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the conference report, without intervening action or debate.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL
H.R. 3222

The Senate resumed consideration of the conference report on bill H.R. 3222.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

The conference report was agreed to.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the conference report.

On motion by Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL S. 1233

Mr. DURBIN asked unanimous consent that, at a time to be determined after the majority leader consults with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1233) to provide and enhance intervention, rehabilitative treatment, and services to veterans with traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes; that the only amendments in order to be proposed to the bill be first-degree amendments relevant to the subject matter of the bill; that each be subject to relevant second-degree amendments; that, upon disposition of the amendments, the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as may be amended, be agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; that the reported amendment to the title of the bill be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Mr. CRAIG objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL S. 1315

Mr. DURBIN asked unanimous consent that, at a time to be determined after the majority leader consults with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1315) to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance life insurance benefits for disabled veterans, and for other purposes; that the only amendments in order to be proposed to the bill be first-degree amendments relevant to the subject matter of the bill; that each be subject to relevant second-degree amendments; that, upon disposition of the amendments, the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as may be amended, be agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; that the reported amendment to the title of the bill be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Mr. CRAIG objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL S. 2168

Mr. DURBIN asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2168) to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance life insurance benefits for disabled veterans, and for other purposes; that the reported amendments be agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Mr. CRAIG objected.

PROVIDING PREFERENCE IN
HIRING TO QUALIFIED VETERANS

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MENENDEZ in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 373) encouraging all employers to target veterans for recruitment and to provide preference in hiring to qualified veterans, submitted today by Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. COLEMAN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL
VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT
WEEK"

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 374) expressing support for designation of a National Veterans History Project Week to encourage public participation in a nationwide project that collects and preserves the stories of the men and women who served our Nation in times of war and conflict, submitted today by Ms. LANDRIEU, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO "WELCOME HOME
VIETNAM VETERANS DAY"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 289) expressing the sense of the Senate that a

"Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" should be established.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED; BILL
REFERRED

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 767) to protect, conserve, and restore native fish, wildlife, and their natural habitats at national wildlife refuges through cooperative, incentive-based grants to control, mitigate, and eradicate harmful nonnative species, and for other purposes; and that the bill be referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3495) to establish a National Commission on Children and Disasters, a National Resource Center on Children and Disasters, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. DURBIN asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3685) to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. DURBIN asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
FROM TOMORROW UNTIL 10 A.M.
ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2007,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow, for a pro forma session only; that the Senate then adjourn until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 13, 2007; that, on Tuesday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Robert M. Dow, Jr., of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois; that the time until 10:10 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, at 10:10 a.m., the Senate vote on the confirmation of the nomination; that, upon conclusion of the vote, a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

Ordered further, That the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 12:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the minority control the first portion therein, and the majority control the second portion therein; and that Mr. DORGAN control 30 minutes of the time of the majority.

Ordered further, That, on Tuesday next, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

At 11:39 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2007

Mr. SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, called the Senate to order at 10:00:15 a.m.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, November 9, 2007,

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. WHITEHOUSE took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of yesterday,

At 10:00:48 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of yesterday, until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 13, 2007.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2007

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. TESTER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, November 13, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. TESTER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 8, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 8, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE
RECEIVED DURING
ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 8, 2007, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3043. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the enrolled bill was signed on November 8, 2007, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 9, 2007, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2602. An act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility in Iron Mountain, Michigan, as the "Oscar G. Johnson Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility".

H.R. 3222. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense of the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the enrolled bill H.R. 3222 was signed on November 9, 2007, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND
TIME AND PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3495) to establish a National Commission on Children and Disasters, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives

for concurrence on Thursday, November 8, 2007, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3685) to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, November 8, 2007, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 8, 2007,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 8, 2007,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 8, 2007,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3895. A communication from the Secretary of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the receipts and

expenditures of the Senate for the period from April 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007; ordered to lie on the table.

EC-3896. A communication from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a quarterly report relative to the status of significant unresolved issues with the Department of Energy's Design and Construction Projects; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3897. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on the Montgomery G.I. Bill for Members of the Selected Reserve"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3898. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation Z - Truth in Lending" (Docket No. R-1284) received on November 2, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3899. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation M - Consumer Leasing" (Docket No. R-1283) received on November 2, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3900. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation E - Electronic Fund Transfer" (Docket No. R-1282) received on November 2, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3901. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Ruling Modifying Rev. Rul. 2001-62 as a Result of the Addition of Section 417(e)(3)(D) to the Code by PPA '06" (Rev. Rul. 2007-67) received on November 7, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3902. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation DD - Truth in Savings" (Docket No. R-1285) received on November 2, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3903. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 58553) received on

November 2, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3904. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Model Manufactured Home Installation Standards" (RIN2502-AI25) received on November 2, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3905. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation B - Equal Credit Opportunity" (Docket No. R-1281) received on November 2, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3906. A communication from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs, received on November 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3907. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Learjet Model 31, 31A, 35, 35A, 36, 36A, 55, 55B, and 55C Airplanes, and Model 45 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2006-NM-227)) received on October 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3908. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD06) received on November 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3909. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD08) received on November 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3910. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (RIN0648-XD14) received on November 6,

2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3911. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Processor Vessels Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD11) received on November 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3912. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Adjustments; Inseason Actions 8 and 9" (RIN0648-XC71) received on November 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3913. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Adjustments; Inseason Actions No. 10 and No. 11" (RIN0648-XC77) received on November 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3914. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Adjustments; Inseason Actions 5, 6, and 7" (RIN0648-XC69) received on November 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3915. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Adjustments; Inseason Actions 3 and 4" (RIN0648-XB09) received on November 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3916. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Processor Vessels Using Pot Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC99)

received on November 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3917. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Pot Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD00) received on November 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3918. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Inseason Bluefish Quota Transfer from FL to NJ" (RIN0648-XC67) received on November 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3919. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD26) received on November 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3920. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement Daily Bag Limits for Albacore and Bluefin Tuna Under the Fishery Management Plan for U.S. West Coast Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species" (RIN0648-AU77) received on November 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3921. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Test Procedure for Residential Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps" (RIN1904-AB55) received on November 2, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3922. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loan Guarantees for Projects That Employ Innovative Technologies" (RIN1901-AB21) received on November 2, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3923. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period ending September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3924. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Under 6166 Elections" (Notice 2007-90) received on November 2, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3925. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "LMSB Division Commission Memorandum - Coordinated Issue: Loss Importation Transaction" (Notice 2007-57) received on October 30, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3926. A communication from the Deputy Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044) received on November 2, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3927. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Biological Threat Reduction-FSU Program Area; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3928. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Regulatory Management Division, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Receipt Requirement for Certain H and L Adjustment Applicants Returning from a Trip Outside the United States" (RIN1615-AB62) received on November 2, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3929. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Trustees, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Report on the organization; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-3930. A communication from the Director of the National Gallery of Art, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3931. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-172, "Jobs for D.C. Residents Amendment Act of 2007" received on November 7, 2007; to the Committee on

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3932. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-135, "Closing of a Portion of a Public Alley in Square 163, S.O. 05-8289, Act of 2007" received on November 7, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3933. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-171, "Housing Support for Teachers Act of 2007" received on November 7, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3934. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of General Counsel, received on November 6, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3935. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the funding transfers made during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3936. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Department's intent to conduct a public-private competition of non-guard security support services nationwide; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3937. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Syria that was declared in Executive Order 13338; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3938. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approved End-Users and Respective Eligible Items for the People's Republic of China Under Authorization Validated End-User" (RIN0694-AE13) received on November 6, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3939. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Burma: Revision of the Export Administration Regulations" (RIN0694-AE17) received on November 6, 2007; to the

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3940. A communication from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3941. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "December 2006 Wassenaar Arrangement Plenary Agreement Implementation: Categories 1, 2, 3, 5 Part I, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the Commerce Control List; Wassenaar Reporting Requirements; Definitions; Statement of Understanding on Source Code" (RIN0694-AD95) received on November 6, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3942. A communication from the Deputy Chief Counsel (Regulations), Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy Act of 1974: Implementation of Exemption; Secure Flight Records" (RIN1652-AA48) received on November 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3943. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD41) received on November 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3944. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's intent to enter into a contract with FirstLine Transportation Security, Inc., for screening services in New Mexico; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD), from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2338. An original bill to modernize and update the National Housing Act and enable the Federal Housing Administration to more effectively reach underserved borrowers, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-227).

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

S. 2345. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and to extend the financing for the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-228).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. 2334. A bill to withhold 10 percent of the Federal funding apportioned for highway construction and maintenance from States that issue driver's licenses to individuals without verifying the legal status of such individuals; read the first time.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2335. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide adequate case management services; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 2336. A bill to designate the Port Angeles Federal Building in Port Angeles, Washington, as the "Richard B. Anderson Federal Building"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. SMITH):

S. 2337. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow long-term care insurance to be offered under cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements and to provide additional consumer protections for long-term care insurance; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD):

S. 2338. An original bill to modernize and update the National Housing Act and enable the Federal Housing Administration to more effectively reach underserved borrowers, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; placed on the calendar.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 2339. A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs clinic in Alpena, Michigan, as the "Lieutenant Colonel Clement C. Van Wagoner Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 2340. A bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year

ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. REID (for Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Ms. LANDRIEU)):

S. 2341. A bill to provide Individual Development Accounts to support foster youths who are transitioning from the foster care system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 2342. A bill to prohibit States from carrying out more than one Congressional redistricting after a decennial census and apportionment, to require States to conduct such redistricting through independent commissions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REED:

S. 2343. A bill to amend the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act to require mortgage originators to make their fees more transparent; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 2344. A bill to create a competitive grant program to provide for age-appropriate Internet education for children; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 2345. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and to extend the financing for the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2346. A bill to temporarily increase the portfolio caps applicable to Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, to provide the necessary financing to curb foreclosures by facilitating the refinancing of at-risk subprime borrowers into safe, affordable loans, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mrs. CLINTON)):

S. 2347. A bill to restore and protect access to discount drug prices for university-based and safety-net clinics; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 2348. A bill to ensure control over the United States border and to strengthen enforcement of the immigration laws; read the first time.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. DEMINT):

S.J. Res. 24. A joint resolution proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. BAYH, Mr. SUNUNU, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. Res. 375. A resolution amending Senate Resolution 400, 94th Congress, and Senate Resolution 445, 108th Congress, to improve congressional oversight of the intelligence activities of the United States, to provide a strong, stable, and capable congressional committee structure to provide the intelligence community appropriate oversight, support, and leadership, and to implement a key recommendation of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. GREGG, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. REED, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 376. A resolution providing the sense of the Senate that the Secretary of Commerce should declare a commercial fishery failure for the groundfish fishery for Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island and immediately propose regulations to implement section 312(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. COBURN):

S. Res. 377. A resolution recognizing and celebrating the centennial of Oklahoma statehood; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 334

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 334, a bill to provide affordable, guaranteed private health coverage that will make Americans healthier and can never be taken away.

S. 594

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 594, a bill to limit the use, sale, and transfer of cluster munitions.

S. 613

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 613, a bill to enhance the overseas stabilization and reconstruction capabilities of the United States Government, and for other purposes.

S. 667

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 667, a bill to expand programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse and neglect prevention, and early identification of developmental and health delays, including potential mental health concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 803, a bill to repeal a provision enacted to end Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 937

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 937, a bill to improve support and services for individuals with autism and their families.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 999, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

S. 1014

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1014, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide parental choice for those students that attend schools that are in need of improvement and have been identified for restructuring.

S. 1159

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1159, a bill to amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part.

S. 1183

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1183, a bill to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1233

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1233, a bill to provide and enhance intervention, rehabilitative treatment, and services to veterans with traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes.

S. 1243

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1243, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the age for receipt of military retired pay for nonregular service from 60 years of age to 55 years of age.

S. 1299

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1299, a bill to establish on behalf of consumers a fiduciary duty and other standards of care for mortgage brokers and originators, and to establish standards to assess a consumer's ability to repay, and for other purposes.

S. 1363

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1363, a bill to improve health care for severely injured members and former members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 1386

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1386, a bill to amend the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, to provide better assistance to low- and moderate-income families, and for other purposes.

S. 1394

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1394, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, to exclude from gross income of individual taxpayers discharges of indebtedness attributable to certain forgiven residential mortgage obligations.

S. 1448

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1448, a bill to extend the same Federal benefits to law enforcement officers serving private institutions of higher education and rail carriers that apply to law enforcement officers serving units of State and local government.

S. 1512

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1512, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to expand Federal eligibility for children in foster care who have attained age 18.

S. 1551

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1551, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

S. 1734

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1734, a bill to provide for prostate cancer imaging research and education.

S. 1737

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1737, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a waiver of the 35-mile drive requirement for designations of critical access hospitals.

S. 1800

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1800, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require emergency contraception to be available at all military health care treatment facilities.

S. 1812

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1812, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to strengthen mentoring programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1852

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1852, a bill to designate the Friday after Thanksgiving of each year as "Native American Heritage Day" in honor of the achievements and contributions of Native Americans to the United States.

S. 1858

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1858, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1858, supra.

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1858, supra.

S. 1880

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1880, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit dog fighting ventures.

S. 1921

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1921, a bill to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1943

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1943, a bill to establish uniform standards for interrogation techniques applicable to individuals under the

custody or physical control of the United States Government.

S. 1944

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1944, a bill to provide justice for victims of state-sponsored terrorism.

S. 1981

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS], the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1981, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding environmental education, and for other purposes.

S. 1998

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1998, a bill to reduce child marriage, and for other purposes.

S. 2020

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2020, a bill to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2010, to rename the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 as the "Tropical Forest and Coral Conservation Act of 2007", and for other purposes.

S. 2071

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2071, a bill to enhance the ability to combat methamphetamine.

S. 2092

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2092, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to improve protections for employees and retirees in business bankruptcies.

S. 2119

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2119, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 2169

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2169, a bill to temporarily increase the portfolio caps applicable to Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, to provide the necessary

financing to curb foreclosures by facilitating the refinancing of at-risk subprime borrowers into safe, affordable loans, and for other purposes.

S. 2257

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, her name and the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 2257, a bill to impose sanctions on officials of the State Peace and Development Council in Burma, to amend the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 to prohibit the importation of gemstones and hardwoods from Burma, to promote a coordinated international effort to restore civilian democratic rule to Burma, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2257, *supra*.

S. 2267

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2267, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an income tax credit for eldercare expenses.

S. 2268

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2268, a bill to require issuers of long term care insurance to establish third party review processes for disputed claims.

S. 2291

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2291, a bill to enhance citizen access to Government information and services by establishing plain language as the standard style of Government documents issued to the public, and for other purposes.

S. 2310

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2310, a bill to establish a National Catastrophic Risks Consortium and a National Homeowners' Insurance Stabilization Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2323

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2323, a bill to provide for the conduct of carbon capture and storage technology research, development, and demonstration projects, and for other purposes.

S. 2324

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA], the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] were added as cosponsors of

S. 2324, a bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to enhance the Offices of the Inspectors General, to create a Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, and for other purposes.

S. 2332

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2332, a bill to promote transparency in the adoption of new media ownership rules by the Federal Communications Commission, and to establish an independent panel to make recommendations on how to increase the representation of women and minorities in broadcast media ownership.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT] and the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 22, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services within the Department of Health and Human Services relating to Medicare coverage for the use of erythropoiesis stimulating agents in cancer and related neoplastic conditions.

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 22, *supra*.

SENATE RESOLUTION 366

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 366, a resolution designating November 2007 as "National Methamphetamine Awareness Month", to increase awareness of methamphetamine abuse.

SENATE RESOLUTION 371

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 371, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the issuance of State driver's licenses and other government-issued photo identification to illegal aliens.

SENATE RESOLUTION 372

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 372, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the declaration of a state of emergency in Pakistan.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. AKAKA,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 13, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 13, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977: Policy Issues Thirty Years Later."

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 13, 2007, at 11 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled, "Legislative Hearing on America's Climate Security Act of 2007, S. 2191."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 13, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing on climate change.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "Exploring the Scope of Public Performance Rights" on Tuesday, November 13, 2007. The hearing will commence at 9:30 a.m. in room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a hearing entitled "SBA Lender Oversight: Preventing Loan Fraud and Improving Regulation of Lenders," on Tuesday, November 13, 2007, beginning at 10 a.m., in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 13, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct an open hearing on Congressional oversight.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF
GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE
FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 13, 2007, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, "Human Capital Needs of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection 'One Face at the Border' Initiative."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:13 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3688. An act to implement the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3093) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; it agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Messrs. MOLLOHAN, KENNEDY of Rhode Island, FATTAH, RUPPERSBERGER, SCHIFF, HONDA, Ms. DELAURO, Messrs. PRICE of North Carolina, OBEY, FRELINGHUYSEN, CULBERSON, ROGERS of Kentucky, LATHAM, ADERHOLT, and LEWIS of California as managers of the conference on the part of the House.

At 5:33 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3355. An act to ensure the availability and affordability of homeowners' insurance coverage for catastrophic events.

H.R. 3996. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 3355. An act to ensure the availability and affordability of homeowners' insurance coverage for catastrophic events; to the

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR

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

H.R. 3688. An act to implement the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The following enrolled bill, signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives on Friday, November 9, 2007, was signed on today by the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

H.R. 2602. An act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility in Iron Mountain, Michigan, as the "Oscar G. Johnson Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility".

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 8, 2007, as modified,

At 12:28 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

FARM, NUTRITION, AND
BIOENERGY ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 2419) to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3514, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 3513, proposed by Mr. REID, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3512) contained in the motion to commit the pending bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Mr. HARKIN asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of James R. Kunder, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development; that the nomination be confirmed; that a motion to reconsider be

deemed made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

Mr. CHAMBLISS objected.

FARM, NUTRITION, AND
BIOENERGY ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill H.R. 2419.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3514 to amendment No. 3513 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3512) contained in the motion to commit the pending bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Pending debate.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING
THE CENTENNIAL OF OKLAHOMA
STATEHOOD

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 377) recognizing and celebrating the centennial of Oklahoma statehood, submitted today by Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. COBURN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2334) to withhold 10 percent of the Federal funding apportioned for highway construction and maintenance from States that issue driver's licenses to individuals without verifying the legal status of such individuals, introduced today by Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. ENZI), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2340) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. STEVENS), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

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The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2346) to temporarily increase the portfolio caps applicable to Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, to provide the necessary financing to curb foreclosures by facilitating the refinancing of at-risk subprime borrowers into safe, affordable loans, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. SCHUMER, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

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Mr. REID objected.

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Mr. REID objected.

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HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3996) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the first 30 minutes therein be controlled by the majority party; that the second 30 minutes therein be controlled by the minority party; and that, upon conclusion of morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 2419.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 8:01 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the President pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, November 14, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

President pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 14, 2007, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1429) to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, to expand access, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 258. Concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to correct the enrollment of H.R. 1429.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business. Pending debate,

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

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Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 311. A bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-229).

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 2089. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 701 Loyola Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the "Louisiana Armed Services Veterans Post Office".

H.R. 2276. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 203 North Main Street in Vassar, Michigan, as the "Corporal Christopher E. Esckelson Post Office Building".

H.R. 3297. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 950 West Trenton Avenue in Morrisville, Pennsylvania, as the "Nate DeTemple Post Office Building".

H.R. 3307. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 570 Broadway in Bayonne, New Jersey, as the "Dennis P. Collins Post Office Building".

H.R. 3308. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 216 East Main Street in Atwood, Indiana, as the "Lance Corporal David K. Fribley Post Office".

H.R. 3325. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 235 Mountain Road in Suffield, Connecticut, as the "Corporal Stephen R. Bixler Post Office".

H.R. 3382. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 North William Street in Goldsboro, North Carolina, as the "Philip A. Baddour, Sr. Post Office".

H.R. 3446. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 East Michigan Avenue in Marshall, Michigan, as the "Michael W. Schragg Post Office Building".

H.R. 3518. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1430 South Highway 29 in Cantonment, Florida, as the "Charles H. Hendrix Post Office Building".

H.R. 3530. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1400 Highway 41 North in Inverness, Florida, as the "Chief Warrant Officer Aaron Weaver Post Office Building".

H.R. 3572. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4320 Blue Parkway in Kansas City, Missouri, as the "Wallace S. Hartsfield Post Office Building".

S. 2107. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 570 Broadway in Bayonne, New Jersey, as the "Dennis P. Collins Post Office Building".

S. 2110. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 427 North Street in Taft, California, as the "Larry S. Pierce Post Office".

S. 2150. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at

4320 Blue Parkway in Kansas City, Missouri, as the "Wallace S. Hartsfield Post Office Building".

S. 2174. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 175 South Monroe Street in Tiffin, Ohio, as the "Paul E. Gillmor Post Office Building".

S. 2290. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16731 Santa Ana Avenue in Fontana, California, as the "Beatrice E. Watson Post Office Building".

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. REID (for Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. LUGAR)):

S. 2349. A bill to reauthorize the programs of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 2350. A bill to establish a grant program to provide screenings for glaucoma to individuals determined to be at a high risk for glaucoma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2351. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for medical research related to developing qualified infectious disease products; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 2352. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiaries greater choice with regard to accessing hearing health services and benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 2353. A bill to increase the annual salaries of justices and judges of the United States, and to increase fees for bankruptcy trustees; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 2354. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey 4 parcels of land from the Bureau of Land Management to the city of Twin Falls, Idaho; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 2355. A bill to amend the National Climate Program Act to enhance the ability of the United States to develop and implement climate change adaptation programs and policies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. 2356. A bill to enhance national security by restricting access of illegal aliens to driver's licenses and State-issued identification documents; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. LOTT, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. CASEY, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. GREGG, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. Res. 378. A resolution recognizing and thanking all military families for the tremendous sacrifices and contributions they have made to the Nation; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BENNETT):

S. Res. 379. A resolution designating Thursday, November 15, 2007, as "Feed America Thursday"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Mr. INOUE):

S. Res. 380. A resolution recognizing Hostelling International USA for 75 years of service to intercultural understanding and to youth travel; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 381. A resolution remembering and commemorating the lives and work of Maryknoll Sisters Maura Clarke and Ita Ford, Ursuline Sister Dorothy Kazel, and Cleveland Lay Mission Team Member Jean Donovan, who were executed by members of the Armed Forces of El Salvador on December 2, 1980; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. Res. 382. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of World Diabetes Day; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 22, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 67

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 67, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit former members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces are entitled to travel on such aircraft.

S. 507

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 507, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for reimbursement of certified midwife services and to provide for more equitable reimbursement rates for certified nurse-midwife services.

S. 518

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 518, a bill to amend the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 to require the Statistics Commissioner to collect information from coeducational secondary schools on such schools' athletic programs.

S. 578

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve requirements under the Medicaid program for items and services furnished in or through an educational program or setting to children, including children with developmental, physical, or mental health needs, and for other purposes.

S. 583

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 583, a bill to create a competitive grant program for States to enable the States to award salary bonuses to highly qualified elementary school or secondary school teachers who teach, or commit to teach, for at least 3 academic years in a school served by a rural local educational agency.

S. 968

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 968, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to

provide increased assistance for the prevention, treatment, and control of tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

S. 1164

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1164, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve patient access to, and utilization of, the colorectal cancer screening benefit under the Medicare Program.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1394

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1394, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, to exclude from gross income of individual taxpayers discharges of indebtedness attributable to certain forgiven residential mortgage obligations.

S. 1465

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1465, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of certain medical mobility devices approved as class III medical devices.

S. 1494

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1494, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the special diabetes programs for Type I diabetes and Indians under that Act.

S. 1534

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1534, a bill to hold the current regime in Iran accountable for its human rights record and to support a transition to democracy in Iran.

S. 1551

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1551, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

S. 1679

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1679, a bill to provide that the great hall of the Capitol

Visitor Center shall be known as Emancipation Hall.

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1679, supra.

S. 1734

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1734, a bill to provide for prostate cancer imaging research and education.

S. 1852

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1852, a bill to designate the Friday after Thanksgiving of each year as "Native American Heritage Day" in honor of the achievements and contributions of Native Americans to the United States.

S. 1858

At the request of Mr. CASEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1858, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1858, supra.

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1858, supra.

S. 1943

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1943, a bill to establish uniform standards for interrogation techniques applicable to individuals under the custody or physical control of the United States Government.

S. 1958

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1958, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure and foster continued patient quality of care by establishing facility and patient criteria for long-term care hospitals and related improvements under the Medicare program.

S. 1991

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1991, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of extending the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to include additional sites associated with the preparation and return phases of the expedition, and for other purposes.

S. 2056

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2056, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restore financial stability to Medicare anesthesiology teaching programs for resident physicians.

S. 2071

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) were added as cosponsors of S. 2071, a bill to enhance the ability to combat methamphetamine.

S. 2123

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2123, a bill to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions.

S. 2136

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2136, a bill to address the treatment of primary mortgages in bankruptcy, and for other purposes.

S. 2161

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2161, a bill to ensure and foster continued patient safety and quality of care by making the antitrust laws apply to negotiations between groups of independent pharmacies and health plans and health insurance issuers (including health plans under parts C and D of the Medicare Program) in the same manner as such laws apply to protected activities under the National Labor Relations Act.

S. 2257

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2257, a bill to impose sanctions on officials of the State Peace and Development Council in Burma, to amend the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 to prohibit the importation of gemstones and hardwoods from Burma, to promote a coordinated international effort to restore civilian democratic rule to Burma, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2257, supra.

S. 2278

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2278, a bill to improve the prevention, detection, and treatment of community and healthcare-associated infections (CHAI), with a focus on antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

S. 2303

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2303, a bill to amend section 435(o) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding the definition of economic hardship.

S. 2324

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2324, a bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to enhance the Offices of the Inspectors General, to create a Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, and for other purposes.

S. 2331

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2331, a bill to exclude from gross income payments from the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund to the victims of the tragic event, loss of life and limb, at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University.

S. 2332

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2332, a bill to promote transparency in the adoption of new media ownership rules by the Federal Communications Commission, and to establish an independent panel to make recommendations on how to increase the representation of women and minorities in broadcast media ownership.

S. 2340

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2340, a bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

S. 2347

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2347, a bill to restore and protect access to discount drug prices for university-based and safety-net clinics.

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2347, supra.

S. 2348

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) were added as cosponsors of S. 2348, a bill to ensure control over the United States border and to strengthen enforcement of the immigration laws.

S. RES. 273

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 273, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States Postal Service should issue a semipostal stamp to support medical research relating to Alzheimer's disease.

S. RES. 356

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 356, a resolution affirming that any offensive military action taken against Iran must be explicitly approved by Congress before such action may be initiated.

S. RES. 358

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 358, a resolution expressing the importance of friendship and cooperation between the United States and Turkey.

S. RES. 376

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 376, a resolution providing the sense of the Senate that the Secretary of Commerce should declare a commercial fishery failure for the groundfish fishery for Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island and immediately propose regulations to implement section 312(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING,
AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 14, 2007, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Shareholder Rights and Proxy Access."

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING,
AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 14, 2007, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Sovereign Wealth Fund Acquisitions and Other Foreign Government Investments in the U.S.: Assessing the Economic and National Security Implications."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE,
AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet

during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 14, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on the need to improve the U.S. Global Change Research Program, which is responsible for coordinating and directing Federal climate change research. It will also address the need for improved communication of climate information to decision makers.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND
NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 14, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership as it relates to U.S. policy on nuclear fuel management.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 14, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Federal Estate Tax: Uncertainty in Planning Under the Current Law."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION,
LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY
AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 14, 2007, at 10 a.m. to conduct a business meeting to consider pending committee business.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 14, 2007, to conduct a markup of pending legislation. Immediately following the conclusion of the markup, the Committee will conduct a hearing on the nomination of Michael W. Hager, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Human Resources and Management. The committee will meet in room SD-562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building beginning at 9:30 a.m.

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON
INVESTIGATIONS

The Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 14, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct

a hearing entitled, "Medicaid Providers That Cheat on Their Taxes and What Can Be Done About It."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS
AND THE LAW

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law, be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing entitled "No Safe Haven: Accountability for Human Rights Violators in the United States" on Wednesday, November 14, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room SD-266 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 5:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1534. An act to prohibit certain sales, distributions, and transfers of elemental mercury, to prohibit the export of elemental mercury, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1593. An act to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2614. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in certain water projects in California.

H.R. 2627. An act to establish the Thomas Edison National Historical Park in the State of New Jersey as the successor to the Edison National Historic Site.

H.R. 2705. An act to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3013. An act to provide appropriate protection to attorney-client privileged communications and attorney work product.

H.R. 3315. An act to provide that the great hall of the Capitol Visitor Center shall be known as Emancipation Hall.

H.R. 3403. An act to promote and enhance public safety by facilitating the rapid deployment of IP-enabled 911 and E-911 services, encourage the Nation's transition to a national IP-enabled emergency network, and improve 911 and E-911 access to those with disabilities.

H.R. 3461. An act to establish a public awareness campaign regarding Internet safety.

H.R. 3470. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 744 West Oglethorpe Highway in Hinesville,

Georgia, as the "John Sidney 'Sid' Flowers Post Office Building".

H.R. 3569. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16731 Santa Ana Avenue in Fontana, California, as the "Beatrice E. Watson Post Office Building".

H.R. 3703. An act to amend section 5112(p)(1)(A) of title 31, United States Code, to allow an exception from the \$1 coin dispensing capability requirement for certain vending machines.

H.R. 3919. An act to provide for a comprehensive nationwide inventory of existing broadband service, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3974. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 797 Sam Bass Road in Round Rock, Texas, as the "Marine Corps Corporal Steven P. Gill Post Office Building".

H.R. 4134. An act to direct the Attorney General to provide grants for Internet crime prevention education programs.

H.R. 4153. An act to make certain technical corrections and transition amendments to the College Cost Reduction and Access Act.

H.R. 4154. An act to increase the insurance limitations on Federal insurance for bonds issued by the designated bonding authority for Historically Black Colleges and Universities capital financing.

H.J. Res. 62. Joint resolution to honor the achievements and contributions of Native Americans in the United States, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 122. Concurrent resolution supporting the goal and mission of America Recycles Day.

H. Con. Res. 211. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of World Diabetes Day.

H. Con. Res. 229. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should seek a review of compliance by all nations with the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas' conservation and management recommendations for Atlantic bluefin tuna and other species, and should pursue strengthened conservation and management measures to facilitate the recovery of the Atlantic bluefin tuna, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution:

S. Con. Res. 45. Concurrent resolution commending the Ed Block Courage Award Foundation for its work in aiding children and families affected by child abuse, and designating November 2007 as National Courage Month.

At 5:48 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3074) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT AND
CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS
REFERRED

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

H.R. 1534. To prohibit certain sales, distributions, and transfers of elemental mercury, to prohibit the export of elemental mercury, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 1593. An act to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 2614. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in certain water projects in California; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2627. An act to establish the Thomas Edison National Historical Park in the State of New Jersey as the successor to the Edison National Historic Site; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3013. An act to provide appropriate protection to attorney-client privileged communications and attorney work product; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3403. An act to promote and enhance public safety by facilitating the rapid deployment of IP-enabled 911 and E-911 services, encourage the Nation's transition to a national IP-enabled emergency network, and improve 911 and E-911 access to those with disabilities; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 3461. An act to establish a public awareness campaign regarding Internet safety; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 3470. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 744 West Oglethorpe Highway in Hinesville, Georgia, as the "John Sidney 'Sid' Flowers Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3569. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16731 Santa Ana Avenue in Fontana, California, as the "Beatrice E. Watson Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3919. An act to provide for a comprehensive nationwide inventory of existing broadband service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 3974. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 797 Sam Bass Road in Round Rock, Texas, as the "Marine Corps Corporal Steven P. Gill Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4134. An act to direct the Attorney General to provide grants for Internet crime prevention education programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 4153. An act to make certain technical corrections and transition amendments to the College Cost Reduction and Access Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 4154. An act to increase the insurance limitations on Federal insurance for bonds issued by the designated bonding authority for Historically Black Colleges and Universities capital financing; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.J. Res. 62. Joint resolution to honor the achievements and contributions of Native Americans to the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 122. Concurrent resolution supporting the goal and mission of America Recycles Day; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H. Con. Res. 211. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of World Diabetes Day; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H. Con. Res. 229. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should seek a review of compliance by all nations with the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas' conservation and management recommendations for Atlantic bluefin tuna and other species, and should pursue strengthened conservation and management measures to facilitate the recovery of the Atlantic bluefin tuna, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 2705. An act to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003, and for other purposes.

FARM, NUTRITION, AND BIOENERGY ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 2419) to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3514, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 3513, proposed by Mr. REID, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3512) contained in the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Mr. HARKIN asked unanimous consent that there be 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on amendment No. 3508; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; and that no second-degree amendments be in order thereto.

Mr. CHAMBLISS objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3514 to amendment No. 3513 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3512) contained in the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Mr. HARKIN asked unanimous consent that there be 2 hours, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG), relative to farm programs reform; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; and that no second-degree amendments be in order thereto.

Mr. CHAMBLISS objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3514 to amendment No. 3513 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3512) contained in the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Mr. HARKIN asked unanimous consent that there be 90 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (being amendment No. 3548); that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; and that no

second-degree amendments be in order thereto.

Mr. CHAMBLISS objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3514 to amendment No. 3513 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3512) contained in the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Mr. HARKIN asked unanimous consent that there be 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. STEVENS (being amendment No. 3569); that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; and that no second-degree amendments be in order thereto.

Mr. CHAMBLISS objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3514 to amendment No. 3513 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3512) contained in the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Mr. HARKIN asked unanimous consent that there be 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. ALLARD (being amendment No. 3572); that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; and that no second-degree amendments be in order thereto.

Mr. CHAMBLISS objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3514 to amendment No. 3513 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3512) contained in the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the Senate recess from 2 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. on today.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL H.R. 1429

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

Ordered, That, at 3:30 p.m. on today, the Senate proceed to consider the conference report on bill H.R. 1429; that there be a limitation of 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, or their designees; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the conference report, without further intervening action or debate.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,
At 2:01 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MENENDEZ in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 3:30 p.m.

AT 3:30 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANDERS in the chair) called the Senate to order.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL
H.R. 1429

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1429) to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, to expand access, and for other purposes; and The Senate proceeded to consider the conference report.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF
H. CON. RES. 258 ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KENNEDY,

Ordered, That, following the vote on the question of agreeing to the pending conference report, the Senate proceed to consider concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 258; that the concurrent resolution be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL
H.R. 1429

The Senate resumed consideration of the conference report on bill H.R. 1429.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending conference report.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 95, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 409 Leg.]

YEAS --- 95

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch,

Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the conference report was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY to reconsider the vote agreeing to the conference report.

On motion by Mr. KENNEDY,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

DIRECTING THE CLERK OF THE
HOUSE TO CORRECT THE
ENROLLMENT OF BILL H.R. 1429

Pursuant to the order of today,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 258) directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to correct the enrollment of H.R. 1429, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Pursuant to the order of today,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

FARM, NUTRITION, AND
BIOENERGY ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2419.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3514 to amendment No. 3513 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3512) contained in the motion to commit the pending bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to bill H.R. 2419:

TOM HARKIN, JON TESTER, DANIEL K. INOUE, RICHARD DURBIN, PATRICK J. LEAHY, PATTY MURRAY, BERNIE SANDERS, KENT CONRAD, BEN CARDIN, DEBBIE STABENOW, BEN NELSON, BYRON L. DORGAN, MAX BAUCUS, KEN SALAZAR, CLAIRE

MCCASKILL, BOB CASEY, JR., SHERROD BROWN.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3514 to amendment No. 3513 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3512) contained in the motion to commit the pending bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 2419, which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 2419:

TOM HARKIN, HARRY REID, KENT CONRAD, BEN NELSON, AMY KLOBUCHAR, FRANK LAUTENBERG, DANIEL K. INOUE, BERNIE SANDERS, RUSSELL D. FEINGOLD, PATTY MURRAY, CLAIRE MCCASKILL, BYRON L. DORGAN, MAX BAUCUS, JOHN KERRY, DEBBIE STABENOW, RICHARD DURBIN, SHERROD BROWN.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3514 to amendment No. 3513 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3512) contained in the motion to commit the pending bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

Ordered, That the following be the only amendments remaining in order to the bill; and that said amendments be subject to relevant second-degree amendments:

An amendment (numbered 3538), intended to be proposed by Mr. AKAKA;

An amendment (numbered 3598), intended to be proposed by Mr. BAUCUS, relative to State assistance for beginning farmers;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. BAUCUS, relative to agriculture research;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. BAUCUS, relative to Brucellosis;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. BAUCUS, relative to agriculture supply;

A relevant amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. BINGAMAN;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. BINGAMAN, relative to ground and water surface conservation program;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. BINGAMAN, relative to regional water enhancement program;

Six relevant amendments, intended to be proposed by Mrs. BOXER;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. HATCH), relative to crop insurance;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Ms. CANTWELL, relative to study on climate change and impact on the wine industry;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Ms. CANTWELL, relative to increasing funding for specialty crop block grant;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Ms. CANTWELL, relative to minor oil seed crops;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Ms. CANTWELL, relative to tree assistance program correction;

Two relevant amendments, intended to be proposed by Mr. CARDIN;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. CASEY, relative to crop insurance;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. CASEY, relative to agriculture inspectors;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. CASEY, relative to food stamp nutrition education;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. CASEY, relative to emergency funding for invasive pests and diseases;

An amendment (numbered 3610), intended to be proposed by Mr. CASEY, relative to Farm and Ranchland Inspection Program;

Three relevant amendments, intended to be proposed by Mr. CONRAD;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. DORGAN, relative to CRP;

Two amendments, intended to be proposed by Mr. DORGAN, relative to SECA tax;

An amendment (numbered 3602), intended to be proposed by Mr. DORGAN, relative to Secretary's rule regarding cattle and beef;

Pending amendment number 3508;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. DORGAN, relative to payment limits;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. DURBIN, relative to food safety sunset;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. DURBIN, relative to McGovern-Dole funding;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. DURBIN, relative to ACR improvements;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. DURBIN, relative to puppy importation;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. DURBIN, relative to low-interest financing to fight invasive species;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. DURBIN, relative to food safety;

Thirteen relevant amendments, intended to be proposed by Mr. FEINGOLD;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mrs. FEINSTEIN, relative to agriculture inspectors;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mrs. FEINSTEIN, relative to energy market oversight;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mrs. FEINSTEIN, relative to leafy greens;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mrs. FEINSTEIN, relative to clementines;

Seven relevant amendments, intended to be proposed by Mr. HARKIN;

Two relevant amendments, to any on the list, intended to be proposed by Mr. HARKIN;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. HARKIN, relative to school nutrition standards;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. HARKIN, relative to Packers and Stockyards Act;

Managers amendments, intended to be proposed by Mr. HARKIN;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. INOUYE, relative to food for peace;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. INOUYE, relative to rail;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. INOUYE, relative to broadband data;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. INOUYE, relative to energy;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. INOUYE, relative to sugar/ethanol loan guarantee program;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. INOUYE, relative to exemption for Hawaii;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. INOUYE, relative to reimbursement payment to geographically disadvantaged farmers/ranchers;

Four relevant amendments, intended to be proposed by Mr. KERRY;

An amendment (numbered 3531), intended to be proposed by Mr. KOHL, relative to Secretary's revised membership, Federal Milk Marketing;

An amendment (numbered 3532), intended to be proposed by Mr. KOHL, relative to sense of the Senate on Rural Energy America program;

An amendment (numbered 3533), intended to be proposed by Mr. KOHL;

An amendment (numbered 3534), intended to be proposed by Mr. KOHL;

An amendment (numbered 3535), intended to be proposed by Mr. KOHL;

An amendment (numbered 3536), intended to be proposed by Mr. KOHL;

An amendment (numbered 3537), intended to be proposed by Mr. KOHL;

An amendment (numbered 3555), intended to be proposed by Mr. KOHL;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Ms. KLOBUCHAR, relative to AGI limits;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Ms. KLOBUCHAR, relative to timber contracts;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Ms. KLOBUCHAR, relative to beginning farmers/ranchers;

Seven relevant amendments, intended to be proposed by Ms. LANDRIEU;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. LAUTENBERG, relative to FRESH Act;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. LAUTENBERG, relative to FEED Act;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. LEVIN, relative to energy markets;

Four amendments, intended to be proposed by Mrs. LINCOLN, relative to agriculture tax;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mrs. LINCOLN, relative to bio fuels;

A relevant amendment, intended to be proposed by Mrs. LINCOLN;

An amendment (numbered 3556), intended to be proposed by Mrs. MCCASKILL;

Four relevant amendments, intended to be proposed by Mr. MENENDEZ;

Two amendments, intended to be proposed by Ms. MIKULSKI, relative to cloned foods;

Two amendments, intended to be proposed by Ms. MIKULSKI, relative to H2B;

Two amendments, intended to be proposed by Mrs. MURRAY, relative to conservation;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mrs. MURRAY, relative to energy;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mrs. MURRAY, relative to specialty crop;

An amendment (numbered 3576), intended to be proposed by Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON;

An amendment (numbered 3625), intended to be proposed by Mr. PRYOR, relative to broadband;

Four relevant amendments, intended to be proposed by Mr. PRYOR;

An amendment (numbered 3509), intended to be proposed by Mr. REID;

An amendment (numbered 3510), intended to be proposed by Mr. REID;

An amendment (numbered 3511), intended to be proposed by Mr. REID;

An amendment (numbered 3512), intended to be proposed by Mr. REID;

An amendment (numbered 3513), intended to be proposed by Mr. REID;

An amendment (numbered 3514), intended to be proposed by Mr. REID;

Two relevant amendments, intended to be proposed by Mr. REID;

Two relevant amendments, to any on the list, intended to be proposed by Mr. REID;

An amendment (numbered 3616), intended to be proposed by Mr. SALAZAR, relative to cellulosic biofuels production incentives;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. SALAZAR, relative to Colorado Good Neighbor Agreements (Forestry);

An amendment (numbered 3595), intended to be proposed by Mr. SANDERS;

Five amendments, intended to be proposed by Mr. SALAZAR, relative to conservation;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Ms. STABENOW, relative to local farmer initiative – Buy America;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Ms. STABENOW, relative to CSFP;

An amendment (numbered 3516), intended to be proposed by Mr. TESTER;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. TESTER, relative to live stock title;

Three relevant amendments, intended to be proposed by Mr. WEBB;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. WYDEN, relative to illegal logging;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. WYDEN, relative to biomass grants;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. SESSIONS, relative to rural hospital;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. SESSIONS, relative to farm savings accounts;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. GRAHAM, relative to cellulosic ethanol;

Five relevant amendments, intended to be proposed by Mr. ENSIGN;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. BOND, relative to food stamps;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. BOND, relative to red-tape reduction;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. BOND, relative to research;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. ALEXANDER, relative to the sense of the Senate on Broadband;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. ALEXANDER, relative to increasing Agriculture research;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. ALEXANDER, relative to striking the renewable tax credit;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. ALEXANDER, relative to wind energy tax credit;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. ALEXANDER, relative to wind energy property taxes;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. SMITH, relative to Americorps Vista volunteers;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. SMITH, relative to river conservatory;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. SMITH, relative to Deschutes River;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. SMITH, relative to Wallowa Lake Dam;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. SMITH, relative to Oregon Subbasins;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. SMITH, relative to North Unit Irrigation;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. SMITH, relative to irrigation districts;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. SMITH, relative to fire sprinkler systems;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. VITTER, relative to National Finance Center;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. DOMENICI, relative to renewable energy;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. DOMENICI, relative to land transfer;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. BARRASSO, relative to support Project 7;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. ENZI, relative to captive supply;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. SUNUNU, relative to biomass fuel;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. LOTT, relative to Gulf of Mexico task force;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. ALLARD, relative to PART;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. ALLARD, relative to Vet food systems;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. ALLARD, relative to forest reassessment;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI, relative to Exxon Valdez litigation;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI, relative to specialty crops;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. KYL, relative to Tax/AMT;

A relevant amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. KYL;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. LOTT, relative to Tax/AMT;

Two relevant amendments, intended to be proposed by Mr. LOTT;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN, relative to waste;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN, relative to Chinese Garden Maintenance;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN, relative to transparency;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN, relative to estate payments;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN, relative to Federal hunger problems;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN, relative to crop insurance;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN, relative to equip;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. DEMINT, relative to death tax;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. THUNE, relative to biofuels;

A technical amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. ROBERTS;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. ROBERTS, relative to ag fair practices;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. ROBERTS, relative to definitions;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. ROBERTS, relative to regulations;

Two amendments, intended to be proposed by Mr. ROBERTS, relative to conservation;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. ROBERTS, relative to trade;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. ROBERTS, relative to nutrition;

Two amendments, intended to be proposed by Mr. ROBERTS, relative to rural development;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. CRAIG, relative to loan repayment;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. CRAIG, relative to land preservation;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. CRAIG, relative to worker housing;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. CRAIG, relative to biogas;

Four relevant amendments, intended to be proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, relative to death tax;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, relative to AMT;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, relative to tax/horses;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. STEVENS, relative to protecting kids online;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. STEVENS, relative to DTV;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. STEVENS, relative to e911;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. STEVENS, relative to FSA operating loans;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. STEVENS, relative to quarantine inspection fees;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. STEVENS, relative to seafood safety;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. STEVENS, relative to block grants to seafood;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. GREGG, relative to mortgage crisis;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. GREGG, relative to drivers license;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. GREGG, relative to firefighters;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. GREGG, relative to farm stress program;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. GREGG, relative to proper budget accounting;

Two amendments, intended to be proposed by Mr. GREGG, relative to commodity subsidies;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. GREGG, relative to sugar program;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. GREGG, relative to loss assistance (asparagus);

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. GREGG, relative to Gulf of Mexico;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. GREGG, relative to farm and rural healthcare;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mrs. DOLE, relative to tax credit;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. LUGAR, relative to complete overhaul;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. LUGAR, relative to trade;

Two relevant amendments, intended to be proposed by Mr. LUGAR;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. BUNNING, relative to disaster relief;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. COLEMAN, relative to AGI caps;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. CORNYN, relative to child obesity study;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. CORNYN, relative to strike disaster trust fund;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. CORNYN, relative to new Budget POO;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mrs. HUTCHISON, relative to southwest dairy;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mrs. HUTCHISON, relative to land grants;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mrs. HUTCHISON, relative to Rio Grande;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mrs. HUTCHISON, relative to renewables;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY, relative to agricultural mergers;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. CORKER, relative to coal gasification project credits;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. STEVENS, relative to AQI user fees;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. STEVENS, relative to fishing loans;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. COLEMAN, relative to drivers license;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. CHAMBLISS, relative to farm credit service;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. CHAMBLISS, relative to crop insurance fix;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. CHAMBLISS, relative to trade (strikes section 3101);

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. CHAMBLISS, relative to biotech - PPV;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. CHAMBLISS, relative to sugar technical fix;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. CHAMBLISS, relative to ethanol/direct payments;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. CHAMBLISS, relative to conservation AGI;

Five relevant amendments, intended to be proposed by Mr. CHAMBLISS;

Two relevant amendments, to any on the list, intended to be proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL;

Two relevant amendments, to any on the list, intended to be proposed by Mr. CHAMBLISS.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3514 to amendment No. 3513 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3512) contained in the motion to commit the pending bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Pending debate,

ORDER RELATIVE TO BILL H.R. 4156

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate receives from the House of Representatives for concurrence the bill (H.R. 4156) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, it be considered as read the first time on today.

BREAST CANCER RESEARCH POSTAGE STAMP EXTENSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 597) to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN for Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. HUTCHISON) to amend the pending bill in section 1, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 3676).

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, on motion by Mr. DURBIN for Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. HUTCHISON), so as to read: "A bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research".

RECOGNIZING THE RELIGIOUS AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FESTIVAL OF DIWALI

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 299) recognizing the religious and historical significance of the festival of Diwali.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN (for Mr. MENENDEZ) to amend the pending resolution on page 2, by striking lines 4 and 5, and inserting other words (being amendment No. 3677).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SENSE OF THE SENATE RELATIVE TO TUNA MANAGEMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 368) expressing the sense of the Senate that, at the 20th Regular Meeting of the International Commission on

the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, the United States should pursue a moratorium on the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna fishery to ensure control of the fishery and further facilitate recovery of the stock, pursue strengthened conservation and management measures to facilitate the recovery of the Atlantic bluefin tuna, and seek a review of compliance by all Nations with the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas' conservation and management recommendation for Atlantic bluefin tuna and other species, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING AND THANKING ALL MILITARY FAMILIES FOR THE TREMENDOUS SACRIFICES AND CONTRIBUTIONS THEY HAVE MADE TO THE NATION

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 378) recognizing and thanking all military families for the tremendous sacrifices and contributions they have made to the Nation, submitted today by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. LOTT, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. CASEY, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. GREGG, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. BAUCUS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "FEED AMERICA THURSDAY"

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 379) designating Thursday, November 15, 2007,

as "Feed America Thursday", submitted today by Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BENNETT), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING HOSTELLING
INTERNATIONAL USA FOR 75
YEARS OF SERVICE TO
INTERCULTURAL
UNDERSTANDING AND TO YOUTH
TRAVEL

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 380) recognizing Hostelling International USA for 75 years of service to intercultural understanding and to youth travel, submitted today by Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Mr. INOUE), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

REMEMBERING AND
COMMEMORATING THE LIVES
AND WORK OF MARYKNOLL
SISTERS EXECUTED IN EL
SALVADOR IN 1980

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 381) remembering and commemorating the lives and work of Maryknoll Sisters Maura Clarke and Ita Ford, Ursuline Sister Dorothy Kazel, and Cleveland Lay Mission Team Member Jean Donovan, who were executed by members of the Armed Forces of El Salvador on December 2, 1980, submitted today by Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. DURBIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND
IDEALS OF WORLD DIABETES DAY

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 382) supporting the goals and ideals of World Diabetes Day, submitted today by Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. COLEMAN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that there be a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business; that the first 15 minutes therein be controlled by Mr. FEINGOLD; that the next 30 minutes therein be controlled by the minority party; that the final 15 minutes therein be controlled by the majority party; and that, upon conclusion of morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 2419.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT
ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mrs. DOLE.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 7:17 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2007

Mr. KEN SALAZAR, from the State of Colorado, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. SALAZAR led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, November 15, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable KEN SALAZAR, a Senator from the State of Colorado, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
President pro tempore

Mr. SALAZAR took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business. Pending debate,

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-247. A resolution adopted by the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission at their annual meeting relative to the opinions of the oil and gas producing states on certain matters; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-248. A resolution adopted by the Atlanta World War II Round Table urging Congress to add words to the inscription on the World War II Memorial; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-249. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of

Michigan urging Congress to reauthorize Amtrak funding and support states in their efforts to expand passenger rail service; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 107

Whereas, passenger rail service has historically focused on long distance routes. States may provide shorter, regional service if the state pays most of the cost. Fourteen states, including Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin, provide funding support to Amtrak to support in-state and regional passenger rail systems; and

Whereas, rider-ship on these shorter, regional routes has increased dramatically in the past two years. Ticket sales on Midwest intercity rail lines have reached record numbers. In Michigan, rider-ship has risen by 31 percent on the Blue Water passenger train and 20 percent on the Wolverine passenger train over the past two years. The state hopes to add passenger rail service between Detroit and Ann Arbor. Expanded passenger rail service is being promoted as a solution to rising oil prices, pollution, and increased highway congestion; and

Whereas, states would like federal assistance in funding the shorter passenger rail services. Federal matching dollars are provided for other transportation modes, and states would like to see a similar program for in-state and regional passenger rail projects. Senate Bill 294, currently before the United States Senate, would provide \$19.2 billion in reauthorization funds to Amtrak and provide grants to state projects: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize Congress to reauthorize Amtrak funding and support states in their efforts to expand passenger rail service; and be it further

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

POM-250. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of New York urging Congress to eliminate the expiration period of the Federal Do Not Call Registry; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SENATE NO. 3582

Whereas, the Do Not Call Registry was established in the State of New York in 2000 to protect citizens from unwanted sales calls; it was made more effective in 2003, when it merged with the National Do Not Call Registry; and

Whereas, the National Do Not Call Registry provides citizens across the state and country with the privacy they deserve and adequate penalties for businesses which violate that privacy by persisting with unwanted phone calls; and

Whereas, the merging of the two Do Not Call Registries has effectively protected New York State residents from bothersome and unwanted phone solicitations for the last five years; and

Whereas, due to the five year expiration of the National Do Not Call Registry, many of the first enrollees will soon again be vulnerable to telephone solicitations unless they re-enroll: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to urge the New York State Congressional Delegation to eliminate the 5-year expiration date and make the National Do Not Call Registry permanent; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the President of the Senate of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each member of the Congress of the United States from the State of New York.

POM-251. A resolution adopted by the Midwestern Legislative Conference of the Council of State Governments expressing the Council's support for improved vehicle fuel economy; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HOUSE BILL H.R. 2927

Whereas, H.R. 2927 sets tough fuel economy standards without off ramps or loopholes, by requiring separate car and truck standards to meet a total fleet fuel economy between 32 and 35 mpg by 2022—an increase of as much as 40 percent over current fuel economy standards—and requires vehicle fuel economy to be increased to the maximum feasible level in the years leading up to 2022; and

Whereas, H.R. 2927, while challenging, will provide automakers more reasonable lead time to implement technology changes in both the near- and long-term. Model year 2008 vehicles are already available today, and product and manufacturing planning is done through Model Year 2012. H.R. 2927 recognizes the critical need for engineering lead times necessary for manufacturers to make significant changes to their fleets; and

Whereas, H.R. 2927 respects consumer choice by protecting important functional differences between passenger cars and light trucks/SUV's. Last year, 2006, was the sixth year in a row that Americans bought more trucks, minivans, and SUVs than passenger cars, because they value attributes such as passenger and cargo load capacity, four-wheel drive, and towing capability that most cars are not designed to provide; and

Whereas, while some would like fuel economy increases to be much more aggressive and be implemented with much less lead time, Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards must be set at levels and in time frames that do not impose economic harm on the manufacturers,

suppliers, dealers, and others in the auto industry; and

Whereas, proponents of unrealistic and unattainable CAFE standards cite Europe's 35 mpg fuel economy, without ever mentioning Europe's \$6 per gallon gasoline prices, the high sales of diesel vehicles, the high proportion of Europeans driving manual transmission vehicles (80 percent in Europe vs. 8 percent in the U.S.), the significant differences in the size mix of vehicles, or that trucks and SUVs are virtually nonexistent among European households; and

Whereas, proponents of unreasonable CAFE standards claim they will save consumers billions, but they neglect to talk about the upfront costs of such changes to the manufacturers of meeting unduly strict CAFE standards—more than \$100 billion, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration—which will lead to vehicle price increases of several thousand dollars; and

Whereas, proponents of unrealistic CAFE standards ignore the potential safety impacts of downsized vehicles on America's highways and overlook the historical role and critical importance of manufacturing plants to our national and economic security. They seem unconcerned about threats to the 7.5 million jobs that are directly and indirectly dependent on a vibrant auto industry in the United States; and

Whereas, H.R. 2927 is a reasonable bill that balances a number of important public policy concerns. The bill represents a tough but fair compromise that deserves serious consideration and support: Now therefore be it

Resolved, by the Council of State Governments Midwestern Legislative Conference, That we memorialize the United States Congress to enact H.R. 2927, which responsibly balances achievable fuel economy increases with important economic and social concerns, including consumer demand; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be submitted to the President of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, and the members of the congressional delegations of all Midwestern Legislative Conference states.

POM-252. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Pennsylvania urging Congress to override the President's veto of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 447

Whereas, the highly successful State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), created by the Federal Balanced Budget Act of 1997, has enabled states to provide health care coverage to more than 6 million uninsured low-income children in this country; and

Whereas, through the program's enhanced Federal match funding, Pennsylvania is currently helping to provide health care coverage to more than 164,000 low-income children who do not qualify for Medicaid and would otherwise be uninsured; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania led the nation in launching the first Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 1992 and provided the model for Federal support of all states; and

Whereas, in 2006, Pennsylvania continued its leadership by expanding affordable health care coverage to uninsured children through its Cover All Kids program; and

Whereas, the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007, H.R. 976, is a bipartisan compromise plan to reauthorize the SCHIP program, which expired on September 30, 2007, and to expand coverage to an additional 3.8 million children; and

Whereas, on October 3, 2007, the President of the United States vetoed H.R. 976, citing philosophical differences with regard to the expansion of the program; and

Whereas, this veto will severely hamper Pennsylvania's efforts to help more than 133,000 remaining uninsured children obtain access to health care coverage; and

Whereas, it is critical that this legislation be enacted to ensure affordable health care coverage for all uninsured children: Therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania condemn the veto by the President of the United States of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United States to override the veto; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-253. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging Congress to override the President's veto of the State Children's Health Insurance Program; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 201

Whereas, since 1997, the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCRIP) has provided health insurance for children under age 19 from low income families who are not eligible for Medicaid. The program allocated over \$40 billion for SCRIP through 2007 to states that provided matching funds to plan a SCRIP program, to expand their Medicaid program, or to implement a combined program relying on Medicaid and separate private plans; and

Whereas, the compromise SCHIP bill passed by Congress was vetoed by President Bush. This bipartisan measure would have reauthorized the program and added \$35 billion over the next five years to cover 10 million children, including the 6.6 million currently covered and 4 million additional uninsured children; and

Whereas, the number of uninsured children declined by 26.6%, resulting in nearly 79,000 more children having health care coverage than ten years ago. MI Child has operated in conjunction with the Medicaid program to provide a much-needed safety net for Michigan's children; and

Whereas, an override of this veto is crucial to providing access to health care for millions of children. Expansion of this successful program is long overdue and strongly supported by the American people. Politics and misplaced priorities should not supersede a bipartisan solution to protect the health and lives of our most vulnerable citizens—innocent children: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the United States Congress to override the President's veto of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP); and be it further

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

POM-254. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Pennsylvania expressing support for "National Food Safety Education Month"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 398

Whereas, in 1994, the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation's (NRAEF) International Food Safety Council created "National Food Safety Education Month" as an annual campaign; and

Whereas, the purpose of "National Food Safety Education Month" is to strengthen food safety education and training among persons in the restaurant and food service business and to educate the public on the safe handling and preparation of food; and

Whereas, there are more than 200 known food-borne diseases caused by viruses, toxins and metals and usually stemming from the improper handling, preparation or storage of food; and

Whereas, bacteria are the common cause of the food-borne illness; and

Whereas, foodborne illness costs the United States economy billions of dollars each year in lost productivity, hospitalization, long-term disability and even death; and

Whereas, the United States Department of Agriculture estimated that in 2000 medical costs and losses in productivity resulting

from five bacterial food-borne pathogens was \$6.9 billion; and

Whereas, it is estimated that in 2001 the annual cost of salmonellosis caused by the Salmonella bacteria was \$2.14 billion, including medical costs, the cost of time lost from work and the cost or value of premature death; and

Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that in the United States, there are 76 million illnesses, 325,000 hospitalizations and 5,000 deaths per year due to consumption of food contaminated with pathogenic microorganisms; and

Whereas, numerous cases have occurred in the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: 2007—Salmonella from peanut butter in 44 states, 425 cases; 2006—E. coli in eight states from fresh spinach, 205 cases, including 3 deaths; and 2003—hepatitis A from Chi-Chi's sourced green onions in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, up to 2,000 cases of salmonellosis occur each year in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, following four simple steps, consumers can keep food safe from bacteria: clean—wash hands and surfaces often; separate—do not cross-contaminate; cook—cook to proper temperature; and chill—refrigerate promptly: Therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania express full and enthusiastic support for "National Food Safety Education Month" in September 2007; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-255. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan urging Congress to provide for the construction and maintenance of a national cemetery in Michigan's Upper Peninsula; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 102

Whereas, a measure of the respect our nation accords the men and women who protect us through their military service is how we treat our veterans long after they have finished their military duty. The network of national cemeteries under the administration of the United States Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) is a most appropriate expression of the respect a grateful citizenry holds for those who have worn the nation's uniforms and faced grave perils to safeguard our freedoms; and

Whereas, ever since President Lincoln signed legislation during the Civil War to create national cemeteries as final resting places "for soldiers who have died in the service of the country," this network of cemeteries has grown. Today, there are 141

national cemeteries, with 125 under the VA National Cemetery Administration. New facilities are regularly developed; and

Whereas, despite the growth in the number of national cemeteries, including the addition of the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly that opened in 2005, veterans in our Upper Peninsula remain very far from any such facility. In fact, the nearest national cemeteries are hundreds of miles away, near Milwaukee and Minneapolis. This distance presents a significant obstacle for the families of many veterans. We should do all we can to make this measure of honor and respect more readily available to all veterans: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to provide for the construction and maintenance of a national cemetery in Michigan's Upper Peninsula; and be it further

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution, Fiscal Year 2008" (Rept. No. 110-230).

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

Report to accompany S. 1642, A bill to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-231).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 366. A resolution designating November 2007 as "National Methamphetamine Awareness Month", to increase awareness of methamphetamine abuse.

S. Res. 367. A resolution commemorating the 40th anniversary of the mass movement for Soviet Jewish freedom and the 20th anniversary of the Freedom Sunday rally for Soviet Jewry on the National Mall.

By Mr. DODD, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1970. A bill to establish a National Commission on Children and Disasters, a National Resource Center on Children and Disasters, and for other purposes.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2272. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service known as the Southpark Station in Alexandria, Louisiana, as the John "Marty" Thiels Southpark Station, in honor and memory of Thiels, a Louisiana postal worker who was killed in the line of duty on October 4, 2007.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. DOLE):

S. 2357. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate the Perquimans River and the tributaries of the Perquimans River in Perquimans County, North Carolina, for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BURR, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DEMINT, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KYL, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 2358. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit human-animal hybrids; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 2359. A bill to establish the St. Augustine 450th Commemoration Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MARTINEZ:

S. 2360. A bill to develop a national system of oversight of States for sexual misconduct in the elementary and secondary school system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 2361. A bill to ensure the privacy of wireless telephone numbers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 2362. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional standard deduction for real property taxes for nonitemizers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 2363. A bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. DOLE):

S. 2364. A bill to adjust the boundaries of Pisgah National Forest in McDowell County, North Carolina; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mr. COBURN):

S. 2365. A bill to require educational institutions that receive Federal funds to obtain the affirmative, informed, written consent of a parent before providing a student information regarding sex, to provide parents the opportunity to review such information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 2366. A bill to provide immigration reform by securing America's borders, clarifying and enforcing existing laws, and enabling a practical verification program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 2367. A bill to provide for the issuance of bonds to provide funding for the construction of schools of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 2368. A bill to provide immigration reform by securing America's borders, clarifying and enforcing existing laws, and enabling a practical employer verification program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 2369. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide that certain tax planning inventions are not patentable, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 2370. A bill to clear title to certain real property in New Mexico associated with the Middle Rio Grande Project, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 2371. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make technical corrections; considered and passed.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 2372. A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to

modify the tariffs on certain footwear; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself and Mr. KERRY):

S. 2373. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for residents of Puerto Rico who participate in cafeteria plans under the Puerto Rican tax laws an exclusion from employment taxes which is comparable to the exclusion that applies to cafeteria plans under such Code; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 2374. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make technical corrections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 2375. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and make permanent the election to treat certain costs of qualified film and television productions as expenses; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. REID (for Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. VOINOVICH)):

S. Res. 383. A resolution honoring and recognizing the achievements of Carl Stokes, the first African-American mayor of a major American city, in the 40th year since his election as Mayor of Cleveland, Ohio; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. THUNE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. Res. 384. A resolution expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging Americans to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 22, a bill to

amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 380

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 380, a bill to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

S. 505

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 505, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the above-the-line deduction for teacher classroom supplies and to expand such deduction to include qualified professional development expenses.

S. 814

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 814, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the deduction of attorney-advanced expenses and court costs in contingency fee cases.

S. 988

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 988, a bill to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

S. 1159

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1159, a bill to amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part.

S. 1169

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1169, a bill to ensure the provision of high quality health care coverage for uninsured individuals through State health care coverage pilot projects that expand coverage and access and improve quality and efficiency in the health care system.

S. 1275

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1275, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for a screening and treatment program for prostate cancer in the same manner as is provided for breast and cervical cancer.

S. 1627

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1627, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of

1986 to extend and expand the benefits for businesses operating in empowerment zones, enterprise communities, or renewal communities, and for other purposes.

S. 1661

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1661, a bill to communicate United States travel policies and improve marketing and other activities designed to increase travel in the United States from abroad.

S. 1924

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1924, a bill to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any of certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employee's duty.

S. 1930

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1930, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prevent illegal logging practices, and for other purposes.

S. 1965

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1965, a bill to protect children from cybercrimes, including crimes by online predators, to enhance efforts to identify and eliminate child pornography, and to help parents shield their children from material that is inappropriate for minors.

S. 1986

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1986, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Treasury to prescribe the weights and the compositions of circulating coins, and for other purposes.

S. 1991

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1991, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of extending the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to include additional sites associated with the preparation and return phases of the expedition, and for other purposes.

S. 1992

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1992, a bill to preserve the recall rights of airline employees, and for other purposes.

S. 2051

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was

added as a cosponsor of S. 2051, a bill to amend the small rural school achievement program and the rural and low-income school program under part B of title VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

S. 2181

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] were added as cosponsors of S. 2181, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect Medicare beneficiaries' access to home health services under the Medicare program.

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2181, *supra*.

S. 2228

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2228, a bill to extend and improve agricultural programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2289

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2289, a bill to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, to limit the duration of Federal consent decrees to which State and local governments are a party, and for other purposes.

S. 2305

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2305, a bill to prevent voter caging.

S. 2324

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2324, a bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to enhance the Offices of the Inspectors General, to create a Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, and for other purposes.

S. 2334

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2334, a bill to withhold 10 percent of the Federal funding apportioned for highway construction and maintenance from States that issue driver's licenses to individuals without verifying the legal status of such individuals.

S. 2347

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2347, a bill to restore and protect access to discount drug prices for university-based and safety-net clinics.

At the request of Mr. TESTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2347, *supra*.

S. 2348

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2348, a bill to ensure control over the United States border and to strengthen enforcement of the immigration laws.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 22, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services within the Department of Health and Human Services relating to Medicare coverage for the use of erythropoiesis stimulating agents in cancer and related neoplastic conditions.

SENATE RESOLUTION 367

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 367, a resolution commemorating the 40th anniversary of the mass movement for Soviet Jewish freedom and the 20th anniversary of the Freedom Sunday rally for Soviet Jewry on the National Mall.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BILL NELSON,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 15, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 15, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 15, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 15, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the

Senate on Thursday, November 15, 2007, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a hearing entitled "Restoring Congressional Intent and Protections under the Americans with Disabilities Act" November 15, 2007, at 2 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct an executive business meeting on Thursday, November 15, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs to be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 15, 2007.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 15, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a business meeting.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 15, 2007.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON STATE, LOCAL, AND PRIVATE SECTOR PREPAREDNESS AND INTEGRATION

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia and the Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 15, 2007, at 10 a.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:33 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4156, An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

At 3:12 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in

which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 719. An act to authorize additional appropriations for supervision of Internet access by sex offenders convicted under Federal law, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3320. An act to provide assistance for the Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw, Poland.

H.R. 3845. An act to establish a Special Counsel for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction within the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, to improve the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, to increase resources for regional computer forensic labs, and to make other improvements to increase the ability of law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute child predators.

H.R. 4120. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for more effective prosecution of cases involving child pornography, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 719. An act to authorize additional appropriations for supervision of Internet access by sex offenders convicted under Federal law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3320. An act to provide assistance for the Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw, Poland; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 3845. An act to establish a Special Counsel for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction within the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, to improve the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, to increase resources for regional computer forensic labs, and to make other improvements to increase the ability of law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute child predators; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 4120. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for more effective prosecution of cases involving child pornography, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 4156. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1077

Mr. FEINGOLD asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from further consideration of the bill (S. 1077) to safely redeploy United States troops from Iraq; that the bill be placed on the calendar; that, at a time to be determined by the majority leader after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that the only amendment in order be an amendment (being the text of amendment No. 2924), intended to be proposed by Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. REID); that there be 2 hours for concurrent debate on the amendment and the bill; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the amendment; that, upon disposition of the amendment, the bill, as may be amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as may be amended, with no intervening action or debate.

Mr. BOND objected.

HOUSE BILL DEEMED READ THE FIRST TIME

The bill (H.R. 4156) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, having been received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, was deemed read the first time on yesterday, as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

There was deemed an objection to the second reading of the bill.

Whereupon,

The bill was deemed to have lain over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day; and

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MENENDEZ in the chair) laid before the Senate bill H.R. 4156, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and pursuant to the order of yesterday, deemed read the first time on yesterday; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

FARM, NUTRITION, AND BIOENERGY ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 2419) to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3514, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 3513, proposed by Mr. REID, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3512) contained in the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Pending debate,

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2340

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2340) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. MCCONNELL presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2340, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2340:

MITCH MCCONNELL, SAXBY CHAMBLISS, BOB CORKER, A. WAYNE ALLARD, THAD COCHRAN, JOHN CORNYN, KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON, LISA MURKOWSKI, ORRIN HATCH, RICHARD BURR, TRENT LOTT, M. CRAPO, PAT ROBERTS, CHUCK GRASSLEY, JON KYL, NORM COLEMAN, MEL MARTINEZ.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2340.

Pending debate,

PROVIDING FOR AN ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE TWO HOUSES

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 259) providing for an adjournment or recess of the two Houses, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2340

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2340.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, at 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2340; that, if said motion to bring to a close debate is not agreed to, the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 4156; that if said motion to bring to a close debate is not agreed to, the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to bill H.R. 2419; that, upon disposition of amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 2419.

Ordered further, That the time for debate prior to the first vote be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the last 10 minutes therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders; that the final 5 minutes prior to the vote be controlled by the majority leader; and that there be 2 minutes for debate prior to each vote in the "stacked" sequence.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL H.R. 3996

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that, at a time to be determined by the majority leader after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 3996) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes; that there be 2 hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon between Mr. BAUCUS and Mr. GRASSLEY; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to a motion to bring to a close debate on the bill; that, if the motion is agreed to, no amendments be in order to the bill and the Senate proceed to consider the bill as pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate; that, if the motion is not agreed to, there be 1 hour, equally divided

and controlled in the usual form, for debate on an amendment (Numbered 3620) intended to be proposed by Mr. LOTT; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the amendment; that, following said vote, there be 1 hour, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. BAUCUS relative to amendment No. 3620; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the amendment; that each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yeas votes to be agreed to; that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, as may be amended, with no intervening action or debate; and that, if neither amendment is agreed to with a minimum of 60 yeas, the bill be returned to the calendar.

Mr. McCONNELL objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2340

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2340.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL H.R. 3996

Mr. McCONNELL asked unanimous consent that, at a time to be determined by the majority leader after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider bill H.R. 3996; that an amendment (in the nature of a substitute), relative to the alternative minimum tax, be in order; that there be 8 amendments relative to taxes in order thereto; that said amendments be equally divided between the majority and minority; and that said amendments and passage of the bill each require a minimum of 60 yeas votes to be agreed to or passed.

Mr. REID objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2340

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2340.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

AMENDING THE HIGHER
EDUCATION ACT

On the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2371) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make technical corrections, introduced on today by Mr. KENNEDY, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2340

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2340.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the pending motion be withdrawn.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL H.R. 4156

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 4156) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed, which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 4156:

CARL LEVIN, ROBERT MENENDEZ, CLAIRE McCASKILL, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., RICHARD DURBIN, TOM CARPER, AMY KLOBUCHAR, DANIEL K. AKAKA, JACK REED, PATTY MURRAY, SHERROD BROWN, FRANK R. LAUTENBERG, CHUCK SCHUMER, S. WHITEHOUSE, DEBBIE STABENOW, B. MIKULSKI, HARRY REID.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived; and that the motion to proceed be withdrawn.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

RELATIVE TO THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Administration be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1679) to provide that the great hall of the Capitol Visitor Center shall be known as Emancipation Hall.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO IDENTITY THEFT CRIMES

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2168) to amend title 18, United States Code, to enable increased Federal prosecution of identity theft crimes and to allow for restitution to victims of identity theft.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendments.

The reported amendments were agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING "NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY" AND "NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH"

On the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANDERS in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 384) expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging Americans to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children, submitted today by Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. THUNE, Mr. KERRY, Mr.

CONRAD, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. KENNEDY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2363) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. BROWNBACK), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. SALAZAR asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. SALAZAR objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 8:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 8:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of one hour for debate on the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2340, as pursuant to the order of today; and that the time therein be equally divided and controlled.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. THUNE.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today, At 7:58 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 8:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 8:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, November 16, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2363) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CRAIG,

and Mr. BROWNBACK), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

DEBATE ON MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2340

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for one hour of debate on the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider the bill (S. 2340) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That each vote in "stacked" sequence, following the first, be 10 minutes in duration.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN LEGISLATION

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 4156) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; that the minority leader immediately be recognized to propose an amendment; that there be one hour for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the amendment; and that the amendment receive a minimum of 60 yeas votes to be agreed to.

Mr. ALEXANDER objected.

MOTION TO BRING TO A CLOSE DEBATE ON MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2340

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. MCCONNELL on yesterday, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2340.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 45, nays... 53

[Rollcall Vote No. 410 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lieberman, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

NAYS --- 53

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Stabenow, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

MOTION TO BRING TO A CLOSE DEBATE ON MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 4156

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The foregoing motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2340 not having been agreed to,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on yesterday, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 4156.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 53, nays... 45

[Rollcall Vote No. 411 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Collins, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 45

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dodd, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lieberman, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

MOTION TO BRING TO A CLOSE DEBATE ON MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 2419

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The foregoing motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 4156 not having been agreed to,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Wednesday, November 14, 2007, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill (H.R. 2419) to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 55, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 412 Leg.]

YEAS --- 55

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 42

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF CERTAIN LEGISLATION

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2366) to reauthorize the veterans entrepreneurial development programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; that all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of an amendment, be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment in the nature of a substitute); that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; that the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate (being the members of the Committee on Small Business), without intervening action or debate.

Mr. COBURN objected.

TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE
REVISION AND EXTENSION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2761) to extend the Terrorism Insurance Program of the Department of the Treasury, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3800, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF CERTAIN LEGISLATION

Mr. BROWN asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3074) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; that there be 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon between Mrs. MURRAY and Mr. BOND, or their designees;

and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the conference report, without intervening action or debate.

Mr. KYL objected.

Pending debate,

MOTION TO RECONSIDER LAID ON
THE TABLE

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2340.

On motion by Mr. DODD,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER
ENTERED

Mr. DODD, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 4156 was not agreed to.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WEBB,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3945. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act that has been identified as Department of the Navy case number 07-07; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3946. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act that has been identified as Army case number 06-10; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3947. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foot-and-Mouth Disease Status of Uruguay" (Docket No. 00-11-3), received on November 13, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3948. A communication from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the initiation of a standard competition of the Base Operating Support function at Goodfellow Air Force Base; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3949. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's financial report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3950. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expanded Licensing Jurisdiction for QRS11 Micromachined Angular Rate Sensors" (RIN0694-AD92), received on November 13, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3951. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "HUD Acquisition Regulation Debarment and Suspension Procedures" (RIN2535-AA28), received on November 13, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3952. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Time Period for Quarterly Reporting of Bank Officers' and Certain Employees' Personal Securities Transactions" (RIN3064-AD20), received on November 13, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3953. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 12938 with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3954. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fair Credit Reporting Affiliate Marketing Regulations" (RIN1557-AC88), received on November 13, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3955. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Identity Theft Red Flags and Address Discrepancies under the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003" (RIN1557-AC87), received on November 13, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3956. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD59), received on November 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3957. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Closure (Total Allowable Catch Harvested for Management Area 1A Period 2)" (RIN0648-XD55), received on November 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3958. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries in the Western Pacific; Precious Corals; Black Coral" (RIN0648-AT93), received on November 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3959. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Landowner Notification and Blanket Certificate Regulations" (Docket No. RM07-17-000), received on November 13, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3960. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Texas Regulatory Program" (Docket No. TX-057-FOR), received on November 14, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3961. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maine; Emission Statements Reporting and Definitions" (FRL No. 8492-1), received on November 14, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3962. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Redesignation of the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Area's Maintenance Plan and 2002 Base Year Inventory" (FRL No. 8497-1), received on November 14, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3963. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cyprodinil; Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8156-8), received on November 14, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3964. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Isoxadifen-ethyl; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8156-6), received on November 14, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3965. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pendimethalin; Pesticide Tolerance Technical Amendment" (FRL No. 8134-6), received on November 14, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3966. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 8496-7), received on November 14, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3967. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sethoxydim; Pesticide Tolerance Technical Amendment" (FRL No. 8153-5), received on November 14, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3968. A communication from the Acting Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Medical Criteria for Evaluating Digestive Disorders; Final Rules" (Docket No. AF28), received on

November 13, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3969. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2007-221 - 2007-234); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3970. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of a commercial communications satellite to international waters for launch; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3971. A communication from the Secretary to the Council of the District of Columbia transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Council Resolution 17-378; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3972. A communication from the President, U.S. African Development Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the confirmation that no matters related to personnel, programs or operations of the Foundation were referred to prosecutive authorities during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3973. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Performance and Accountability Reports for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3974. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3975. A communication from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the fact that the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007 is now available; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3976. A communication from the Chairman, International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3977. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Retention Incentives"

(RIN3206-AL41), received on November 15, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3978. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems: Abolishment of Rock Island, Illinois, as a Nonappropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Area" (RIN3206-AL44), received on November 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3979. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems: Definition of the Municipality of Bayamon, PR, to a Nonappropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Area" (RIN3206-AL43), received on November 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3980. A communication from the Senior Associate General Counsel, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of an acting officer for the position of Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, received on November 13, 2007; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-3981. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Attorney General, received on November 13, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3982. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy for the position of Secretary, received on November 13, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-256. A resolution adopted by the Macomb County Board of Commissioners of the State of Michigan urging Congress to support H.R. 2927 which addresses increases in fuel economy; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 274. A bill to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-232).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2248. An original bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. 2376. A bill to establish a demonstration project to provide for patient-centered medical homes to improve the effectiveness and efficiency in providing medical assistance under the Medicaid program and child health assistance under the State Children's Health Insurance Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 2377. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the quality of care provided to veterans in Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities, to encourage highly qualified doctors to serve in hard-to-fill positions in such medical facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. 2378. A bill to authorize the voluntary purchase of certain properties in Treece, Kansas, endangered by the Cherokee County National Priorities List Site, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2379. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cancel certain grazing leases on land in Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument that are voluntarily waived by the lessees, to provide for the exchange of certain Monument land in exchange for private land, to designate certain Monument land as wilderness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 2380. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modernize the application of the subpart F rules to computer software, to expand the subpart F de minimis rule, and to extend certain expiring provisions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 2381. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend and improve protections for sole community hospitals under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 2382. A bill to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to quickly and fairly address the abundance of surplus manufactured housing units stored by the Federal Government around the country at taxpayer expense; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 2383. A bill to require a pilot program on the mobile provision of care and services for veterans in rural areas by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 2384. A bill to authorize the Chief of Engineers to conduct a feasibility study relating to the construction of a multipurpose project in the Fountain Creek watershed located in the State of Colorado; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 2385. A bill to provide Federal Perkins Loan cancellation to fire fighters; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2386. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, to authorize temporary mortgage and rental payments; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2387. A bill to establish guidelines and incentives for States to establish arsonist registries and to require the Attorney General to establish a national arsonist registry and notification program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2388. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, to increase the maximum amount of assistance to individuals and households; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 2389. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the alternative minimum tax credit amount for individuals with long-term unused credits for prior year minimum tax liability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2390. A bill to promote fire-safe communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. REED:

S. 2391. A bill to provide for affordable housing relief, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. OBAMA:

S. 2392. A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to establish and maintain a public website through which individuals may find a complete database of available scholarships, fellowships, and other programs of financial assistance in the study of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 2393. A bill to close the loophole that allowed the 9/11 hijackers to obtain credit cards from United States banks that financed their terrorists activities, to ensure that illegal immigrants cannot obtain credit cards to evade United States immigration laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2394. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify, modernize, and improve public notice of and access to tax lien information by providing for a national, Internet accessible, filing system for Federal tax liens, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 2395. A bill to establish an adoption process improvement pilot program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. LOTT, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2396. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to modernize the quality improvement organization (QIO) program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 2397. A bill to amend the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 to preserve and expand minority depository institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 2398. A bill to phase out the use of private military contractors; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 2399. A bill to expand and improve housing counseling services by increasing financial education and counseling services available to homeowners and prospective homebuyers in financial turmoil or who seek credit or other personal financial assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. DODD):

S.J. Res. 25. A joint resolution providing for the appointment of John W. McCarter as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 385. A resolution honoring those who have volunteered to assist in the cleanup of the November 7, 2007, oil spill in San Francisco Bay; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 386. A resolution to authorize testimony and legal representation in State of Nebraska v. Pamir J. Safi; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 387. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the degradation of the Jordan River and the Dead Sea and welcoming cooperation between the peoples of Israel, Jordan, and the Palestinian Authority; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. Con. Res. 53. A concurrent resolution condemning the kidnapping and hostage-taking of 3 United States citizens for over 4 years by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), and demanding their immediate and unconditional release; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. DORGAN):

S. Con. Res. 54. A concurrent resolution supporting the designation of a week as "National Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillator Awareness Week"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. WEBB):

S. Con. Res. 55. A concurrent resolution commemorating the centennial anniversary of the sailing of the Navy's "Great White Fleet", launched by President Theodore Roosevelt on December 16, 1907, from Hampton Roads, Virginia, and returning there on February 22, 1909; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. DODD, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Con. Res. 56. A concurrent resolution encouraging the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to take action to ensure a peaceful transition to democracy in Burma; considered and agreed to

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 60

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 60, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide a means for continued improvement in emergency medical services for children.

S. 325

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 325, a bill to provide for innovation in health care through State initiatives that expand coverage and access and improve quality and efficiency in the health care system.

S. 380

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 380, a bill to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

S. 469

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

S. 505

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 505, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the above-the-line deduction for teacher classroom supplies and to expand such deduction to include qualified professional development expenses.

S. 583

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 583, a bill to create a competitive grant program for States to enable the States to award salary bonuses to highly qualified elementary school or secondary school teachers who teach, or commit to teach, for at least 3 academic years in a school served by a rural local educational agency.

S. 747

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was

added as a cosponsor of S. 747, a bill to terminate the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and for other purposes.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 803, a bill to repeal a provision enacted to end Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 912

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 912, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the incentives for the construction and renovation of public schools.

S. 1000

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1000, a bill to enhance the Federal Telework Program.

S. 1102

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1102, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expedite the application and eligibility process for low-income subsidies under the Medicare prescription drug program and to revise the resource standards used to determine eligibility for an income-related subsidy, and for other purposes.

S. 1103

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1103, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to include costs incurred by the Indian Health Service, a Federally qualified health center, an AIDS drug assistance program, certain hospitals, or a pharmaceutical manufacturer patient assistance program in providing prescription drugs toward the annual out of pocket threshold under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 1108

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1108, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide a special enrollment period for individuals who qualify for an income-related subsidy under the Medicare prescription drug program and to provide funding for the conduct of outreach and education with respect to the premium and cost-sharing subsidies under such program, and for other purposes.

S. 1159

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1159, a bill to amend part B of the Individuals with

Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part.

S. 1194

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1194, a bill to improve the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 1376

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1376, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and expand the drug discount program under section 340B of such Act to improve the provision of discounts on drug purchases for certain safety net providers.

S. 1428

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1428, a bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to assure access to durable medical equipment under the Medicare program.

S. 1484

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1484, a bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restore the Medicare treatment of ownership of oxygen equipment to that in effect before enactment of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.

S. 1572

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1572, a bill to increase the number of well-trained mental health service professionals (including those based in schools) providing clinical mental health care to children and adolescents, and for other purposes.

S. 1605

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1605, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect and preserve access of Medicare beneficiaries in rural areas to health care providers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1641

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1641, a bill to amend Public Law 87-383 to reauthorize appropriations to promote the conservation of migratory waterfowl and to offset or prevent the serious loss of important wetland and other waterfowl habitat essential to the preservation of migratory waterfowl, and for other purposes.

S. 1814

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr.

WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1814, a bill to provide individuals with access to health information of which they are a subject, ensure personal privacy with respect to health related information, promote the use of non-identifiable information for health research, impose criminal and civil penalties for unauthorized use of protected health information, to provide for the strong enforcement of these rights, and to protect States' rights.

S. 1958

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1958, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure and foster continued patient quality of care by establishing facility and patient criteria for long-term care hospitals and related improvements under the Medicare program.

S. 1996

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1996, a bill to reauthorize the Enhancing Education Through Technology Act of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 2056

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2056, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restore financial stability to Medicare anesthesiology teaching programs for resident physicians.

S. 2058

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of S. 2058, a bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to close the Enron loophole, prevent price manipulation and excessive speculation in the trading of energy commodities, and for other purposes.

S. 2102

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2102, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to phase out the 24-month waiting period for disabled individuals to become eligible for Medicare benefits, to eliminate the waiting period for individuals with life-threatening conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 2103

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2103, a bill to amend title XVIII of the

Social Security Act to eliminate the in the home restriction for Medicare coverage of mobility devices for individuals with expected long-term needs.

S. 2111

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2111, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to allow State educational agencies, local educational agencies, and schools to increase implementation of early intervention services, particularly school-wide positive behavior supports.

S. 2154

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2154, a bill to amend the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain employment as a member of a local governing board, commission, or committee from social security tax coverage.

S. 2181

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2181, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect Medicare beneficiaries' access to home health services under the Medicare program.

S. 2209

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2209, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to improve America's research competitiveness, and for other purposes.

S. 2250

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2250, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers under the Medicare Program.

S. 2319

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2319, a bill to ensure the continued and future availability of life saving trauma health care in the United States and to prevent further trauma center closures and downgrades by assisting trauma centers with uncompensated care costs, core mission services, and emergency needs.

S. 2324

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2324, a bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to enhance the Offices of the Inspectors General, to create a Council of the Inspectors General on

Integrity and Efficiency, and for other purposes.

S. 2335

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2335, a bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide adequate case management services.

S. 2348

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2348, a bill to ensure control over the United States border and to strengthen enforcement of the immigration laws.

S. 2356

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2356, a bill to enhance national security by restricting access of illegal aliens to driver's licenses and State-issued identification documents.

S. 2358

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2358, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit human-animal hybrids.

S. 2365

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2365, a bill to require educational institutions that receive Federal funds to obtain the affirmative, informed, written consent of a parent before providing a student information regarding sex, to provide parents the opportunity to review such information, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 22, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services within the Department of Health and Human Services relating to Medicare coverage for the use of erythropoiesis stimulating agents in cancer and related neoplastic conditions.

SENATE RESOLUTION 356

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 356, a resolution affirming that any offensive military action taken against Iran must be explicitly approved by Congress before such action may be initiated.

SENATE RESOLUTION 367

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 367, a resolution commemorating

the 40th anniversary of the mass movement for Soviet Jewish freedom and the 20th anniversary of the Freedom Sunday rally for Soviet Jewry on the National Mall.

SENATE RESOLUTION 380

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 380, a resolution recognizing Hostelling International USA for 75 years of service to intercultural understanding and to youth travel.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate and continue an executive business meeting on Friday, November 16, 2007, at 9:45 a.m. in room S-216, of the Capitol.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs to be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Friday, November 16, 2007. The Committee will meet off the Senate Floor in the Reception Room to consider the nomination of Michael W. Hager to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Human Resources and Management after the first floor vote that occurs on Friday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WEBB,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WEBB,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO REPORT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WEBB,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding a recess or adjournment of the Senate, committees be authorized to report legislative and executive matters on Tuesday, November 27, 2007 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS DURING ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WEBB,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointment to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

MULTINATIONAL SPECIES CONSERVATION FUNDS REAUTHORIZATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WEBB,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 50) to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act and the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ASIAN ELEPHANT CONSERVATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WEBB,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 465) to reauthorize the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN BILLS ON THE CALENDAR

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WEBB,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to consider the following bills on the calendar, en bloc:

S. 2110. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 427 North Street in Taft, California, as the "Larry S. Pierce Post Office".

S. 2174. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 175 South Monroe Street in Tiffin, Ohio, as the "Paul E. Gillmor Post Office Building".

S. 2272. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service known as the Southpark Station in Alexandria, Louisiana, as the John "Marty" Thiels Southpark Station,

in honor and memory of Thiels, a Louisiana postal worker who was killed in the line of duty on October 4, 2007.

S. 2290. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16731 Santa Ana Avenue in Fontana, California, as the "Beatrice E. Watson Post Office Building".

H.R. 2089. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 701 Loyola Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the "Louisiana Armed Services Veterans Post Office".

H.R. 2276. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 203 North Main Street in Vassar, Michigan, as the "Corporal Christopher E. Esckelson Post Office Building".

H.R. 3297. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 950 West Trenton Avenue in Morrisville, Pennsylvania, as the "Nate DeTemple Post Office Building".

H.R. 3307. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 570 Broadway in Bayonne, New Jersey, as the "Dennis P. Collins Post Office Building".

H.R. 3308. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 216 East Main Street in Atwood, Indiana, as the "Lance Corporal David K. Fribley Post Office".

H.R. 3325. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 235 Mountain Road in Suffield, Connecticut, as the "Corporal Stephen R. Bixler Post Office".

H.R. 3382. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 North William Street in Goldsboro, North Carolina, as the "Philip A. Baddour, Sr. Post Office".

H.R. 3446. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 East Michigan Avenue in Marshall, Michigan, as the "Michael W. Schragg Post Office Building".

H.R. 3518. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1430 South Highway 29 in Cantonment, Florida, as the "Charles H. Hendrix Post Office Building".

H.R. 3530. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1400 Highway 41 North in Inverness, Florida, as the "Chief Warrant Officer Aaron Weaver Post Office Building".

H.R. 3572. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4320 Blue Parkway in Kansas City, Missouri, as the "Wallace S. Hartsfield Post Office Building".

Ordered further, That the bills be read the third time, and passed, en bloc; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL METHAMPHETAMINE AWARENESS MONTH"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WEBB,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 366) designating November 2007 as "National Methamphetamine Awareness Month", to increase awareness of methamphetamine abuse.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMEMORATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MASS MOVEMENT FOR SOVIET JEWISH FREEDOM AND THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FREEDOM SUNDAY RALLY FOR SOVIET JEWRY ON THE NATIONAL MALL

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WEBB,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 367) commemorating the 40th anniversary of the mass movement for Soviet Jewish freedom and the 20th anniversary of the Freedom Sunday rally for Soviet Jewry on the National Mall.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING THOSE WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO ASSIST IN THE CLEANUP OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2007, OIL SPILL IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY

On the request of Mr. WEBB,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 385) honoring those who have volunteered to assist in the cleanup of the November 7, 2007, oil spill in San Francisco Bay submitted today by Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING TESTIMONY AND
LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN
STATE OF NEBRASKA V. PAMIR J.
SAFI

On the request of Mr. WEBB,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 386) to authorize testimony and legal representation in State of Nebraska v. Pamir J. Safi, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

REGARDING THE DEGRADATION
OF THE JORDAN RIVER AND THE
DEAD SEA

On the request of Mr. WEBB,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 387) expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the degradation of the Jordan River and the Dead Sea and welcoming cooperation between the peoples of Israel, Jordan, and the Palestinian Authority, submitted today by Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. DURBIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMEMORATING THE
CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF
THE SAILING OF THE NAVY'S
"GREAT WHITE FLEET"

On the request of Mr. WEBB,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 55) commemorating the centennial anniversary of the sailing of the Navy's "Great White Fleet", launched by President Theodore Roosevelt on December 16, 1907, from Hampton Roads, Virginia, and returning there on February 22, 1909, submitted today by Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. WEBB), and at the desk; and

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ENCOURAGING THE ASSOCIATION
OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS

On the request of Mr. WEBB,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 56) encouraging the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to take action to ensure a peaceful transition to democracy in Burma, submitted today by Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. DODD, and Mr. DURBIN), and at the desk; and

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. WEBB,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3703) to amend section 5112(p)(1)(A) of title 31, United States Code, to allow an exception from the \$1 coin dispensing capability requirement for certain vending machines, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, November 14, 2007, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first time.

Mr. WEBB asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. WEBB objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. WEBB,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3997) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide earnings assistance and tax relief to members of the uniformed services, volunteer firefighters, and Peace Corps volunteers, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, November 8, 2007, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first time.

Mr. WEBB asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. WEBB objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the

Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR RECESS UNTIL 9 A.M.
ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2007,
FOR PRO FORMA SESSIONS, FOR
ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2007, AND
FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WEBB,

Ordered, That when the Senate completes its business on today, it recess until 9 a.m. on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, for a pro forma session only; that the Senate then recess until Friday, November 23, 2007 at 10 a.m. for a pro forma session only; that the Senate then recess until 9 a.m. on Tuesday, November 27, 2007, for a pro forma session only; and that the Senate then recess until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 29, 2007, for a pro forma session only.

Ordered further, That the Senate then stand in adjournment until 2 p.m. on Monday, December 3, 2007; that on Monday, December 3, 2007, the Journal of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

RECESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WEBB,

At 1:54 p.m.,

The Senate recessed, under its order of today, until 9 a.m. on Tuesday, November 20, 2007.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2007

(Legislative day of Friday, November 16, 2007)

Mr. JIM WEBB, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, called the Senate to order at 9:00:07 a.m.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, November 20, 2007,

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JIM WEBB, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
President pro tempore

Mr. WEBB took the chair.

RECESS

Under the authority of the order of Friday, November 16, 2007,

At 9:00:35 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate recessed, under its order of Friday, November 16, 2007, until 10 a.m. on Friday, November 23, 2007.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2007

(Legislative day of Friday, November 16, 2007)

Mr. BYRON L. DORGAN, from the State of North Dakota, called the Senate to order at 10:00:03 a.m.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, November 23, 2007,

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BYRON L. DORGAN, a Senator from the State of North Dakota, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
President pro tempore

Mr. DORGAN took the chair.

RECESS

Under the authority of the order of Friday, November 16, 2007,

At 10:00:32 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate recessed, under its order of Friday, November 16, 2007, until 9 a.m. on Tuesday, November 27, 2007.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2007

(Legislative day of Friday, November 16, 2007)

Mr. JACK REED, from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, called the Senate to order at 9:00:09 a.m.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, November 27, 2007,

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JACK REED, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
President pro tempore

Mr. REED took the chair.

RECESS

Under the authority of the order of Friday, November 16, 2007,

At 9:00:36 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate recessed, under its order of Friday, November 16, 2007, until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 29, 2007.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2007

(Legislative day of Friday, November 16, 2007)

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. REED in the chair) called the Senate to order at 9:30:15 a.m., and

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of Friday, November 16, 2007,

At 9:30:23 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of Friday, November 16, 2007, until 12 noon on Monday, December 3, 2007.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2007

Mr. JIM WEBB, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m.,

the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WEBB led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, December 3, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JIM WEBB, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. WEBB took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, November 16, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, November 16, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE
SUBMITTED DURING RECESS

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of November 16, 2007, the following report of committee was submitted on November 27, 2007:

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 1661. A bill to communicate United States travel policies and improve marketing and other activities designed to increase travel in the United States from abroad (Rept. No. 110-233).

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE
RECEIVED DURING RECESS

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 20, 2007, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 50. An act to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act and the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994.

H.R. 465. An act to reauthorize the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997.

H.R. 2089. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 701 Loyola Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the "Louisiana Armed Services Veterans Post Office".

H.R. 2276. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 203 North Main Street in Vassar, Michigan, as the "Corporal Christopher E. Esckelson Post Office Building".

H.R. 3297. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 950 West Trenton Avenue in Morrisville, Pennsylvania, as the "Nate DeTample Post Office Building".

H.R. 3307. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 570 Broadway in Bayonne, New Jersey, as the "Dennis P. Collins Post Office Building".

H.R. 3308. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 216 East Main Street in Atwood, Indiana, as the "Lance Corporal David K. Fribley Post Office".

H.R. 3325. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 235 Mountain Road in Suffield, Connecticut, as the "Corporal Stephen R. Bixler Post Office".

H.R. 3382. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 North William Street in Goldsboro, North Carolina, as the "Philip A. Baddour, Sr. Post Office".

H.R. 3446. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 East Michigan Avenue in Marshall, Michigan, as the "Michael W. Schragg Post Office Building".

H.R. 3518. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1430 South Highway 29 in Cantonment, Florida, as the "Charles H. Hendrix Post Office Building".

H.R. 3530. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1400 Highway 41 North in Inverness, Florida, as the "Chief Warrant Officer Aaron Weaver Post Office Building".

H.R. 3572. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4320 Blue Parkway in Kansas City, Missouri, as the "Wallace S. Hartsfield Post Office Building".

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the enrolled bills were signed on November 20, 2007, during the recess of the Senate, by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 30, 2007, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3963. An act to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the enrolled bill was signed on November 30, 2007, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3703) to amend section 5112(p)(1)(A) of title 31, United States Code, to allow an exception from the \$1 coin dispensing capability requirement for certain vending machines, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, November 14, 2007, and read the first time on Friday, November 16, 2007; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3997) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide earnings assistance and tax relief to members of the uniformed services, volunteer firefighters, and Peace Corps volunteers, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, November 8, 2007, and read the first time on Friday, November 16, 2007; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Friday, November 16, 2007,

The Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. WEBB):

S. 2400. A bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to continue to pay to a member of the Armed Forces who is retired or separated from the Armed Forces due to a combat-related injury certain bonuses that the member was entitled to before the retirement or separation and would continue to be entitled to if the member was not retired or separated, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 2401. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a refund of motor fuel excise taxes for the actual off-highway use of certain mobile machinery vehicles; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 2402. A bill to provide for the substitution of the United States in certain civil actions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. WEBB):

S. 2403. A bill to designate the new Federal Courthouse, located in the 700 block of East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, as the "Spottswood W. Robinson III and Robert R. Merhige, Jr. Federal Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2404. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve payments under the Medicare clinical laboratory fee schedule; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following concurrent resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. STEVENS:

S. Con. Res. 57. A concurrent resolution honoring professional surveyors and

recognizing their contributions to society; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 22, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 310

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 310, a bill to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity.

S. 329

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 329, supra.

S. 399

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 399, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include podiatrists as physicians for purposes of covering physicians services under the Medicaid program.

S. 442

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 442, a bill to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders.

S. 450

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 548

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 548, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor.

S. 588

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 588, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the Medicare caps on graduate medical education positions for States with a shortage of residents.

S. 594

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 594, a bill to limit the use, sale, and transfer of cluster munitions.

S. 721

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 721, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 803, a bill to repeal a provision enacted to end Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 1015

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1015, a bill to reauthorize the National Writing Project.

S. 1070

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1070, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to enhance the social security of the Nation by ensuring adequate public-private infrastructure and to resolve to prevent, detect, treat, intervene in, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes.

S. 1107

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1107, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce cost-sharing under part D of such title for certain non-institutionalized full-benefit dual eligible individuals.

S. 1159

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1159, a bill to amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part.

S. 1170

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1170, a bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of

present and future generations of people in the United States.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit through 2013, and for other purposes.

S. 1390

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1390, a bill to provide for the issuance of a "forever stamp" to honor the sacrifices of the brave men and women of the armed forces who have been awarded the Purple Heart.

S. 1395

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1395, a bill to prevent unfair practices in credit card accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 1556

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1556, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage to designated plan beneficiaries of employees, and for other purposes.

S. 1581

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1581, a bill to establish an interagency committee to develop an ocean acidification research and monitoring plan and to establish an ocean acidification program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

S. 1616

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1616, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to promote and assure the quality of biodiesel fuel, and for other purposes.

S. 1661

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1661, a bill to communicate United States travel policies and improve marketing and other activities designed to increase travel in the United States from abroad.

S. 1708

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] were added as cosponsors of S. 1708, a bill to

provide for the expansion of Federal efforts concerning the prevention, education, treatment, and research activities related to Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, including the establishment of a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee.

S. 1750

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1750, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve access to community cancer care by Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 1812

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1812, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to strengthen mentoring programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1823

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1823, a bill to set the United States on track to ensure children are ready to learn when they begin kindergarten.

S. 1858

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1858, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1914

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1914, a bill to require a comprehensive nuclear posture review, and for other purposes.

S. 1920

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1920, a bill to award competitive grants to eligible partnerships to enable the partnerships to implement innovative strategies at the secondary school level to improve student achievement and prepare at-risk students for postsecondary education and the workforce.

S. 1951

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1951, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure that individuals eligible for medical assistance under the Medicaid program continue to have access to prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 1954

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] were added as cosponsors of S. 1954, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to pharmacies under part D.

S. 1965

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1965, a bill to protect children from cybercrimes, including crimes by online predators, to enhance efforts to identify and eliminate child pornography, and to help parents shield their children from material that is inappropriate for minors.

S. 2042

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2042, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct activities to rapidly advance treatments for spinal muscular atrophy, neuromuscular disease, and other pediatric diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 2051

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2051, a bill to amend the small rural school achievement program and the rural and low-income school program under part B of title VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

S. 2056

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2056, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restore financial stability to Medicare anesthesiology teaching programs for resident physicians.

S. 2058

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2058, a bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to close the Enron loophole, prevent price manipulation and excessive speculation in the trading of energy commodities, and for other purposes.

S. 2067

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2067, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to recreational vessels.

S. 2071

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] and the Senator

from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2071, a bill to enhance the ability to combat methamphetamine.

S. 2088

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2088, a bill to place reasonable limitations on the use of National Security Letters, and for other purposes.

S. 2119

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2119, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 2141

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2141, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and extend the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome prevention and services program, and for other purposes.

S. 2147

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2147, a bill to require accountability for contractors and contract personnel under Federal contracts, and for other purposes.

S. 2160

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2160, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a pain care initiative in health care facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2162

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2162, a bill to improve the treatment and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and substance use disorders, and for other purposes.

S. 2166

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 2166, a bill to provide for greater responsibility in lending and expanded cancellation of debts owed to the United States and the international financial institutions by low-income countries, and for other purposes.

S. 2181

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] and

the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2181, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect Medicare beneficiaries' access to home health services under the Medicare program.

S. 2209

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2209, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to improve America's research competitiveness, and for other purposes.

S. 2238

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2238, a bill to amend the National Dam Safety Program Act to establish a program to provide grant assistance to States for the rehabilitation and repair of deficient dams.

S. 2270

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2270, a bill to include health centers in the list of entities eligible for mortgage insurance under the National Housing Act.

S. 2307

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2307, a bill to amend the Global Change Research Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

S. 2320

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2320, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide continued entitlement to coverage for immunosuppressive drugs furnished to beneficiaries under the Medicare Program that have received a kidney transplant and whose entitlement to coverage would otherwise expire, and for other purposes.

S. 2332

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2332, a bill to promote transparency in the adoption of new media ownership rules by the Federal Communications Commission, and to establish an independent panel to make recommendations on how to increase the representation of women and minorities in broadcast media ownership.

S. 2341

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2341, a bill to

provide Individual Development Accounts to support foster youths who are transitioning from the foster care system.

S. 2347

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2347, a bill to restore and protect access to discount drug prices for university-based and safety-net clinics.

S. 2348

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2348, a bill to ensure control over the United States border and to strengthen enforcement of the immigration laws.

S. 2351

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2351, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for medical research related to developing qualified infectious disease products.

S. 2355

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 2355, a bill to amend the National Climate Program Act to enhance the ability of the United States to develop and implement climate change adaptation programs and policies, and for other purposes.

S. 2369

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2369, a bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide that certain tax planning inventions are not patentable, and for other purposes.

S. 2378

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2378, a bill to authorize the voluntary purchase of certain properties in Treece, Kansas, endangered by the Cherokee County National Priorities List Site, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 22, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services within the Department of Health and Human Services relating to Medicare coverage for the use of erythropoiesis stimulating agents in cancer and related neoplastic conditions.

SENATE RESOLUTION 178

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 178, a resolution expressing the sympathy of the Senate to the families of women and girls murdered in Guatemala, and encouraging the United States to work with Guatemala to bring an end to these crimes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 273

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 273, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States Postal Service should issue a semipostal stamp to support medical research relating to Alzheimer's disease.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3773. An act to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3915. An act to amend the Truth in Lending Act to reform consumer mortgage practices and provide accountability for such practices, to establish licensing and registration requirements for residential mortgage originators, to provide certain minimum standards for consumer mortgage loans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4136. An act to amend title 18 of the United States Code to clarify the scope of the child pornography laws and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House of Representatives having proceeded to reconsider the bill (H.R. 3043) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, returned by the President of the United States with his objections, to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, it was resolved, that the said bill do not pass, two-thirds of the House of Representatives not agreeing to pass the same.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 3915. An act to amend the Truth in Lending Act to reform consumer mortgage practices and provide accountability for such practices, to establish licensing and registration requirements for residential mortgage originators, to provide certain minimum standards for consumer mortgage loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 4136. An act to amend title 18 of the United States Code to clarify the scope of the child pornography laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 3773. An act to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence, and for other purposes.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 3688

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

Ordered, That upon conclusion of remarks by him, the Senate proceed to consider bill H.R. 3688; that there be 10 hours, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon, as provided under the statute; that when the Senate resumes consideration of said bill on tomorrow, there be 90 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate; that, upon conclusion of debate, the bill be laid aside; and that, at 2:15 p.m., the Senate vote on passage of the bill, without intervening action or debate.

Pending debate,

UNITED STATES-PERU TRADE PROMOTION AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of today,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3688) to implement the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pending debate,

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from Treaty Document 110-10, received from the President on today.

REPEALING A PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS FOR TUNNELING IN CERTAIN AREAS WITH RESPECT TO THE LOS ANGELES TO SAN FERNANDO VALLEY METRO RAIL PROJECT, CALIFORNIA

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 238) to repeal a prohibition on the use of certain funds for tunneling in certain areas with respect to the Los Angeles to San Fernando Valley Metro Rail project, California.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. SALAZAR for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to amend the pending bill, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3802).

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the first half of time therein be controlled by the minority, and the second half of the time therein be controlled by the majority; that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the bill H.R. 3688, as pursuant to the order of today; and that there be 90 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That, upon conclusion of said debate on tomorrow, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

At 6:13 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2007

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. TESTER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, December 4, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. TESTER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business. Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with

accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3983. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Live Swine, Swine Semen, Pork, and Pork Products from the Czech Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, and Poland" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0106) received on November 28, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3984. A communication from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Eligibility of Chile to Export Poultry and Poultry Products to the United States" (RIN0583-AD25) received on December 3, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3985. A communication from the Chairman, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two violations of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3986. A communication from the Acting Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Commodity Credit Corporation; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3987. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, nine Selected Acquisition Reports for the quarter ending September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3988. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patent Rights - Ownership by the Contractor" (DFARS Case 2001-D015) received on November 30, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3989. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Filing Requirements for Suspicious Activity Reports" (RIN3133-AD23) received on November 15, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3990. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "FCU Bylaws" (12 CFR Part 701) received on November 15, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3991. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Risk-Based Capital Standards: Advanced

Capital Adequacy Framework - Basel II" (Docket No. R-1261) received on November 14, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3992. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Housing, Federal Housing Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on Initiatives to Address Management Deficiencies Identified in the Audit of FHA's Financial Statement for Fiscal Year 2006 and 2005"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3993. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Risk-Based Capital Standards: Advanced Capital Adequacy Framework - Basel II" (RIN1557-AC91) received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3994. A communication from the Under Secretary for Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's intent to impose new foreign policy-based export controls on QRS11 Micromachined Angular Rate Sensors; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3995. A communication from the Legal Information Assistant, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Risk-Based Capital Standards: Advanced Capital Adequacy Framework - Basel II" (RIN1550-AB56) received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3996. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel (Administration and Management), National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Patent Licensing Regulations" (RIN2700-AD35) received on November 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3997. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Prineville, Oregon" (MB Docket No. 07-39) received on November 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3998. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Boswell,

Oklahoma and Detroit, Texas" (MB Docket No. 06-200) received on November 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3999. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Midway, Falmouth, Owingsville, Danville, Wilmore, and Perryville, Kentucky" (MB Docket No. 05-248) received on November 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4000. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992" ((FCC 07-190)(MB Docket No. 05-311)) received on November 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4001. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Hemet, California" (MB Docket No. 07-1) received on November 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4002. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Humboldt, Nebraska" (MB Docket No. 07-176) received on November 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4003. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Silverton, Colorado" (MB Docket No. 07-130) received on November 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4004. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Walden, Colorado" (MB Docket No. 07-174) received on November 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4005. A communication from the White House Liaison, Federal Aviation

Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Administrator, received on November 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4006. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment 85 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area to Allocate Pacific Cod Among Harvesting Sectors; Correction" (RIN0648-AU48) received on November 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4007. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Maritime Administration for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4008. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Temporary Rule; Inseason Retention Limit Adjustment" (RIN0648-XD44) received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4009. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pacific Aerospace Corporation, Ltd. Model 750XL Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-038)) received on November 14, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4010. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Model S92-A Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-SW-32)) received on November 14, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4011. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Aquila Technische Entwicklungen GmbH Model AT01 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-064)) received on November 14, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4012. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Diamond Aircraft Industries GmbH Model DA 40 and DA 40F Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-040)) received on November 14, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4013. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 767 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-107)) received on November 14, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4014. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model CL-600-2B19 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-179)) received on November 14, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4015. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Mitsubishi Heavy Industries MU-2B Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-007)) received on November 14, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4016. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; DG Flugzeugbau GmbH Model DG-500MB Gliders and Glaser-Dirks Flugzeugbau GmbH Model DG-800B Gliders" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-058)) received on November 14, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4017. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-100, -200, -200C, -300, -400, and -500 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-031)) received on November 14, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4018. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney JT9D-7R4 Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NE-53)) received on November 14, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4019. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-300, -400, and -500 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-097)) received on November 14, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4020. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330 and A340 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-251)) received on November 14, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4021. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Gulfstream Aerospace LP Model Galaxy Airplanes and Model Gulfstream 200 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-065)) received on November 14, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4022. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Amdt. No. 3230" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Docket No. 30563)) received on November 14, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4023. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Docket No. 30565)) received on November 14, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4024. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-

AA65)(Docket No. 30566)) received on November 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4025. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Docket No. 30567)) received on November 14, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4026. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Docket No. 30568)) received on November 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4027. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA63)(Docket No. 30564)) received on November 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4028. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-100, 747-100B, 747-100B SUD, 747-200B, 747-200C, 747-300, 747-400, 747-400D, 747SR, and 747SP Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-159)) received on November 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4029. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-100, 747-100B, 747-200B, 747-200C, 747-200F, 747-300, 747SR, and 747SP Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-042)) received on November 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4030. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-204)) received on November 9, 2007; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4031. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pilatus Aircraft Limited Model PC-6 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-046)) received on November 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4032. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Enstrom Helicopter Corporation Model F-28, F-28A, F-28C, F-28C-2, F-28C-2R, F-28F, F-28F-R, 280, 280C, 280F, 280FX, TH-28, 480, and 480B Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-SW-09)) received on November 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4033. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; M7 Aerospace LP SA226 and SA227 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-52)) received on November 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4034. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F27 Mark 050 Airplanes Equipped With Dowty Type R.352 and R.410 Series Propellers" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-002)) received on November 14, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4035. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Teledyne Continental Motors Reciprocating Engine Models IO-550-N, TSIO-520-BE, TSIO-550-A, TSIO-550-B, TSIO-550-C, TSIO-550-E, and TSIO-550-G" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NE-33)) received on November 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4036. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, Weather Takeoff Minimums; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Docket

No. 30562)) received on November 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4037. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, Weather Takeoff Minimums; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Docket No. 30560)) received on November 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4038. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-400, 747-400D, and 747-400F Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-238)) received on November 14, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4039. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A319-100 and A320-200 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-172)) received on November 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4040. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-100, -200, -200C, -300, -400, and -500 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2003-NM-286)) received on November 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4041. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-100, 747-100B, 747-100B SUD, 747-200B, 747-200C, 747-300, 747-400, 747-400D, and 747 SR Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-210)) received on November 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4042. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A310-203, A310-204, A310-222, A310-304, A310-322, and A310-324 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-005)) received on

November 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4043. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 757-200, -200PF, and -200CB Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-162)) received on November 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4044. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330-200 and A330-300 Series Airplanes; and Model A340-200, A340-300, A340-500, and A340-600 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2006-NM-278)) received on November 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4045. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model ERJ 170 Airplanes and Model ERJ 190 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-528)) received on November 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4046. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 757-200 and -300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-081)) received on November 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4047. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-200B, 747-300, and 747-400 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-131)) received on November 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4048. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Taylorcraft A, B, and F Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-057)) received on November 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4049. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model EMB-135BJ Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-041)) received on November 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4050. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Aerospaciale Model SN-601 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-024)) received on November 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4051. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300-600 Series Airplanes and Model A310 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-257)) received on November 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4052. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric CF6-80E1 Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2005-NE-12)) received on November 9, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4053. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the management plan relative to the St. Clair River and Lake St. Clair, Michigan; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

EC-4054. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the flood damage reduction and recreation project for the Roseau River, Minnesota; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4055. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, two Uniform Resource Locators for documents the Agency recently issued related to regulatory programs; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4056. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

transmitting, pursuant to law, a quarterly report on the status of its licensing and regulatory duties; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4057. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Massachusetts; State Implementation Plan Revision to Implement the Clean Air Interstate Rule" (FRL No. 8496-6) received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4058. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Certain Chemical Substances; Withdrawal of Significant New Use" ((RIN2070-AB27)(FRL No. 8340-8)) received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4059. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Volatile Organic Compound Emission Standards for Aerosol Coatings" ((RIN2060-AN69)(FRL No. 8498-6)) received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4060. A communication from the Deputy Director of Civil Works, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States Navy Restricted Area, Key West Harbor, at U.S. Naval Base, Key West, Florida" (33 CFR Part 334) received on November 30, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4061. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, the report of a document issued by the Agency entitled "Technical Guidance for the Development of Tribal Air Monitoring Programs"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4062. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut" (FRL No. 8491-7) received on November 13, 2007; to

the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4063. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Revision of Refrigerant Recovery and Recycling Equipment Standards" (FRL No. 8493-5) received on November 13, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4064. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Redesignation of the Centre County 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Area's Maintenance Plan and 2002 Base Year Inventory" (FRL No. 8494-2) received on November 13, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4065. A communication from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's processing of continuing disability reviews for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4066. A communication from the Senior Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Office of Security Programs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementing Procedures for Mandatory Declassification Review and Access to Classified Information by Historical Researchers, Former Department of the Treasury Presidential and Vice Presidential Appointees, and Former Presidents and Vice Presidents" (31 CFR Part 2) received on November 13, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4067. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - December 2007" (Rev. Rul. 2007-70) received on November 27, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4068. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2008 Standard Mileage Rate Revenue Procedure" (Rev. Proc. 2007-70) received on November 27, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4069. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "Trucking Industry Overview" (LMSB-04-1107-075) received on November 27, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4070. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Year of Change for a Pending Form 3115, Application for Change in Accounting Method" (Rev. Proc. 2007-67) received on November 14, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4071. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualified Alternative Fuel Motor Vehicles and Heavy Hybrid Vehicles" (LMSB-04-1107-074) received on November 14, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4072. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2007-91) received on November 14, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4073. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Tax Credit: Notification of Foreign Tax Redetermination" ((RIN1545-BG23)(TD 9362)) received on November 14, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4074. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Motor Vehicle Industry Overview" (LMSB-04-0507-043) received on November 9, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4075. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Areas in Which Ruling Will Not Be Issued" (Rev. Proc. 2008-7) received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4076. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Credit for Production of Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel" (Rev. Proc. 2007-69) received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4077. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch,

Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Phase-out of Credit for New Qualified Hybrid Motor Vehicles and New Advance Lean Burn Technology Motor Vehicles" (Notice 2007-98) received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4078. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 3121(a)(5)-(D) Final Regulation" ((RIN1545-BH00)(TD 9367)) received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4079. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Railroad Track Maintenance Credit" ((RIN1545-BE90)(TD 9365)) received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4080. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notification Requirement for Tax-Exempt Entities Not Currently Required to File" ((RIN1545-BG38)(TD 9366)) received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4081. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Returns Required on Magnetic Media" ((RIN1545-BD65)(TD 9363)) received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-257. A collection of petitions forwarded by the Benefit Security Coalition relative to Social Security benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1382. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. OBAMA Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BROWN, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SMITH, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CASEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BIDEN, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2405. A bill to provide additional appropriations for payments under section 2604(e) of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. CONRAD, Ms. COLLINS, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 2406. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States to obtain reimbursement under the Medicaid program for care or services required under the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act that are provided in a nonpublicly owned or operated institution for mental diseases; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 2407. A bill to provide for programs that reduce the need for abortion, help women bear healthy children, and support new parents; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following concurrent resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DODD, Mr. REED, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. SCHUMER Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SMITH, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. Con. Res. 58. A concurrent resolution welcoming First Minister Dr. Ian Paisley and Deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness of Northern Ireland to the United States; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 22, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] were added as cosponsors of S. 367, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to prohibit the import, export, and sale of goods made with sweatshop labor, and for other purposes.

S. 415

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 415, a bill to amend the Revised Statutes of the United States to prevent the use of the legal system in a manner that extorts money from State and local governments, and the Federal Government, and inhibits such governments' constitutional actions under the first, tenth, and fourteenth amendments.

S. 507

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 507, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for reimbursement of certified midwife services and to provide for more equitable reimbursement rates for certified nurse-midwife services.

S. 714

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 714, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to ensure that all dogs and cats used by research facilities are obtained legally.

S. 838

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 838, a bill to authorize funding for eligible joint ventures between United States and Israeli businesses and academic persons, to establish the International Energy Advisory Board, and for other purposes.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] were added as cosponsors of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 1000

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. VOINOVICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1000, a bill to enhance the Federal Telework Program.

S. 1060

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1060, a bill to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus

Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, and for other purposes.

S. 1141

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1141, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employees not covered by qualified retirement plans to save for retirement through automatic payroll deposit IRAs, to facilitate similar saving by the self-employed, and for other purposes.

S. 1309

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1309, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to prohibit universal defaults on credit card accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 1512

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1512, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to expand Federal eligibility for children in foster care who have attained age 18.

S. 1581

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1581, a bill to establish an interagency committee to develop an ocean acidification research and monitoring plan and to establish an ocean acidification program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

S. 1829

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1829, a bill to reauthorize programs under the Missing Children's Assistance Act.

S. 1848

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1848, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to address the impact of globalization, to reauthorize trade adjustment assistance, to extend trade adjustment assistance to service workers, communities, firms, and farmers, and for other purposes.

S. 1886

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1886, a bill to provide a refundable and advanceable credit for health insurance through the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, to provide for improved private health insurance access and affordability, and for other purposes.

S. 1944

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1944, a bill to provide justice for victims of state-sponsored terrorism.

S. 1958

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1958, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure and foster continued patient quality of care by establishing facility and patient criteria for long-term care hospitals and related improvements under the Medicare program.

S. 2058

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2058, a bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to close the Enron loophole, prevent price manipulation and excessive speculation in the trading of energy commodities, and for other purposes.

S. 2129

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2129, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish the infrastructure foundation for the hydrogen economy, and for other purposes.

S. 2140

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2140, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Francis Collins, in recognition of his outstanding contributions and leadership in the fields of medicine and genetics.

S. 2159

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2159, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

S. 2173

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2173, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve standards for physical education.

S. 2243

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2243, a bill to strongly encourage the Government of Saudi Arabia to end its support for institutions that fund, train, incite, encourage, or in any other way aid and abet terrorism, to secure full Saudi cooperation in the investigation of terrorist incidents, to denounce Saudi sponsorship of extremist Wahhabi ideology, and for other purposes.

S. 2262

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2262, a bill to authorize the Preserve America Program and Save America's Treasures Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2270

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2270, a bill to include health centers in the list of entities eligible for mortgage insurance under the National Housing Act.

S. 2304

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2304, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide grants for the improved mental health treatment and services provided to offenders with mental illnesses, and for other purposes.

S. 2341

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2341, a bill to provide Individual Development Accounts to support foster youths who are transitioning from the foster care system.

S. 2396

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2396, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to modernize the quality improvement organization (QIO) program.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STATE, LOCAL, AND PRIVATE SECTOR PREPAREDNESS AND INTEGRATION

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 4, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, "The New Madrid Seismic Zone: Whose Fault Is It Anyway?"

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 4, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, for the purposes of conducting a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS.

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a hearing entitled "Developing a Comprehensive Response to Food Safety" on Tuesday, December 4, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. in SD-430.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a hearing entitled "Electronic Prescribing of Controlled Substances: Addressing Health Care and Law Enforcement Priorities" on Tuesday, December 4, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

The Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 4, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, "Credit Card Practices: Unfair Interest Rate Increases."

UNITED STATES-PERU TRADE PROMOTION AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 3688) to implement the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement; and The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill. Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

Ordered, That time for debate be deemed concluded; and that the Senate recess, as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, At 12:26 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

UNITED STATES-PERU TRADE PROMOTION AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 3688.

The question being on passage of the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That the vote, previously ordered to occur at 2:15 p.m., instead occur at 2:30 p.m.; and that the time until then be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate.

The question being on passage of the bill.

The bill was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 77, nays... 18

[Rollcall Vote No. 413 Leg.]

YEAS --- 77

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Wyden.

NAYS --- 18

Akaka, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Casey, Dorgan, Feingold, Harkin, Klobuchar, Kyl, Leahy, McCaskill, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Stabenow, Tester, Whitehouse.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill do pass.

On motion by Mr. CARDIN to reconsider the vote on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. CARDIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 3996

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 3996) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3996, which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the

motion to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 3996:

HARRY REID, DICK DURBIN, PATTY MURRAY, MAX BAUCUS, JAY ROCKEFELLER, PATRICK J. LEAHY, DANIEL K. INOUE, HERB KOHL, BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, JEFF BINGAMAN, TED KENNEDY, CARL LEVIN, BARBARA MIKULSKI, BARBARA BOXER, DEBBIE STABENOW, MARIA CANTWELL, BILL NELSON.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that, a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider the bill H.R. 3996; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on said bill; that, if said motion to bring to a close debate is not agreed to, the only amendments in order to be proposed be the following amendments in the following order:

An amendment (in the nature of a substitute), intended to be proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, or his designee, relative to an offset extension and an unoffset extenders package;

A first-degree amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. BAUCUS, or his designee, relative to offsets for the extender package;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. SESSIONS, relative to AMT and exemptions;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. ENSIGN, relative to AMT repeal and extending expiring provisions;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. DEMINT, relative to AMT and flat tax;

Mr. MCCONNELL further asked unanimous consent that there be 2 hours, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on each amendment; that each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yeas votes to be agreed to; that, if the Senate fails to agree to the amendment with a minimum of 60 yeas votes, it be withdrawn; that the aforementioned amendments be in order, notwithstanding the outcome of Senate's vote on the question of agreeing to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to be proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL; and that the bill, as may be amended, receive a minimum of 60 yeas votes to be passed.

Mr. BAUCUS objected.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER UNITED STATES CAPITOL PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 100-696, had appointed the following Senator as a member of the United States Capitol Preservation Commission: Mr. ALEXANDER.

WELCOMING FIRST MINISTER DR. IAN PAISLEY AND DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER MARTIN MCGUINNESS OF NORTHERN IRELAND TO THE UNITED STATES

On the request of Mr. DORGAN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MENENDEZ in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 58) welcoming First Minister Dr. Ian Paisley and Deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness of Northern Ireland to the United States, submitted today by Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DODD, Mr. REED, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SMITH, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. LEAHY), and at the desk; and

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SENSE OF THE SENATE RELATIVE TO DECLARING A COMMERCIAL FISHERY FAILURE FOR THE GROUND FISH FISHERY FOR MASSACHUSETTS, MAINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE, AND RHODE ISLAND

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DORGAN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 376) providing the sense of the Senate that the Secretary of Commerce should declare a commercial fishery failure for the groundfish fishery for Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island and immediately propose regulations to implement section 312(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO CERTAIN TEMPORARY DISTRICT COURT JUDGESHIPS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DORGAN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1327) to create and extend certain temporary district court judgeships.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EMERGENCY AND DISASTER ASSISTANCE FRAUD PENALTY ENHANCEMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DORGAN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 863) to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraud in connection with major disaster or emergency funds.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILLS INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DORGAN,

Ordered, That the following bills on the calendar be indefinitely postponed:

S. 2107. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 570 Broadway in Bayonne, New Jersey, as the "Dennis P. Collins Post Office Building";

S. 2131. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at Highway 49 South in Piney Woods, Mississippi, as the "Laurence C. and Grace M. Jones Post Office Building";

S. 2150. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4320 Blue Parkway in Kansas City, Missouri, as the "Wallace S. Hartsfield Post Office Building".

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DORGAN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 12 noon on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with

Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled; that the majority control the first half of the time therein, and the minority control the second half of the time therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3996.

Ordered further, That, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the quorum relative to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3996 be waived.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DORGAN,

At 6:29 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 12 noon on tomorrow.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. McCONNELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to continue to meet today.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4082. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to U.S. military personnel and civilian contractors involved in the anti-narcotics campaign in Colombia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4083. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2007-235 - 2007-264); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4084. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense articles to the United Kingdom to support the maintenance, repair and modification services for the C-130J and C-130K Aircraft; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4085. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed amendment to a manufacturing agreement relative to the export of defense services to Russia for the RD-180 Liquid Propellant Rocket Engine Program; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2007

Mr. ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, called the Senate to order at 12 noon, the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CASEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, December 5, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., a Senator from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CASEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

EC-4086. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense services to Saudi Arabia for the operation and maintenance of the Saudi Air Defense Forces HAWK and PATRIOT Air Defense Missile Systems; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4087. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement involving the export of technical data to France for the initial development and subsequent manufacture of Complimentary Metal Oxide Semiconductor Application Specific Integrated Circuits; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4088. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense articles to Israel for the manufacture of certain Alternate Mission Equipment; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4089. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of two commercial communications satellites to international waters for launch under the Sea Launch program or to Russia and Kazakhstan for launch; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4090. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles relative to a commercial communications satellite; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4091. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition that was filed on behalf of workers from the Nuclear Materials and Equipment Corporation in Apollo, Pennsylvania, to be added to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4092. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Reporting and Disclosure" (RIN1210-AB06) received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4093. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and

Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applications for Food and Drug Administration Application Approval to Market a New Drug; Revision of Postmarketing Reporting Requirements" (Docket No. 2000N-1545) received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4094. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; General Hospital and Personal Use Devices; Classification of Remote Medication Management System" (Docket No. 2007N-0328) received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4095. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy, nomination, and designation of an acting officer for the position of Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4096. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Deputy Secretary, received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4097. A communication from the Director of the Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corps' Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4098. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2007, to September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4099. A communication from the Secretary of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual financial report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4100. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semiannual report of the Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4101. A communication from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period

of April 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4102. A communication from the Director, Institute of Museum and Library Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the agency's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4103. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Administration's Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4104. A communication from the Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4105. A communication from the Acting Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4106. A communication from the Chief Acquisition Officer, General Services Administration, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-21" (FAC 2005-21) received on November 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4107. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Organization's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4108. A communication from the Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the eight audit reports issued during fiscal year 2007 relative to the Agency and the Thrift Savings Plan; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4109. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4110. A communication from the Director, Center for Pay and Leave Administration, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Recruitment,

Relocation, and Retention Incentives" (RIN3206-AK81) received on November 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4111. A communication from the Staff Director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4112. A communication from the Chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4113. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Board's Inspector General for the six-month period ending September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4114. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Employment of Veterans in the Federal Government - Fiscal Year 2006"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4115. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Department's Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4116. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Commission's Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4117. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4118. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors, U.S. Postal Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Service's Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4119. A communication from the Special Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to

the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4120. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, an alternative plan for locality pay increases payable to civilian Federal employees covered by the General Schedule; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4121. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4122. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of an acting officer for the position of United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, received on November 16, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4123. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of General Counsel, received on November 16, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4124. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a change in previously submitted reported information and discontinuation of service in an acting role for the position of United States Attorney, received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4125. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's activities under the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4126. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transfer of Duties of Former VA Board of Contract Appeals" (RIN2900-AM73) received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 704. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit manipulation of caller identification information (Rept. No. 110-234).

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 1178. A bill to strengthen data protection and safeguards, require data breach notification, and further prevent identity theft (Rept. No. 110-235).

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 1780. A bill to require the FCC, in enforcing its regulations concerning the broadcast of indecent programming, to maintain a policy that a single word or image may be considered indecent (Rept. No. 110-236).

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1858. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and for other purposes.

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2045. A bill to reform the Consumer Product Safety Commission to provide greater protection for children's products, to improve the screening of noncompliant consumer products, to improve the effectiveness of consumer product recall programs, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, Ms. STABENOW and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 2408. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require physician utilization of the Medicare electronic prescription drug program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 2409. A bill to direct the Architect of the Capitol to ensure that the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the national motto "In God We Trust" are each displayed prominently in the Capitol Visitor Center on a permanent basis and to prohibit the Architect from removing or refusing to include language or other content from exhibits and materials relating to the Capitol Visitor Center on the grounds that the language or content includes a religious

reference or Judeo-Christian content; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. SUNUNU):

S. 2410. A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to either grant or deny a Petition for Reconsideration within 1 year after such Petition is first submitted; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 2411. A bill to require the establishment of a credit card safety star rating system for the benefit of consumers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. DODD, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 2412. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the system of public financing for Presidential elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2413. A bill to provide death and disability benefits for aerial firefighters who work on a contract basis for a public agency and suffer death or disability in the line of duty, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. GREGG, Mr. COBURN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CORKER, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. BUNNING, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 2414. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require wealthy beneficiaries to pay a greater share of their premiums under the Medicare prescription drug program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2415. A bill to require the President and the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator to establish a comprehensive and integrated HIV prevention strategy to address the vulnerabilities of women and girls in countries for which the United States provides assistance to combat HIV/AIDS, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. 2416. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the alternative minimum tax on individuals and replace it with an alternative tax individuals may choose; read the first time

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself and Mr. BYRD):

S. 2417. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to require the inscription "In God We Trust" to appear on a face of the \$1 coins honoring each of the Presidents of the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2418. A bill to ensure the safety of imported food products for the citizens of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. Res. 388. A resolution designating the week of February 4 through February 8, 2008, as "National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. TESTER, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. INHOFE, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 389. A resolution commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the United States Air Force Space Command headquartered at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 400

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 400, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that dependent students who take a medically necessary leave of absence do not lose health insurance coverage, and for other purposes.

S. 453

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 453, a bill to prohibit deceptive practices in Federal elections.

S. 458

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 458, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the treatment of certain physician pathology services under the Medicare program.

S. 522

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 522, a bill to safeguard the economic health of the United States and the health and safety of the United States citizens by improving the management, coordination, and effectiveness of domestic and international intellectual property rights enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 561

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 561, a bill to repeal the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the expansion of the adoption credit and adoption assistance programs.

S. 602

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 602, a bill to develop the next generation of parental control technology.

S. 661

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 661, a bill to establish kinship navigator programs, to establish guardianship assistance payments for children, and for other purposes.

S. 694

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 694, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of light motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 814

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 814, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the deduction of attorney-advanced expenses and court costs in contingency fee cases.

S. 827

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 827, a bill to establish the Freedom's Way National Heritage Area in the States of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and for other purposes.

S. 884

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 884, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act regarding residential treatment programs for pregnant and parenting women, a program to reduce substance abuse among nonviolent offenders, and for other purposes.

S. 910

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms.

KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 910, a bill to provide for paid sick leave to ensure that Americans can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.

S. 972

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 972, a bill to provide for the reduction of adolescent pregnancy, HIV rates, and other sexually transmitted diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 1019

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1019, a bill to provide comprehensive reform of the health care system of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1395

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1395, a bill to prevent unfair practices in credit card accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 1430

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. DOLE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1430, a bill to authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000,000 or more in Iran's energy sector, and for other purposes.

S. 1512

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1512, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to expand Federal eligibility for children in foster care who have attained age 18.

S. 1551

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1551, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

S. 1731

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1731, a bill to provide for the continuing review of unauthorized Federal programs and agencies and to establish a bipartisan commission for the purposes of improving oversight and eliminating wasteful Government spending.

S. 1910

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1910, a bill to

amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that amounts derived from Federal grants and State matching funds in connection with revolving funds established in accordance with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act will not be treated as proceeds or replacement proceeds for purposes of section 148 of such Code.

S. 1951

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1951, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure that individuals eligible for medical assistance under the Medicaid program continue to have access to prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 1958

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1958, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure and foster continued patient quality of care by establishing facility and patient criteria for long-term care hospitals and related improvements under the Medicare program.

S. 2056

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2056, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restore financial stability to Medicare anesthesiology teaching programs for resident physicians.

S. 2058

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2058, a bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to close the Enron loophole, prevent price manipulation and excessive speculation in the trading of energy commodities, and for other purposes.

S. 2071

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD] were added as cosponsors of S. 2071, a bill to enhance the ability to combat methamphetamine.

S. 2088

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2088, a bill to place reasonable limitations on the use of National Security Letters, and for other purposes.

S. 2129

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2129, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish the infrastructure foundation for the hydrogen economy, and for other purposes.

S. 2133

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2133, a bill to authorize bankruptcy courts to take certain actions with respect to mortgage loans in bankruptcy, and for other purposes.

S. 2140

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] were added as cosponsors of S. 2140, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Francis Collins, in recognition of his outstanding contributions and leadership in the fields of medicine and genetics.

S. 2209

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2209, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to improve America's research competitiveness, and for other purposes.

S. 2279

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2279, a bill to combat international violence against women and girls.

S. 2307

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2307, a bill to amend the Global Change Research Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

S. 2332

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2332, a bill to promote transparency in the adoption of new media ownership rules by the Federal Communications Commission, and to establish an independent panel to make recommendations on how to increase the representation of women and minorities in broadcast media ownership.

S. 2334

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2334, a bill to withhold 10 percent of the Federal funding apportioned for highway construction and maintenance from States that issue driver's licenses to individuals without verifying the legal status of such individuals.

S. 2344

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2344, a bill to create a competitive grant program to provide for age-appropriate Internet education for children.

S. 2347

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2347, a

bill to restore and protect access to discount drug prices for university-based and safety-net clinics.

S. 2355

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2355, a bill to amend the National Climate Program Act to enhance the ability of the United States to develop and implement climate change adaptation programs and policies, and for other purposes.

S. 2356

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2356, a bill to enhance national security by restricting access of illegal aliens to driver's licenses and State-issued identification documents.

S. 2372

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. DEMINT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2372, a bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify the tariffs on certain footwear.

S. 2400

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2400, a bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to continue to pay to a member of the Armed Forces who is retired or separated from the Armed Forces due to a combat-related injury certain bonuses that the member was entitled to before the retirement or separation and would continue to be entitled to if the member was not retired or separated, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 22, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services within the Department of Health and Human Services relating to Medicare coverage for the use of erythropoiesis stimulating agents in cancer and related neoplastic conditions.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DORGAN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the

session of the Senate on Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at 9 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a hearing entitled "Reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: Protecting Our Children and Our Communities" on Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a hearing entitled "The Looming Foreclosure Crisis: How To Help Families Save Their Homes" on Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs to be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 5, 2007 at 3 p.m. to hold a closed conference on the fiscal year 2008 Intelligence Authorization.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet today, Wednesday, December 5, 2007 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:37 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1429. An act to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, to expand access, and for other purposes.

At 2:43 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2082) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; it agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints the following Members as managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and

modifications committed to conference: Messrs. REYES, HASTINGS of Florida, BOSWELL, CRAMER, Ms. ESHOO, Messrs. HOLT, RUPPERSBERGER, TIERNEY, THOMPSON of California, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Messrs. LANGEVIN, PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, HOEKSTRA, EVERETT, GALLEGLY, Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico, Messrs. THORNBERRY, MCHUGH, TIAHRT, ROGERS of Michigan, and ISSA.

From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of defense tactical intelligence and related activities: Messrs. SKELTON, SPRATT, and HUNTER.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 710) to amend the National Organ Transplant Act to provide that criminal penalties do not apply to paired donations of human kidneys, and for other purposes; with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

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

H.R. 1662. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to seek limited reimbursement for site security activities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2246. To provide for the release of any reversionary interest of the United States in and to certain lands in Reno, Nevada.

H.R. 3887. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008 through 2011 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in persons, and for other persons.

H.R. 3998. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct special resources studies of certain lands and structures to determine the appropriate means for preservation, use, and management of the resources associated with such lands and structures.

H.R. 4118. An act to exclude from gross income payments from the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund to the victims of the tragic event at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University.

At 3:42 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 2371. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make technical corrections.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1585) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel

strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; it agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints the following Members as managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. SKELTON, SPRATT, ORTIZ, TAYLOR, ABERCROMBIE, REYES, SNYDER, SMITH of Washington, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Messrs. BRADY of Pennsylvania, ANDREWS, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Messrs. LARSEN of Washington, COOPER, MARSHALL, Ms. BORDALLO, Messrs. UDALL of Colorado, HUNTER, SAXTON, MCHUGH, EVERETT, BARTLETT of Maryland, MCKEON, THORNBERRY, JONES of North Carolina, HAYES, AKIN, FORBES, WILSON of South Carolina, TURNER, KLINE of Minnesota, and Mrs. DRAKE.

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 11 of rule X: Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, and Mr. HOEKSTRA.

From the Committee on Education and Labor, for consideration of sections 561, 562, 675, 953, and 3118 of the House bill, and sections 561, 562, 564, 565, and 3137 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. COURTNEY, and Mr. WALBERG.

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of sections 311-313 and 1082 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. DINGELL, Mr. WYNN, and Mr. BARTON of Texas.

From the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for consideration of sections 831, 833, 1022, 1201, 1203, 1204, 1206-1208, 1221, 1222, 1231, 1241, 1242, title XIII, and section 3117 of the House bill, and sections 871, 934, 1011, 1201-1203, 1205, 1211, 1212, 1214, 1215, 1217, 1219, 1232, title XIII, sections 1511, 1512, 1532, 1533, 1539-1542, 1571, 1574-1576, 1579, 3134, and 3139 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. LANTOS, Mr. ACKERMAN, and Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN.

From the Committee on Homeland Security, for consideration of section 1076 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. CARNEY, and Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of sections 582, 672, 673, and 850 of the House bill, and sections 824, 1023, 1024, 1078, 1087, 1571-1574, 1576, 1577, 1579, and title LII of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

Mr. CONYERS, Mr. BERMAN, and Mr. SMITH of Texas.

From the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for consideration of sections 325, 326, 328-330, 604, 653, 674, 801, 802, 814, 815, 821-824, 1101-1112, 1221, 1231, and 1451 of the House bill, and sections 366-370, 603, 684, 821, 823, 842, 845, 846, 871, 902, 937, 1064, 1069, 1074, 1093, 1101-1106, 1108, 1540, 1542, and 2851 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. TOWNS, and Mr. DAVIS of Virginia.

From the Committee on Science and Technology, for consideration of sections 846, 1085, and 1088 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. GORDON of Tennessee, Ms. GIFFORDS, and Mr. EHLERS.

From the Committee on Small Business, for consideration of sections 828, 1085, 1088, 4001, 4002, 4101-4103, 4201-4203, and 4301-4305 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. ALTMIRE, and Mr. CHABOT.

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of sections 523 and 1048 of the House bill, and sections 311-313, 353, 1070, 2853, 2855, 2863, 5101, 5202, and 5208 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. COSTELLO, and Mr. GRAVES.

From the Committee on Veterans Affairs, for consideration of sections 525, 1421, 1433, and 1453 of the House bill, and sections 701, 710, 1084, 1611, 1612, 1621, 1626, 1634, 1641, 1654, 1662, and 1702-1712 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. FILNER, Mr. MICHAUD, and Mr. BUYER.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of section 536 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. RANGEL, Mr. STARK, and Mr. CAMP of Michigan.

At 6:12 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2517. An act to amend the Missing Children's Assistance Act to authorize appropriations; and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 1662. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to seek limited reimbursement for site security activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2246. An act to provide for the release of any reversionary interest of the United States in and to certain lands in Reno, Nevada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3887. To authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008 through 2011 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in persons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3998. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct special resources studies of certain lands and structures to determine the appropriate means for preservation, use, and management of the resources associated with such lands and structures; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBJECT

Pursuant to the provisions of section 512 of Public Law 110-181,

Mr. CRAIG submitted notice of his intent to object to proceeding to consider the bill (S. 311) to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1662

Mr. WYDEN asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider the bill (S. 1662) to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to reauthorize the venture capital program, and for other purposes; that an amendment to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be agreed to; that the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as thus amended, be agreed to; and that the bill, as amended, be read the third time.

Mr. WYDEN further asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3567) to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to expand opportunities for investments in small businesses, and for other purposes; that all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of bill S. 1662, as amended, be inserted in lieu thereof; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time and passed; that at motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table; that the Senate insist on its amendment and ask a conference with the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate; and that bill S. 1662 be returned

to the calendar, without intervening action or debate.

Mr. COBURN objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL
H.R. 3074

Mrs. MURRAY asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the conference report on the bill (H.R. 3074) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; that there be 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon between Mrs. MURRAY and Mr. BOND, or their designees; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the conference report, without intervening action or debate.

Mr. SPECTER objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL H.R. 3996

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. MCCASKILL in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the motion, made by Mr. REID on Tuesday, December 4, 2007, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 3996) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The pending motion to proceed was withdrawn.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND
RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS ACT

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 2419) to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3514, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 3513, proposed by Mr. REID, to the instructions (designated No. 3512) contained in the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 3500 (in the

nature of a substitute); which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 3500 to bill H.R. 2419:

TOM HARKIN, RUSSELL D. FEINGOLD, JON TESTER, DICK DURBIN, BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, FRANK R. LAUTENBERG, JOHN F. KERRY, TED KENNEDY, BYRON L. DORGAN, BARACK OBAMA, BEN NELSON, AMY KLOBUCHAR, SHERROD BROWN, SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, TIM JOHNSON, JIM WEBB, HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3514 to amendment No. 3513 to the instructions (designated No. 3512) contained in the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL H.R. 3996

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider bill H.R. 3996.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. CANTWELL in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2416) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the alternative minimum tax on individuals and replace it with an alternative tax individuals may choose, introduced today by Mr. DEMINT, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. MENENDEZ asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MENENDEZ objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10:30 A.M. TOMORROW, AND
FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the

Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3996; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon between the two leaders, or their designees; that the final 20 minutes be equally divided and controlled and controlled in the usual form, between the two leaders; that the final 10 minutes therein be controlled by the majority leader; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3996, without intervening action or debate.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT
ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks of Mr. THUNE for 15 minutes.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,
At 6:13 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2007

Mr. ROBERT MENENDEZ, from the State of New Jersey, called the Senate to order at 10:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MENENDEZ led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, December 6, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT MENENDEZ, a Senator from the State of New Jersey, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. MENENDEZ took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Journal of the proceedings of the
Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The morning hour being deemed expired,
and the times for the recognition of the two
leaders being reserved.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF CERTAIN LEGISLATION

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the
Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2338)
to modernize and update the National
Housing Act and enable the Federal Housing
Administration to more effectively reach
underserved borrowers, and for other
purposes; that that an amendment be deemed
proposed by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr.
SHELBY), and agreed to; that the bill, as thus
amended, be read the third time and passed;
and that a motion to reconsider be deemed
made and laid on the table.

Mr. BARRASSO objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL H.R. 3996

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period of 60
minutes for debate on the motion to bring to a
close debate on the motion, made by Mr.
REID on Tuesday, December 4, 2007, that the
Senate proceed to consider the bill
(H.R. 3996) to amend the Internal Revenue
Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring
provisions, and for other purposes, prior to a
vote on the motion to invoke cloture (the
motion to proceed having expired at
adjournment of the Senate on yesterday).

Pending debate,

Mr. GREGG asked unanimous consent that,
at a time to be determined by the majority
leader after consultation with the minority
leader, the Senate proceed to consider bill
H.R. 3996; that there be one hour, equally
divided and controlled in the usual form, for
debate between the two leaders, or their
designees; and that, upon conclusion of
debate, the Senate vote on the motion to
bring to a close debate on the bill; and that, if
said motion is not agreed to, the only
amendments in order to be proposed be the
following amendments in the following
order:

An amendment (in the nature of a
substitute), intended to be proposed by Mr.

MCCONNELL, or his designee, relative to an
offset AMT extension and an unoffset
extenders package;

A first-degree amendment, intended to be
proposed by Mr. BAUCUS, or his designee,
relative to offsets for the extender package;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by
Mr. SESSIONS, relative to AMT and
exemptions;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by
Mr. ENSIGN, relative to AMT repeal and
extending expiring provisions;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by
Mr. DEMINT, relative to AMT and flat tax;

Mr. GREGG further asked unanimous
consent that there be 2 hours, equally divided
and controlled, for debate on the bill between
the two leaders, or their designees; that there
be 2 hours, equally divided and controlled in
the usual form, for debate on each
amendment; that each amendment receive a
minimum of 60 yeas votes to be agreed to;
that, if the Senate fails to agree to an
amendment with a minimum of 60 yeas votes,
the amendment be withdrawn; that the
aforementioned amendments be in order,
notwithstanding the result of the vote on the
question of agreeing to the amendment (in
the nature of a substitute) to be proposed by
Mr. MCCONNELL; and that the bill, as may be
amended, receive a minimum of 60 yeas votes
to be passed.

Mr. BAUCUS objected.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the
chair) laid before the Senate the motion,
presented by Mr. REID on Tuesday,
December 4, 2007, to bring to a close debate
on the motion to proceed to consider bill
H.R. 3996.

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday,
December 4, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been
waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of
the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question
to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate
shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 46, nays... 48

[Rollcall Vote No. 414 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown,
Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Conrad,
Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin,
Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar,
Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin,
Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez,
Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE),
Pryor, Reed, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders,
Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse,
Wyden.

NAYS --- 48

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond,
Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn,
Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig,
Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi,
Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch,
Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar,
Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Reid, Roberts,
Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens,
Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-
fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not
having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. REID, having voted on the prevailing
side, entered a motion to reconsider the vote
by which the motion to bring to a close
debate on the motion to proceed to consider
bill H.R. 3996 was not agreed to.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL H.R. 3996

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the
Senate proceed to consider the bill
(H.R. 3996) to amend the Internal Revenue
Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring
provisions, and for other purposes; that all
after the enacting clause be stricken and the
text of amendment No. 3804 (in the nature of
a substitute) be inserted in lieu thereof; that
the bill, as thus amended, be read the third
time, and passed; and that a motion to
reconsider be deemed made and laid on the
table.

Mr. GREGG objected.

Pending debate,

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an
adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARDIN in the
chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2416)
to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
to repeal the alternative minimum tax on
individuals and replace it with an alternative
tax individuals may choose, introduced on
yesterday by Mr. DEMINT, and read the first
time; which was read the second time.

Mr. MENENDEZ objected to the further
proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that,
pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the
Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would
be placed on the calendar.

Pending debate,

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO BILL
S. 2371

On the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. KLOBUCHAR
in the chair) laid before the Senate the
amendment received from the House of
Representatives for concurrence to the bill

(S. 2371) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make technical corrections.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO BILL H.R. 710

On the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the amendments received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 710) to amend the National Organ Transplant Act to provide that criminal penalties do not apply to human organ paired donation, and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, and to the amendment of the House to the title of the bill.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 3996

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BAUCUS,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to consider bill H.R. 3996; that all after the enacting clause be stricken, and the text of amendment No. 3804 be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment in the nature of a substitute); that the time until 6:15 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, at 6:15 p.m., the bill, as amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on passage of the bill, with no intervening action or debate.

TEMPORARY TAX RELIEF ACT

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3996) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

An amendment No. 3804 (in the nature of a substitute) was deemed proposed by Mr. BAUCUS, and agreed to.

The question then being on passage of the bill, as amended.

After debate,

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill, as amended, pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 88, nays... 5

[Rollcall Vote No. 415 Leg.]

YEAS --- 88

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Warner, Webb, Wyden.

NAYS --- 5

Carper, Conrad, Dorgan, Feingold, Whitehouse.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pending debate,

ORDER RELATIVE TO BILL H.R. 2419

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That there be a limitation of 20 first-degree amendments per side to be proposed to bill H.R. 2419; that the said amendments to be proposed be from those listed in the order of November 14, 2007; that all other provisions of said order of November 14, 2007, remain in status quo; and that amendments proposed and cleared by both managers not be counted against the limitation of 20 per side.

ORDER RELATIVE TO BILL H.R. 6

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, on tomorrow, following the prayer and the Pledge, the chair lay before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives relative to the bill (H.R. 6) to move the United States toward greater energy independence and security, to increase the production of clean renewable fuels, to protect consumers, to increase the efficiency of products, buildings, and vehicles, to promote research on and deploy greenhouse gas capture and storage options, and to improve the energy performance of the Federal Government, and for other purposes, notwithstanding the receipt by then of said message from the House; that the majority leader then be recognized to move to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill; that he then be recognized to present a motion to bring to a close debate on said motion to concur; that there be 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on the motion to concur; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on said motion to concur; and that no other motions, amendments, or points of order be in order prior to said vote.

ORDER RELATIVE TO BILL H.R. 2419

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the vote on the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to bill H.R. 2419 be postponed to occur at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4127. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Watermelon Research and Promotion Plan; Assessment Increase" (Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0038), received on November 27, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4128. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mango Promotion, Research, and Information Order; Amendment to Term of Office Provision" (Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0042), received on November 27, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4129. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dried Prunes Produced in California; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0103), received on November 27, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4130. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Citrus Canker; Movement of Fruit from Quarantined Areas" (Docket No. APHIS-2007-0022), received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4131. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's intent to disestablish the BX Mart at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base in Fort Worth, Texas; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4132. A communication from the Legal Information Assistant, Office of Thrift Supervision, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fair Credit Reporting Affiliate Marketing Regulations" (RIN1550-AB90), received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4133. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13303 with respect to the Development Fund for Iraq; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4134. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 61806), received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4135. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 62121), received on

November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4136. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13047 with respect to Burma; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4137. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Offering and Governing Regulations for Series EE and Series I Savings Bonds, Treasury Direct" (31 CFR Parts 351, 353, 359, 360, and 363), received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4138. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts for calendar year 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4139. A communication from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel, Pipeline and Hazardous Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Administrator, received on November 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4140. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement Amendment 84 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-AU03), received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4141. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Surfclam Minimum Size Suspension for 2008 - Temporary Rule" (RIN0648-XD25), received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4142. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Pot Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD53), received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4143. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Non-American Fisheries Act Crab Vessels Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the Inshore Component in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD32), received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4144. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch for Vessels Participating in the Rockfish Entry Level Fishery in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC73), received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4145. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inseason Closure of the Commercial Fishery for Gulf Group King Mackerel in the Gulf of Mexico Western Zone for the 2007-2008 Fishing Year" (RIN0648-XC59), received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4146. A communication from the Administrator and Chief Executive Officer, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Annual Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4147. A communication from the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost for implementation of the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge Act of 2001 during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4148. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarification of NRC Civil Penalty Authority over Contractors and Subcontractors Who Discriminate Against Employees for Engaging in Protected Activities" (RIN3150-AH59), received on November 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4149. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Plan to Implement Medicare Hospital Value-Based Purchasing"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4150. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2007-265 - 2007-272); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4151. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, United States Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Multilateral Development Banks' Assistance Proposals Likely to Have Adverse Impacts on the Environment, Natural Resources, Public Health and Indigenous Peoples"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4152. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination and discontinuation of service in an acting role for the position of Assistant Secretary (Planning, Evaluation, and Policy), received on November 30, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4153. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Perkins Loan Program, Federal Family Education Loan Program, and William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program" (RIN1840-AC89), received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4154. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Academic Competitiveness Grant Program and National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant Program" (RIN1840-AC92), received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4155. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Student Aid Programs" (RIN1840-AC91), received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4156. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Perkins Loan Program, Federal Family Education Loan Program, and William D. Ford Federal

Direct Loan Program" (RIN1840-AC88), received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4157. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4158. A communication from the Executive Director, Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the audit performed on the agency for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4159. A communication from the Chairman, National Mediation Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Annual Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4160. A communication from the Secretary, Postal Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Commissioner, received on November 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4161. A communication from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's Financial Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4162. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Board's Inspector General for the period ending September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4163. A communication from the Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on the category rating system; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4164. A communication from the Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4165. A communication from the Acting Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4166. A communication from the National Treasurer, Navy Wives Club of

America, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the latest audit of the organization; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-258. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Espanola of the State of New Mexico in support of maintaining current federal funding levels for the operation of the Los Alamos National Laboratory; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-259. A resolution adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Hypoluxo in the State of Florida urging Congress to appropriate funds necessary to bring the Herbert Hoover Dike into compliance with current levee protection safety standards; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-260. A resolution adopted by the Cook County Board of the State of Illinois urging Congress to support the H-1 B and L-1 B Visa Fraud and Abuse Prevention Act of 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-261. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of New York urging the New York State Congressional Delegation to make the Do Not Call Registry permanent; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Do Not Call Registry was established in the State of New York in 2000 to protect citizens from unwanted sales calls; it was made more effective in 2003, when it merged with the National Do Not Call Registry; and

Whereas, the National Do Not Call Registry provides citizens across the state and country with the privacy they deserve and adequate penalties for businesses which violate that privacy by persisting with unwanted phone calls; and

Whereas, the merging of the two Do Not Call Registries has effectively protected New York State residents from bothersome and unwanted phone solicitations for the last five years; and

Whereas, Due to the five year expiration of the National Do Not Call Registry, many of the first enrollees will soon again be vulnerable to telephone solicitations unless they re-enroll; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to urge the New York State Congressional Delegation to eliminate the 5-year expiration date and make the National Do Not Call Registry permanent; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the President of the Senate of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each member of the Congress of the United States from the State of New York.

POM-262. A resolution adopted by the California State Lands Commission expressing its support for S. 1870 and H.R. 2421; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the California State Lands Commission has jurisdiction over the state-owned tide and submerged lands below the mean high tide line out to three miles from the coast as well as the lands underlying California's bays, lakes, and rivers; and

Whereas, the Commission is charged with managing these lands pursuant to the Public Trust Doctrine, common law that requires these lands to be used for commerce, fishing, navigation, recreation, and environmental protection; and

Whereas, the Commission has acquired thousands of acres of valuable wetlands and lands to be restored to wetlands such as Bolsa Chica and the Cosumnes River wetlands; and

Whereas, the Commission is gravely concerned about the adverse effects greenhouse gases and climate change will have on the environmental, economic, and public value of the state lands it holds in trust; and

Whereas, wetlands have been identified as significant storehouses of carbon, possibly storing as much as 40% of global terrestrial carbon; and

Whereas, the drainage and degradation of wetlands releases large quantities of carbon dioxide (the gas that accounts for at least 60% of global warming) as well as other greenhouse gases contributing to climate change; and

Whereas, there are approximately 100 million wetland acres remaining in the continental United States, which are decreasing about 60,000 acres annually; and

Whereas, if wetlands are functioning properly, they provide not only protection against global warming, but also water quality protection, fish and wildlife habitat, natural floodwater storage, reduction in the erosive potential of surface water, and popular recreational uses; and

Whereas, wetlands have been used to manage wastewater: as the water passes through the wetlands, suspended particles settle; pollutants are broken down by plants, microorganisms, and sediment; nutrients are absorbed; and pathogens die off; and

Whereas, wetlands are among the most biologically productive ecosystems, essential to the survival of more than one-third of the

threatened and endangered species in the United States; and

Whereas, wetlands provide public use benefits, supplying opportunities for enjoying nature, hiking, biking, bird watching, hunting, fishing, and scientific study, which in the aggregate, generate several billions of dollars annually in the United States; and

Whereas, in 1972, Congress passed the Clean Water Act ("the Act") to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Nation's waters. The Act contains Section 404, which established a permit program involving the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("the Corps") to regulate discharges of pollutants (e.g. waste discharge and dredged and fill materials) into waters of the United States; and

Whereas, in 1977, the Corps issued final regulations on the permit program and explicitly included in its definition of "waters of the United States" any "isolated wetlands and lakes, intermittent streams, prairie potholes, and other waters that are not part of the tributary system to interstate waters or to navigable waters of the United States, the degradation or destruction of which could affect interstate commerce."; and

Whereas, in 2001 and compounded by a joint decision in 2006, the United States Supreme Court, first in *Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (SWANCC)* and then in *Rapanos v. United States*, issued decisions that reduced the jurisdictional scope of the Clean Water Act, undermining decades of clean water protection, and jeopardizing the future of wetlands and other waters of the United States; and

Whereas, the opinions of the split court in *Rapanos* have created great confusion as to the actual scope of the Clean Water Act, making implementation of the Act resource intensive and subject to litigation; and

Whereas, the Clean Water Restoration Act of 2007, introduced by Senator Feingold through S. 1870, and Congressman Oberstar through H.R. 2421, seeks to end jurisdictional confusion left in the wake of the *Rapanos* case by codifying the Corps' definition of "waters of the United States," which federal agencies have used to enforce the Clean Water Act for over 30 years; Therefore be it

Resolved by the California State Lands Commission, That it supports the Clean Water Restoration Act of 2007 (S. 1870 and H.R. 2421), which would affirm federal protections for waters of the United States, including wetlands, tributaries, headwaters and streams, through the Clean Water Act; and be it further

Resolved, That the Commission's Executive Officer transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President

of the United States, to the Governor of California, to the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, to the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, to the Chairs and Ranking Minority Members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and to the Environmental Protection Agency.

POM-263. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan in support of the plan of the Detroit International Bridge Company to establish an enhancement span to the Ambassador Bridge; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 123

Whereas, the Ambassador Bridge between Detroit and Windsor exemplifies efficiency and solid security practices that a private and public partnership can provide to the citizens of Michigan, the United States, and Canada and has been recognized by the United States Federal Highway Administration as the most efficient international crossing; and

Whereas, the Detroit International Bridge Company (DIBC) crossing plan to develop an enhancement span of the Ambassador Bridge would provide for an additional crossing between the cities of Detroit and Windsor to meet the traffic needs of the region for years to come; and

Whereas, the DIBC has stated it will work with the state of Michigan to leverage the private investment used in the creation of an enhancement span to help garner \$2 billion in match funding to be used to improve Michigan's roads and bridges by qualifying DIBC expenditures as toll credits under federal law; and

Whereas, the Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) study, being carried out by the Michigan Department of Transportation, the U.S. Federal Highway Administration, Transport Canada, and the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, calls upon the need for an additional span and continues to study alternate sites for a new bridge, while private investors are willing to construct and operate a second crossing to be financed without expense to the taxpayer; and

Whereas, the state of Michigan has made a significant investment to improve the traffic flow to the current Ambassador Bridge through initiatives such as the Gateway Project to address traffic flow from the freeway and interstates to the Ambassador Bridge, as well as improving the plaza to accommodate international commerce; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we support the plan of the Detroit International Bridge

Company to establish an enhancement span to the Ambassador Bridge; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge the Michigan Strategic Fund to immediately approve an Inducement Resolution for Private Activity Bonds for the DIBC enhancement span and Gateway connections to the Ambassador Bridge; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge both the United States and Canadian governments to expedite the permits to complete the DIBC enhancement span to allow for the second crossing to become operational in a timely fashion; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge that the DRIC study recognize and support the DIBC's plan to develop an enhancement span; and be it further

Resolved, That we recommend that the Canadian government finish the improvements to alleviate traffic flow concerns in Windsor from Canadian Highway 401 to the Ambassador Bridge; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the members of the Michigan congressional delegation, the Prime Minister of Canada, the Ontario Parliamentary delegation, the mayor of Detroit, and the mayor of Windsor.

POM-264. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging the Secretary of State to increase efforts to urge the People's Republic of China to halt its violation of the human rights of its citizens; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 109

Whereas, Falun Gong, which is also known as Falun Dafa, is a traditional Chinese discipline of personal beliefs that is based on the principles of truthfulness, compassion, and forbearance. Falun Gong attracts millions of people of all ages and backgrounds is practiced in over 80 countries over the world; and

Whereas, over the past several years, authorities in the People's Republic of China have taken strong and brutal actions against practitioners of Falun Gong. Reports indicate that tens of thousands of people have been tortured and sent to labor camps, and property owned by those who follow this discipline has been destroyed or confiscated. Independent investigations also report that large-scale organ harvesting for transplant involves organs taken from non-consenting prisoners, with the major target group being Falun Gong practitioners; and

Whereas, the persecution of practitioners of Falun Gong is in apparent violation of the People's Republic of China's own

constitution and a flagrant violation of standards of human rights recognized by the United Nations and most governments of the world; and

Whereas, citizens of Michigan who practice Falun Gong and those who understand this discipline cannot fathom the reaction of the Chinese authorities. Indeed, those who value human rights seek an increase of efforts to urge the People's Republic of China to halt this persecution; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the United States Secretary of State to increase efforts to urge the People's Republic of China to recognize and protect the human rights of its citizens and halt the persecution of and forced harvesting of organs from practitioners of Falun Gong; and be it further

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

POM-265. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging Congress to enact federal legislation designed to prevent elder abuse; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 207

Whereas, the number of older Americans is increasing, and with it the problem of elder abuse and exploitation. Older Americans constitute a vulnerable population that often suffer physical and emotional abuse and can often be targets of identity theft and other fraudulent financial schemes; and

Whereas, in response to concerns about elder abuse, federal legislation has been introduced that would focus attention on this problem and promote an infrastructure at the federal, state, and local levels to protect these vulnerable Americans. The Elder Justice Act, S. 1070 and H.R. 1783, would assure that individuals and organizations on the front lines, who are fighting elder abuse, have the resources and information needed to carry out their fight; and

Whereas, This legislation would create a comprehensive and multidisciplinary approach to protecting older Americans. The Elder Justice Act would improve research and data collection, enhance training of individuals who fight elder abuse, and promote the development of an effective adult fiduciary system, including an adult guardianship system. Among other things, this legislation would also create a short and long term strategic plan for the development and coordination of elder justice research, programs, and training; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the United States

Congress to enact federal legislation designed to prevent elder abuse; and be it further

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

POM-266. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging Congress to repeal Title II of the REAL ID Act of 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 176

Whereas, the state of Michigan denounces and condemns all acts of terrorism, wherever the acts occur; and

Whereas, the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act (IRTP) of 2004 called for reforms that would make identification documents more secure, harder to force, and more difficult to fraudulently obtain; and

Whereas, the IRTP Act of 2004 recognized that imposing federal mandates and standards onto state driver's licenses raised important questions on the federal government's ability and role in interfering with identification cards wholly owned by the states, especially when there are federal alternatives. As a result, the Act sought to establish identification security guidelines by a shared and negotiated rulemaking process in full partnership with the states; and

Whereas, the REAL ID Act of 2005, without benefit of Senate hearings or testimony, was abruptly attached as a rider to a must-pass military spending and tsunami relief bill (PL 109-13). Its passage effectively repealed the negotiated rulemaking process already under way as a result of the IRTP Act of 2004, replacing it with methodology designed to directly impose federal standards onto a state's wholly owned licenses under REAL ID. The draft rules for obtaining a REAL ID are more stringent than those the federal government requires for its own passports or social security cards; and

Whereas, under these new standards, the REAL ID Act sets mandated deadlines in the near future under which Michigan's current licenses cannot be used for any federal purpose, including, but not limited to, activities such as boarding domestic airline flights, opening most bank accounts, and gaining entrance to federal buildings such as courts. While citizens could alternatively use passports for such purposes, whether or not non-REAL ID licenses could still be used for the federal purpose of obtaining a passport has not been definitively clarified; and

Whereas, the REAL ID Act puts the Department of Homeland Security in charge of determining the as of yet published final rules that would mandate what information

would be included on Michigan's driver's licenses, with whom the data must be shared, what biometrics may ultimately be used on the cards, and what encoding or other machine-readable technology may ultimately be required. Such action creates a precedent where different or additional rules could also be created again by the federal government in the future; and

Whereas, the REAL ID Act would mandate that Michigan must link parts of its Secretary of State database to the departments of motor vehicles of all other states, in effect creating a single shared national database, while at the same time REAL ID sets no standards whatsoever on the security measures that states must use for gateway access to other states' databases, allows for non-governmental third parties to administer such databases, and sets absolutely no limits on how non-governmental entities will mandate use of the cards for goods, services, or other purposes; and

Whereas, Real ID is an unfunded mandate and the Department of Homeland Security estimates that the regulations will cost the states and consumers \$23 billion to implement; and

Whereas, regardless of who pays for the costs of REAL ID, it would federalize Michigan's driver's licenses by determining under what conditions the card can be used, what information has to be collected and put on the cards, what machine-readable technology the information is encoded under, and to whom the state must give such data. This federalization and creation of a de facto national identification card occurs without the benefit of a shared, negotiated rulemaking process with the states regarding the co-option of their wholly owned licenses; and

Whereas, as a result of these concerns and a recognition that needed reforms can be accomplished without the negative aspects of REAL ID, seventeen states have already passed bills or resolutions rejecting, asking for repeal, or putting limitation on whether or not they will participate in REAL ID. These states include Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Maine, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Washington. Ten other states have anti-REAL ID initiatives that have passed one chamber; and

Whereas, Federal S. 117, the Identification Security Enhancement Act of 2006 sponsored by Senators Sununu (R-NH) and Akaka (D-HI), and similar current legislation, replaces REAL ID with language taken from the original Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004. The proposed legislation takes a more measured approach to mandating tougher standards for driver's licenses by requiring that new guidelines be developed by a shared rulemaking process

that would fully involve all states and other key stakeholders; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize Congress to repeal Title II of the REAL ID Act of 2005, and to support a return to a negotiated rulemaking process with the states, such as called for in S. 117, the Identification Security Enhancement Act of 2006; and be it further

Resolved, That the Michigan Legislature will not appropriate funds nor enact legislation for the implementation of Title II of the REAL ID Act of 2005; and be it further

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

POM-267. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico urging the release of three Puerto Rican political prisoners; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

RESOLUTION

Puerto Ricans Carlos Alberto Torres, Oscar Lopez-Rivera and Haydée Beltran have been imprisoned in the United States for twenty-seven years, serving time for causes related to the fight for the independence of Puerto Rico. Other political prisoners, who were serving equally disproportionate sentences, have already been released, first, under the Administration of Jimmy Carter, and subsequently, in 1999, under the Administration of William J. Clinton.

The cause for the release of these fellow countrymen has united Puerto Ricans of all creeds. Political, religious and civic institutions have claimed for the return home of Carlos Alberto, Oscar and Haydée. Their long imprisonment, far from serving a purpose, has become a sign of inhumanity and injustice. International entities have joined the consensus reached in Puerto Rico for the release of our prisoners.

The Senate of Puerto Rico also joins in solidarity to petition the President of the United States, George W. Bush, that in the exercise of his prerogatives, he orders the immediate and unconditional release of prisoners Carlos Alberto Torres, Oscar Lopez-Rivera and Haydée Beltran.

Be it resolved by the Senate of Puerto Rico:

Section 1.—To petition the President of the United States, George W. Bush, to order the immediate and unconditional release of prisoners Carlos Alberto Torres, Oscar Lopez-Rivera and Haydée Beltran.

Section 2.—A copy of this Resolution translated into English shall be delivered to the President of the United States, to the Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United

States, to the President pro tempore of the Senate of the United States, to the Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico in Washington, and to the Majority and Minority Leaders in the House and in the Senate of the United States. It shall also be remitted by electronic mail to the members of the Senate and of the House of Representatives of the United States.

Section 3.—This Resolution shall take effect immediately after its approval.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of a committee was submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1245. A bill to reform mutual aid agreements for the National Capital Region (Rept. No. 110-237).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mrs. CLINTON and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 2419. A bill to permit employees to request, and to ensure employers consider requests for, flexible work terms and conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2420. A bill to encourage the donation of excess food to nonprofit organizations that provide assistance to food-insecure people in the United States in contracts entered into by executive agencies for the provision, service, or sale of food; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 2421. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax benefits to individuals who have been wrongfully incarcerated; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 2422. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain computer-assisted remote hunting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2423. A bill to facilitate price transparency in markets for the sale of emission allowances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DOMENICI, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. COLLINS, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 2424. A bill to ensure that all Americans have basic health literacy skills to function effectively as patients and health care consumers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. KYL, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2425. A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of Commerce to submit reports to Congress on the commercial and passenger vehicle traffic at certain points of entry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REID (for Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2426. A bill to provide for congressional oversight of United States agreements with the Government of Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 2427. A bill to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. COLEMAN)):

S. 2428. A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to establish and maintain a public website through which individuals may find a complete database of available scholarships, fellowships, and other programs of financial assistance in the study of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2429. A bill to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to equalize the limit on the liability for oil tankers and cargo vessels and to provide for the investment of amounts in the Damage Assessment Restoration Revolving Fund; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2430. A bill to prevent maritime emergencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 2431. A bill to address emergency shortages in food banks; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 2432. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide alternative

minimum tax relief for 2007 and to provide special tax rates for certain capital gains and qualified dividend income for 2007, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. KOHL:

S. Res. 390. A resolution designating March 11, 2008, as National Funeral Director and Mortician Recognition Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. DODD)

S. Res. 391. A resolution calling on the President of the United States to engage in an open discussion with the leaders of the Republic of Georgia to express support for the planned presidential elections and the expectation that such elections will be held in a manner consistent with democratic principles; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. Res. 392. A resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of Everglades National Park; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself and Mr. HAGEL):

S. Res. 393. A resolution expressing the condolences of the Senate to those affected by the tragic events of December 5, 2007, at Westroads Mall in Omaha, Nebraska; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. Res. 394. A resolution recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the American Association for Cancer Research and declaring the month of May 2007 as National Cancer Research Month; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 274

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 274, a bill to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, and for other purposes.

S. 469

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to

amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

S. 583

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] were added as cosponsors of S. 583, a bill to create a competitive grant program for States to enable the States to award salary bonuses to highly qualified elementary school or secondary school teachers who teach, or commit to teach, for at least 3 academic years in a school served by a rural local educational agency.

S. 674

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 674, a bill to require accountability and enhanced congressional oversight for personnel performing private security functions under Federal contracts, and for other purposes.

S. 819

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 819, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes.

S. 1052

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1052, a bill to amend title XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option to provide nurse home visitation services under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

S. 1272

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1272, a bill to establish the National Guard Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program.

S. 1276

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] and the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 1276, a bill to establish a grant program to facilitate the creation of methamphetamine precursor electronic logbook systems, and for other purposes.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1462

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1462, a bill to amend part E of title IV of

the Social Security Act to promote the adoption of children with special needs.

S. 1512

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1512, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to expand Federal eligibility for children in foster care who have attained age 18.

S. 1556

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1556, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage to designated plan beneficiaries of employees, and for other purposes.

S. 1595

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1595, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide flexibility in the manner in which beds are counted for purposes of determining whether a hospital may be designated as a critical access hospital under the Medicare program.

S. 1792

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1792, a bill to amend the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act to improve such Act.

S. 1924

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1924, a bill to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any of certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employee's duty.

S. 1951

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1951, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure that individuals eligible for medical assistance under the Medicaid program continue to have access to prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 1954

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1954, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to pharmacies under part D.

S. 1955

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY], the Senator from Iowa [Mr.

HARKIN] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1955, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to make grants to first responder agencies that have employees in the National Guard or Reserves on active duty.

S. 1963

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1963, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow bonds guaranteed by the Federal home loan banks to be treated as tax exempt bonds.

S. 2045

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2045, a bill to reform the Consumer Product Safety Commission to provide greater protection for children's products, to improve the screening of noncompliant consumer products, to improve the effectiveness of consumer product recall programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2069

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2069, a bill to increase the United States financial and programmatic contributions to promote economic opportunities for women in developing countries.

S. 2071

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2071, a bill to enhance the ability to combat methamphetamine.

S. 2075

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2075, a bill to ensure that women seeking an abortion receive an ultrasound and the opportunity to review the ultrasound before giving informed consent to receive an abortion.

S. 2099

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2099, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare competitive bidding project for clinical laboratory services.

S. 2161

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2161, a bill to ensure and foster continued patient safety and quality of care by making the antitrust laws

apply to negotiations between groups of independent pharmacies and health plans and health insurance issuers (including health plans under parts C and D of the Medicare Program) in the same manner as such laws apply to protected activities under the National Labor Relations Act.

S. 2332

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2332, a bill to promote transparency in the adoption of new media ownership rules by the Federal Communications Commission, and to establish an independent panel to make recommendations on how to increase the representation of women and minorities in broadcast media ownership.

S. 2356

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2356, a bill to enhance national security by restricting access of illegal aliens to driver's licenses and State-issued identification documents.

S. 2389

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2389, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the alternative minimum tax credit amount for individuals with long-term unused credits for prior year minimum tax liability, and for other purposes.

S. 2400

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2400, a bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to continue to pay to a member of the Armed Forces who is retired or separated from the Armed Forces due to a combat-related injury certain bonuses that the member was entitled to before the retirement or separation and would continue to be entitled to if the member was not retired or separated, and for other purposes.

S. 2405

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2405, a bill to provide additional appropriations for payments under section 2604(e) of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981.

S. 2408

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2408, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require physician utilization of the Medicare electronic prescription drug program.

S. 2417

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2417, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to require the inscription "In God We Trust" to appear on a face of the \$1 coins honoring each of the Presidents of the United States.

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At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 389, a resolution commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the United States Air Force Space Command headquartered at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, December 6, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing on foreign assistance to Pakistan.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct an Executive Business Meeting on Thursday, December 6, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

The Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday December 6, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in open session to receive a report of the Commission on Army Acquisition and Program Management in Expeditionary Operations.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:37 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill and joint resolution, without amendment:

S. 888. An act to amend section 1091 of title 18, United States Code, to allow the prosecution of genocide in appropriate circumstances.

S.J. Res. 8. Joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Patricia Q. Stonesifer as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

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

H.R. 236. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to create a Bureau of Reclamation partnership with the North Bay Water Reuse Authority and other regional partners to achieve objectives relating to water supply, water quality, and environmental restoration.

H.R. 1759. An act to establish guidelines and incentives for States to establish arsonist registries and to require the Attorney General to establish a national arsonist registry and notification program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2930. An act to amend section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 to improve the program under such section for supportive housing for the elderly, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3526. An act to include all banking agencies within the existing regulatory authority under the Federal Trade Commission Act with respect to depository institutions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3690. An act to provide for the transfer of the Library of Congress police to the United States Capitol Police, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3791. An act to modernize and expand the reporting requirements relating to child pornography, to expand cooperation in combating child pornography, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4043. An act to amend the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 to preserve and expand minority depository institutions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4252. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through May 23, 2008, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 147. Concurrent resolution recognizing 200 years of research, service to the people of the United States, and stewardship of the marine environment by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and its predecessor agencies, and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 251. Concurrent resolution commending the National Renewable Energy Laboratory for its work of promoting energy efficiency for 30 years.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

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H. Con. Res. 251. Concurrent resolution commending the National Renewable Energy Laboratory for its work of promoting energy efficiency for 30 years; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 392) recognizing the 60th anniversary of Everglades National Park,

submitted today by Mr. BILL NELSON (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES
OF THE SENATE TO THOSE
AFFECTED BY THE TRAGIC
EVENTS OF DECEMBER 5, 2007, AT
WESTROADS MALL IN OMAHA,
NEBRASKA

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 393) expressing the condolences of the Senate to those affected by the tragic events of December 5, 2007, at Westroads Mall in Omaha, Nebraska, submitted today by Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON (for himself and Mr. HAGEL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING
OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
FOR CANCER RESEARCH AND
DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY
2007 AS NATIONAL CANCER
RESEARCH MONTH

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 394) recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the American Association for Cancer Research and declaring the month of May 2007 as National Cancer Research Month, submitted today by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. SPECTER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION
OF A WEEK AS "NATIONAL
CARDIOPULMONARY
RESUSCITATION AND
AUTOMATED EXTERNAL
DEFIBRILLATOR AWARENESS
WEEK"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 54) supporting the designation of a week as "National Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillator Awareness Week".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO THE HOKIE SPIRIT
MEMORIAL FUND

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4118) to exclude from gross income payments from the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund to the victims of the tragic event at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PROVIDING THAT THE GREAT
HALL OF THE CAPITOL VISITOR
CENTER SHALL BE KNOWN AS
EMANCIPATION HALL

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3315) to provide that the great hall of the Capitol Visitor Center shall be known as Emancipation Hall, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on November 14, 2007, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND
FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then proceed to consider the message from the House on bill H.R. 6, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 8:17 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 9 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, December 7, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN,

a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AMENDMENTS TO BILL H.R. 6

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the amendments received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 6) to move the United States toward greater energy independence and security, to increase the production of clean renewable fuels, to protect consumers from price gouging, to increase the energy efficiency of products, buildings, and vehicles, to promote research on and deploy greenhouse gas capture and storage options, and to improve the energy performance of the Federal Government, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the amendments of the House of Representatives to the amendments of the Senate to bill H.R. 6.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the 20 minutes previously ordered for debate be extended by 15 minutes; and that the time be equally divided and controlled in the usual form.

The question being on agreeing to the amendments of the House of Representatives to the amendments of the Senate to bill H.R. 6.

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives to the amendments of the Senate to bill H.R. 6; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives to the amendments of the Senate to bill H.R. 6:

JEFF BINGAMAN, MAX BAUCUS, BLANCHE L. LINCOLN, CHARLES E. SCHUMER, JON TESTER, ROBERT MENENDEZ, JACK REED, TOM HARKIN, MARK PRYOR, PATTY MURRAY, RON WYDEN, DICK DURBIN, MARIA CANTWELL, BYRON L. DORGAN, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., KENT CONRAD, BILL NELSON.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to concur.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on today, to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives to the amendments of the Senate to bill H.R. 6.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 53, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 416 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Akaka, Baucus, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 42

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Inhofe, Isakson, Landrieu, Lott, Lugar, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to concur in the amendments of the House to the amendments of the Senate to the bill.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that he be recognized for 15 minutes.

Pending debate,

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. DORGAN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with amendments:

S. 2062. A bill to amend the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 to reauthorize that Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-238).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 2433. A bill to require the President to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to further the United States foreign policy objective of promoting the reduction of global poverty, the elimination of extreme global poverty, and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goal of reducing by one-half the proportion of people worldwide, between 1990 and 2015, who live on less than \$1 per day; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 2434. A bill to clarify conditions for the interceptions of computer trespass communications under the USA-PATRIOT Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 2435. A bill to limit authority to delay notice of search warrants; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. DOLE:

S.J. Res. 26. A joint resolution supporting a base Defense Budget that at the very minimum matches 4 percent of gross domestic product; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. INHOFE):

S. Res. 395. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CARDIN:

S. Res. 396. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the hanging of nooses for the purpose of intimidation should be thoroughly investigated by Federal, State, and local law enforcement authorities and that any criminal violations should be vigorously prosecuted; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. SCHUMER Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. Res. 397. A resolution recognizing the 2007-2008 Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology and celebrating the first time in the history of the competition that young women have won top honors; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 82

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 82, a bill to reaffirm the authority of the Comptroller General to audit and evaluate the programs, activities, and financial transactions of the intelligence community, and for other purposes.

S. 215

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 215, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure net neutrality.

S. 334

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] were added as cosponsors of S. 334, a bill to provide affordable, guaranteed private health coverage that will make Americans healthier and can never be taken away.

S. 793

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 793, a bill to provide for the expansion and improvement of traumatic brain injury programs.

S. 1204

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1204, a bill to enhance Federal efforts focused on public awareness and education about the risks and dangers associated with Shaken Baby Syndrome.

S. 1373

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1373, a bill to provide grants and loan guarantees for the development and construction of science parks to promote the clustering of innovation through high technology activities.

S. 1418

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1418, a bill to provide assistance to improve the health of newborns, children, and mothers in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 1430

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1430, a bill to authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000,000 or more in Iran's energy sector, and for other purposes.

S. 1512

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1512, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to expand Federal eligibility for children in foster care who have attained age 18.

S. 1981

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1981, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding environmental education, and for other purposes.

S. 2067

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2067, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to recreational vessels.

S. 2086

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2086, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend funding for 18 months for the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and for other purposes.

S. 2108

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2108, a bill to establish a public education and awareness program relating to emergency contraception.

S. 2140

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2140, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Francis Collins, in recognition of his outstanding

contributions and leadership in the fields of medicine and genetics.

S. 2313

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2313, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance efforts to address antimicrobial resistance.

S. 2408

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN], the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2408, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require physician utilization of the Medicare electronic prescription drug program.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 44

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 44, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued honoring Rosa Louise McCauley Parks.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 9:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 6) to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes; with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

At 1:28 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2085. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the McGee Creek Authority certain facilities of the McGee Creek Project, Oklahoma, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3505. An act to make various technical and clerical amendments to the Federal securities laws.

H.R. 4253. An act to improve and expand small business assistance programs for veterans of the armed forces and military reservists, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001, (22 U.S.C. 7002) amended by division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (22 U.S.C. 6901), the Minority Leader appoints the following members to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission: Mr. Peter T.R. Brookes of Virginia (re-appointment) and Mr. Daniel M. Slane of Ohio.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 2085. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the McGee Creek Authority certain facilities of the McGee Creek Project, Oklahoma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3505. An act to make various technical and clerical amendments to the Federal securities laws; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING NATIONAL PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

On the request of Mr. AKAKA,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 395) expressing the sense of the Senate regarding National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, submitted today by Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. INHOFE), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE MESSAGE ON BILL H.R. 6 RETURNED TO SECRETARY'S DESK

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That the House message on bill H.R. 6 be returned to the Secretary's desk.

FARM, NUTRITION, AND BIOENERGY ACT

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 2419) to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3514, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 3513, proposed by Mr. REID, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3512) contained in the motion, by Mr. REID, to commit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That all pending motions and amendments, with the exception of amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. GRASSLEY), to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. HARKIN for Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 187, by striking all beginning on line 8 through line 18, page 209, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3695).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. SUNUNU, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. SCHUMER) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 3819).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. BROWN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 210, by striking all beginning on line 15 through line 9, page 214, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3810).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CHAMBLISS for Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. REED, Mr. HATCH, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. SUNUNU, and Mr. MCCAIN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on various pages and lines, by striking certain

words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 3711).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CHAMBLISS (for Mr. CORNYN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 1391, by striking all beginning with line 24 through line 7, page 1392, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3687).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CHAMBLISS (for Mr. COBURN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 1362, after line 19, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3807).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CHAMBLISS (for Mr. COBURN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title XI, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3530).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CHAMBLISS (for Mr. COBURN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 394, after line 25, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3632).

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

RECOGNIZING THE 2007-2008
SIEMENS COMPETITION IN MATH,
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WEBB in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 397) recognizing the 2007-2008 Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology and celebrating the first time in the history of the competition that young women have won top honors, submitted today by Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. STEVENS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PROVIDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL
TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF
PROGRAMS UNDER THE SMALL
BUSINESS ACT AND THE SMALL
BUSINESS INVESTMENT ACT OF
1958

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4252) to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through May 23, 2008, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 3 P.M. ON MONDAY,
DECEMBER 10, 2007, AND FOR
PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 3 p.m. on Monday, December 10, 2007; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of

the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that the Senate then resume consideration of bill H.R. 2419.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 3:14 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 3 p.m. on Monday, December 10, 2007.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2007

Mr. JIM WEBB, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, called the Senate to order at 3 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WEBB led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, December 10, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JIM WEBB, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. WEBB took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, December 7, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, December 7, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

FARM, NUTRITION, AND
BIOENERGY ACT

Pursuant to the order of Friday, December 7, 2007,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 2419) to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3632, proposed by Mr. CHAMBLISS (for Mr. COBURN), to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SMITH, and Ms. COLLINS) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 1472, striking all beginning on line 1 through line 3, page 1480, and inserting other words (being amendment No. 3616).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. THUNE (for Mr. MCCONNELL) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 3640).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. CRAIG (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. ALLARD) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3821).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. THUNE for Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in section 10208, by striking certain words (being amendment No. 3549).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. SALAZAR) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in title IX, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3614).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. THUNE (for Mr. GREGG), by unanimous consent, to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendments en bloc and designated numbers 3674, 3673, 3671, 3672, and 3822).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3822 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. THUNE for Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. HARKIN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 1220, after line 11, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3823).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. THUNE (for Mr. SESSIONS) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 1557, after line 14, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3596).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. THUNE for Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. LOTT, and Mr. SMITH) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 778, after line 2, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3569).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. THUNE (for Mr. ALEXANDER), by unanimous consent, to amend the pending amendment (in the nature

of a substitute), on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendments en bloc and designated numbers 3551 and 3553).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3553 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. THUNE (for Mr. BOND) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3771).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SALAZAR (for Mr. DURBIN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title XI, subtitle B, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3539).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

Ordered, That, on tomorrow, when the Senate resumes consideration of bill H.R. 2419, the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 3711; that there be 3 hours, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, at 12:30 p.m. on tomorrow, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m.; that, at 2:15 p.m., the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 2419, and amendment No. 3711 thereto; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; and that no amendment be in order to the amendment prior to the vote.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

BILL S. 2062 REFERRED

The bill (S. 2062) to amend the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 to reauthorize that Act, and for other purposes was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs for not to exceed 60 days, as pursuant to the order of May 27, 1998.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4167. A communication from the General Counsel, Government Accountability Office, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department in fiscal years 2006 and 2007; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-4168. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (72 FR 63110) received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4169. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (72 FR 63112) received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4170. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alaska Essential Fish Habitat VMS Rule Correction" (RIN0648-AU93) received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4171. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Western Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD21) received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4172. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD33) received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4173. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Non-American Fisheries Act Crab Vessels Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the

Inshore Component in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD36) received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4174. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inseason Action, Temporary Rule, Reopening of the Eastern U.S./Canada Area" (RIN0648-XD40) received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4175. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Rescission of Closure; Connecticut 2007 Summer Flounder Commercial Fishery" (RIN0648-XC92) received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4176. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD07) received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4177. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ownership and Control; Permit and Application Information; Transfer, Assignment, or Sale of Permit Rights" (RIN1092-AC52) received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4178. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a legislative proposal intended to implement an important new treaty for the protection of the world's oceans from ocean dumping; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4179. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia; Redesignation of 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Areas to Attainment and Approval of the Areas' Maintenance Plans and 2002 Base-Year Inventories; Correction" (FRL No. 8500-8) received on December 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4180. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Amendments to the Control of VOC Emissions from Consumer Products" (FRL No. 8500-6) received on December 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4181. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Minnesota" (FRL No. 8501-3) received on December 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4182. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Amendments Extending the Applicability of Four Consumer and Commercial Product Regulations to the Fredericksburg Volatile Organic Compound Emissions Control Area" (FRL No. 8500-9) received on December 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4183. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Georgia; Enhanced Inspection and Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 8503-1) received on December 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4184. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri; General Conformity" (FRL No. 8502-2) received on December 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4185. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Saint Regis Mohawk's Tribal Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 8488-9) received on

December 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4186. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus Thuringiensis Vip3Aa19 Protein in Cotton; Extension of a Temporary Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8340-4) received on December 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4187. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change in Deadline for Rulemaking to Address the Control of Emissions from New Marine Compression-Ignition Engines at or Above 30 Liters per Cylinder" (FRL No. 8502-6) received on December 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4188. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ethalfluralin; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8342-2) received on December 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4189. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interpretation of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for PM2.5 - Correcting and Simplifying Amendment" (FRL No. 8502-3) received on December 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4190. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticide Tolerance Crop Grouping Program" (FRL No. 8343-1) received on December 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4191. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Spinosad; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8339-8) received on December 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4192. A communication from the Director, Director of Standards and Guidance, Occupational Safety and Health

Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Employer Payment for Personal Protective Equipment" (RIN1218-AB77) received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4193. A communication from the Interim Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's Annual Management Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4194. A communication from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4195. A communication from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the organization's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4196. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4197. A communication from the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Commission's Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4198. A communication from the President, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Corporation's audit and investigative activities; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4199. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4200. A communication from the Chairman, Postal Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Commission's Inspector General for the period of late June 2007 through September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4201. A communication from the Director, Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant

to law, the Semiannual Report of the Commission's Inspector General for the six-month period ending September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1946. A bill to help Federal prosecutors and investigators combat public corruption by strengthening and clarifying the law (Rept. No. 110-239).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 2436. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the term of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue; read the first time.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 2437. A bill for the relief of Dr. Luis A.M. Gonzalez and Dr. Virginia Aguila Gonzalez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2438. A bill to repeal certain provisions of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 2439. A bill to require the National Incident Based Reporting System, the Uniform Crime Reporting Program, and the Law Enforcement National Data Exchange Program to list cruelty to animals as a separate offense category; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID:

S. 2440. A bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. REID:

S. 2441. A bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act, and for other purposes; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BROWN:

S. Res. 398. A resolution honoring the life and recognizing the accomplishments of Joe Nuxhall, broadcaster for the Cincinnati Reds; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. KYL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. Res. 399. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that certain benchmarks must be met before certain restrictions against the Government of North Korea are lifted, and that the United States Government should not provide any financial assistance to North Korea until the Secretary of State makes certain certifications regarding the submission of applications for refugee status; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 617

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 617, a bill to make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available at a discount to certain veterans.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 838

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 838, a bill to authorize funding for eligible joint ventures between United States and Israeli businesses and academic persons, to establish the International Energy Advisory Board, and for other purposes.

S. 871

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 871, a bill to establish and provide for the treatment of Individual Development Accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 969, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the definition of supervisor.

S. 1317

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr.

JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1317, a bill to posthumously award a congressional gold medal to Constance Baker Motley.

S. 1428

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1428, a bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to assure access to durable medical equipment under the Medicare program.

S. 1482

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1482, a bill to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct research on indicators of child well-being.

S. 1492

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1492, a bill to improve the quality of federal and state data regarding the availability and quality of broadband services and to promote the deployment of affordable broadband services to all parts of the Nation.

S. 1595

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1595, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide flexibility in the manner in which beds are counted for purposes of determining whether a hospital may be designated as a critical access hospital under the Medicare program.

S. 1715

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1715, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate discriminatory copayment rates for outpatient psychiatric services under the Medicare program.

S. 1895

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1895, a bill to aid and support pediatric involvement in reading and education.

S. 1981

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1981, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding environmental education, and for other purposes.

S. 2010

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2010, a bill to require prisons and other

detention facilities holding Federal prisoners or detainees under a contract with the Federal Government to make the same information available to the public that Federal prisons and detention facilities are required to do by law.

S. 2042

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2042, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct activities to rapidly advance treatments for spinal muscular atrophy, neuromuscular disease, and other pediatric diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 2071

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2071, a bill to enhance the ability to combat methamphetamine.

S. 2119

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2119, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 2135

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2135, a bill to prohibit the recruitment or use of child soldiers, to designate persons who recruit or use child soldiers as inadmissible aliens, to allow the deportation of persons who recruit or use child soldiers, and for other purposes.

S. 2136

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2136, a bill to address the treatment of primary mortgages in bankruptcy, and for other purposes.

S. 2159

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2159, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

S. 2278

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2278, a bill to improve the prevention, detection, and treatment of community and healthcare-associated infections (CHAI), with a focus on antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

S. 2400

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2400, a bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to continue to pay to a member of the Armed Forces who is retired or separated from the Armed Forces due to a combat-related injury certain bonuses that the member was entitled to before the retirement or separation and would continue to be entitled to if the member was not retired or separated, and for other purposes.

S. 2426

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2426, a bill to provide for congressional oversight of United States agreements with the Government of Iraq.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 22, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services within the Department of Health and Human Services relating to Medicare coverage for the use of erythropoiesis stimulating agents in cancer and related neoplastic conditions.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 53

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 53, a concurrent resolution condemning the kidnapping and hostage-taking of 3 United States citizens for over 4 years by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), and demanding their immediate and unconditional release.

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 53, supra.

SENATE RESOLUTION 388

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 388, a resolution designating the week of February 4 through February 8, 2008, as "National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week".

SENATE RESOLUTION 397

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 397, a resolution recognizing the 2007-2008 Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology and celebrating the

first time in the history of the competition that young women have won top honors.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 3:24 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

S. 888. An act to amend section 1091 of title 18, United States Code, to allow the prosecution of genocide in appropriate circumstances.

S. 2371. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make technical corrections.

S.J. Res. 8. Joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Patricia Q. Stonesifer as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

HONORING THE LIFE AND RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JOE NUXHALL, BROADCASTER FOR THE CINCINNATI REDS

On the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 398) honoring the life and recognizing the accomplishments of Joe Nuxhall, broadcaster for the Cincinnati Reds, submitted today by Mr. BROWN, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2436) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the term of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, introduced today by Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. SALAZAR asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. SALAZAR objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2440) to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. REID, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. SALAZAR asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. SALAZAR objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2441) to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. REID, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. SALAZAR asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. SALAZAR objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the first half of the time therein be controlled by the minority, and the second half of the time therein be controlled by the majority; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 2419, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SALAZAR,

At 6:39 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2007

Mr. SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, December 11, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. WHITEHOUSE took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT
RESOLUTION PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Tuesday, December 11, 2007, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

S. 2371. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make technical corrections.

S. 888. A bill to amend section 1091 of title 18, United States Code, to allow the prosecution of genocide in appropriate circumstances.

S.J. Res. 8. A joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Patricia Q. Stonesifer as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4202. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Hospital Mortgage Insurance Program" (RIN2502-A122) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4203. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Project-Based Voucher Rents for Units Receiving Low-Income Housing Tax Credits" (RIN2577-AC62) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4204. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Identity Theft Red Flags and Address Discrepancies Under the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003" (RIN3084-AA94) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4205. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Purchase, Sale, and Pledge of Eligible Operations" (RIN3133-AD37) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4206. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Rule 12h-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934" (RIN3235-AJ91) received on December 3, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4207. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updated Statements of Legal Authority for the Export Administration Regulations" (RIN0694-AE19) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4208. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airplane Performance and Handling Qualities in Icing Conditions" ((RIN2120-A114)(Docket No. FAA-2005-22840)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4209. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-204)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4210. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; DG Flugzeugbau GmbH Model DG-1000T Gliders" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2007-CE-032)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4211. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; SICMA Aero Seat 50XXX Passenger Seats" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NE-09)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4212. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Societe de Motorisations Aeronautiques SR305-230 and SR305-230-1 Reciprocating Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2007-NE-26)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4213. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca S.A. Artouste III B, Artouste III B1, and Artouste III D Turboshift Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2005-NE-54)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4214. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model MD-11, MD-11F, DC-10-10, DC-10-10F, DC-10-15, DC-10-30, DC-10-30F, DC-10-40, DC-10-40F, MD-10-10F, and MD-10-30F Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-061)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4215. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; B/E Aerospace Skyluxe II Passenger Seats" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NE-21)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4216. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca Arriel 2B1 Turboshift Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NE-02)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4217. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc RB211 Trent 500 Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2007-NE-15)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4218. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company Aircraft Engine Group CF6-45A Series, CF6-50A, CF6-50C Series and CF6-50E Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2006-NE-23)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4219. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Hawker Beechcraft Model 400, 400A, and 400T Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-016)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4220. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300F4-605R and A300F4-622R Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-080)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4221. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 727 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-089)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4222. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company CF6-80C2A5F Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NE-23)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4223. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Aircraft Company Models 58P and 58TC Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-CE-24)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4224. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Alpha Aviation Design Limited Model R2160 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-076)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4225. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness

Directives; Saab Model SAAB 2000 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-248)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4226. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Hawker Beechcraft Corporation Model 390 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-043)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4227. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 Airplanes and Model A310 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-259)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4228. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A318-111 and A318-112 Airplanes and Model A319, A320, and A321 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-169)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4229. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Production and Airworthiness Approvals, Part Marking, and Miscellaneous Proposals" ((RIN2120-A178)(Docket No. FAA-2006-25877)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4230. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flightdeck Door Monitoring and Crew Discreet Alerting Systems" ((RIN2120-A116)(Docket No. FAA-2005-22449)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4231. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inspection Authorization 2-year Renewal" ((RIN2120-A183)(Docket No. FAA-2007-27108)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4232. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Viking Air Limited Model DHC-7 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-004)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4233. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-100B SUD, 747-200B, 747-200C, 747-200F, 747-300, 747-400, 747-400D, 747-400F, and 747SP Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-025)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4234. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300-600 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-008)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4235. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300-600R Series Airplanes; and Model A310-300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-067)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4236. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-600, -700, -700C, -800, -900, and -900ER Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-215)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4237. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pilatus Aircraft Limited Model PC-6 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-074)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4238. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-100, 747-100B, 747-100B SUD, 747-200B, 747-200C, 747-200F, 747-300, 747SR, and 747SP Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-198)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4239. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model MD-10-10F and MD-10-30F Airplanes, Model MD-11 and MD-11F Airplanes, and Model 717-200 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. 2006-NM-156)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4240. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-233)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4241. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-292)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4242. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A321 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-019)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4243. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pacific Aerospace Limited Model 750XL Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-055)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4244. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-100, -200B, -

200C, and -200F Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-034)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4245. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Lady Lake, FL" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 07-ASO-15)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4246. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Live Oak, FL" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 07-ASO-8)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4247. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Winfield, FL" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 07-ASO-13)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4248. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Gainesville, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-ASO-14)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4249. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Forest Hill, MD" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 06-AEA-13)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4250. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Class D and E Airspace; Utica, NY; Amendment of Class D and E Airspace; Rome, NY; Establishment of Class E Airspace; Rome, NY" ((RIN2120-AA66)-(Docket No. 07-AEA-3)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4251. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation

Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Kotzebue, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-AAL-07)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4252. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Fort Yukou, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-AAL-06)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4253. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Class E Airspace; Columbus, GA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-ASO-18)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4254. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Everett, WA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-ANM-2)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4255. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Hoquiam, WA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ANM-9)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4256. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Centreville, AL; Correction" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-AAL-7)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4257. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airspace Designations; Incorporation by Reference" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 29334)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4258. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Hailey, ID" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-ANM-8)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4259. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9-10, -20, -30, -40, and -50 Series Airplanes; Model DC-9-81, -82, -83, and -87 Airplanes; and Model MD-88 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2003-NM-198)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4260. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model MD-90-30 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2003-NM-194)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4261. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-077)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4262. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model EMB-135BJ Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-018)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4263. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model 717-200 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-068)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4264. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness

Directives; Boeing Model 777 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-200)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4265. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pacific Aerospace Corporation, Ltd. Model 750XL Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-039)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4266. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model 717-200 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-010)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4267. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company CF6-80E1 Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NE-32)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4268. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Avions Marcel Dassault-Breguet Model Falcon 10 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-192)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4269. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A318, A319, A320, and A321 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-170)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4270. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Piaggio Aero Industries S.p.A. Model P-180 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-C-041)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4271. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation

Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney JT9D-7R4 Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NE-38)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4272. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330 and A340 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-178)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4273. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company CF34-1A, -3A, -3A1, -3A2, -3B, and -3B1 Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2000-NE-42)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4274. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Enstrom Helicopter Corporation Model F-28A, F-28C, F-28F, TH-28, 280, 280C, 280F, 280FX, 480, and 480B Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-SW-07)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4275. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney Canada PW535A Turbofan Engines; Correction" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NE-35)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4276. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-100, 747-100B, 747-100B SUD, 747-200B, 747-200C, 747-300, 747-400, 747-400D, 747SR, and 747SP Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-159)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4277. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3240)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4278. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3239)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4279. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3237)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4280. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3238)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4281. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3236)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4282. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA63)(Amdt. No. 470)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4283. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Hulett, WY" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-ANM-9)) received on

December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4284. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Jet Routes J-29 and J-101; South Central United States" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-ASW-1)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4285. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of the Phoenix Class B Airspace Area; Arizona" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 05-AWA-2)) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4286. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Closure of Quota Period 2 Fishery for Spiny Dogfish" (RIN0648-XD92) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4287. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Closure of a New York 2007 Summer Flounder Commercial Fishery" (RIN0648-XD45) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4288. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Inseason Bluefish Quota Transfer from VA to NY" (RIN0648-XD65) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4289. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fraser River Sockeye and Pink Salmon Fisheries; In-season Orders" (RIN0648-XD05) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4290. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Emergency Action to Lower the Haddock Minimum Size Limit to 18 Inches to Reduce Regulatory Discarding" (RIN0648-AV75) received on

December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4291. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone (including 5 regulations beginning with CGD09-07-119)" (RIN1625-AA00) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4292. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; Hawaii Superferry Arrival/Departure, Nawiliwili Harbor, Kauai, Hawaii" (RIN1625-AA87) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4293. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone: Marine City Maritime Festival Fireworks, St. Clair River, Marine City, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(CGD09-07-016)) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4294. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Cumberland River, Clarksville, TN" ((RIN1625-AA11)(CGD08-07-010)) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4295. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone (including 2 regulations beginning with CGD14-07-001)" (RIN1625-AA87) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4296. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; John H. Kerr Reservoir, Clarksville, VA" ((RIN1625-AA08)(CGD05-07-045)) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4297. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone (including 2 regulations beginning with COTP Western Alaska-07-003)" (RIN1625-

AA00) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4298. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Back River, Poquoson, VA" ((RIN1625-AA08)(CGD05-07-060)) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4299. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone" ((RIN1625-AA00)(CGD05-07-088)) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4300. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Morgan City-Port Allen Alternate Route, Mile Marker 0.5 to Mile Marker 1.0, Bank to Bank" (RIN1625-AA00) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4301. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Shipping; Technical, Organizational, and Conforming Amendments" ((RIN1625-ZA14)(Docket No. USCG-2007-29018)) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4302. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Furnaces and Boilers" (RIN1904-AA78) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4303. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on University Collaboration"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4304. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to operations at the Naval Petroleum Reserves for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4305. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acetamidiprid; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8340-6) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4306. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus Thuringiensis Vip3Aa20 Protein and the Genetic Material Necessary for its Production in Corn; Extension of Temporary Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8340-5) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4307. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Textiles and Apparel, Import Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Imports of Certain Cotton Shirting Fabric: Implementation of Tariff Rate Quota Established Under the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006" (RIN0625-AA74) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4308. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Employer-Owned Life Insurance" ((RIN1545-BG58)(TD 9364)) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4309. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2008 Annual Covered Compensation Tables" (Rev. Rul. 2007-71) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4310. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Cumulative List of Changes in Plan Qualification Requirements" (Notice 2007-94) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4311. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Model Amendments for Certain Section 403(b) Plans" (Rev. Proc. 2007-71) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4312. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Announcement-

Disqualified Corporate Interest Expense Disallowed under Section 163(j)" (Announcement 2007-114) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4313. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice: Tier 2 Rates for 2008" (26 U.S.C. 3241) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4314. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definition of Insurance under Section 402(1) of the Code - Modification of Notice 2007-7" (Notice 2007-99) received on December 4, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4315. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Revisions to the Medicare Advantage and Part D Prescription Drug Contract Determinations, Appeals, and Intermediate Sanctions Processes" (RIN0938-AO78) received on December 4, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4316. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program; Optional State Plan Case Management Services" (RIN0938-AO50) received on December 4, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4317. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Integrity Program; Limitation on Contractor Liability" (RIN0938-AO88) received on December 4, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4318. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense articles to Taiwan, Singapore, Canada, and the United Kingdom relative to the installation of two multi-source remote sensing satellite ground stations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4319. A communication from the Deputy Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer

Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4320. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the implementation of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4321. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedure for Designating Classes of Employees as Members of the Special Exposure Cohort under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Act of 2002; Amendments" (RIN0920-AA13) received on December 4, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4322. A communication from the Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4323. A communication from the Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4324. A communication from the Executive Director, Marine Mammal Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4325. A communication from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, the organization's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4326. A communication from the Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Commission's Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4327. A communication from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Foundation's Annual Financial Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4328. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reasonable Charges for Medical Care or Services" (RIN2900-AM35) received on December 4, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4329. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of the Presumptive Period for Compensation for Gulf War Veterans" (RIN2900-AM47) received on December 3, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2445. An original bill to provide for the flexibility of certain disaster relief funds, and for improved evacuation and sheltering during disasters and catastrophes (Rept. No. 110-240).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment:

S. 2135. A bill to prohibit the recruitment or use of child soldiers, to designate persons who recruit or use child soldiers as inadmissible aliens, to allow the deportation of persons who recruit or use child soldiers, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. KYL:

S. 2442. A bill to provide the Secretary of Agriculture with alternatives to comply with the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. 2443. A bill to provide for the release of any revisionary interest of the United States in and to certain lands in Reno, Nevada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. DODD):

S. 2444. A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to provide grants to establish and

evaluate sustainability programs, charged with developing and implementing integrated environmental, economic, and social sustainability initiatives, and to direct the Secretary of Education to convene a summit of higher education experts in the area of sustainability; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 2445. An original bill to provide for the flexibility of certain disaster relief funds, and for improved evacuation and sheltering during disasters and catastrophes; from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 2446. A bill to provide that the Secretary of Homeland Security may waive certain retirement provisions for reemployed annuitants in the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2447. A bill to make a technical correction to section 119 of title 17, United States Code; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 2448. A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to make certain technical corrections; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2449. A bill to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, relating to protective orders, sealing of cases, disclosures of discovery information in civil actions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 2450. A bill to amend the Federal Rules of Evidence to address the waiver of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2451. A bill to enhance public safety by improving the reintegration of youth offenders into the families and communities to which they are returning; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. DOLE:

S.J. Res. 27. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to the line item veto; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE
RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. TESTER):

S. Res. 400. A resolution to designate Friday, November 23, 2007, as "Native American Heritage Day" in honor of the achievements and contributions of Native Americans to the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. Res. 401. A resolution to provide Internet access to certain Congressional Research Service publications; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 469

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

S. 871

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 871, a bill to establish and provide for the treatment of Individual Development Accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 898

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 898, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to fund breakthroughs in Alzheimer's disease research while providing more help to caregivers and increasing public education about prevention.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 1107

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED]

was added as a cosponsor of S. 1107, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce cost-sharing under part D of such title for certain non-institutionalized full-benefit dual eligible individuals.

S. 1164

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1164, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve patient access to, and utilization of, the colorectal cancer screening benefit under the Medicare Program.

S. 1394

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of S. 1394, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, to exclude from gross income of individual taxpayers discharges of indebtedness attributable to certain forgiven residential mortgage obligations.

S. 1910

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 1910, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that amounts derived from Federal grants and State matching funds in connection with revolving funds established in accordance with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act will not be treated as proceeds or replacement proceeds for purposes of section 148 of such Code.

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 1910, *supra*.

S. 1951

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1951, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure that individuals eligible for medical assistance under the Medicaid program continue to have access to prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 2020

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2020, a bill to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2010, to rename the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 as the "Tropical Forest and Coral Conservation Act of 2007", and for other purposes.

S. 2042

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2042, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct activities to rapidly advance treatments for spinal muscular atrophy, neuromuscular disease, and other pediatric diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 2051

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2051, a bill to amend the small rural school achievement program and the rural and low-income school program under part B of title VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

S. 2123

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2123, a bill to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions.

S. 2140

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2140, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Francis Collins, in recognition of his outstanding contributions and leadership in the fields of medicine and genetics.

S. 2166

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2166, a bill to provide for greater responsibility in lending and expanded cancellation of debts owed to the United States and the international financial institutions by low-income countries, and for other purposes.

S. 2181

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2181, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect Medicare beneficiaries' access to home health services under the Medicare program.

S. 2213

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2213, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve prevention, investigation, and prosecution of cyber-crime, and for other purposes.

S. 2257

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2257, a bill to impose sanctions on officials of the State Peace and Development Council in Burma, to amend the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 to prohibit the importation of gemstones and hardwoods from Burma, to promote a coordinated international effort to restore civilian democratic rule to Burma, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2257, *supra*.

S. 2347

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON], the

Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2347, a bill to restore and protect access to discount drug prices for university-based and safety-net clinics.

S. 2385

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2385, a bill to provide Federal Perkins Loan cancellation to fire fighters.

S. 2400

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN] and the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 2400, a bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to continue to pay to a member of the Armed Forces who is retired or separated from the Armed Forces due to a combat-related injury certain bonuses that the member was entitled to before the retirement or separation and would continue to be entitled to if the member was not retired or separated, and for other purposes.

S. 2425

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2425, a bill to require the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary Commerce to submit reports to Congress on the commercial and passenger vehicle traffic at certain points of entry, and for other purposes.

S. 2431

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2431, a bill to address emergency shortages in food banks.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 22, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services within the Department of Health and Human Services relating to Medicare coverage for the use of erythropoiesis stimulating agents in cancer and related neoplastic conditions.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 53

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 53, a concurrent resolution condemning the kidnapping and hostage-taking of 3 United States citizens for over 4 years by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of

Colombia (FARC), and demanding their immediate and unconditional release.

SENATE RESOLUTION 178

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 178, a resolution expressing the sympathy of the Senate to the families of women and girls murdered in Guatemala, and encouraging the United States to work with Guatemala to bring an end to these crimes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 398

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 398, a resolution honoring the life and recognizing the accomplishments of Joe Nuxhall, broadcaster for the Cincinnati Reds.

SENATE RESOLUTION 399

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 399, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that certain benchmarks must be met before certain restrictions against the Government of North Korea are lifted, and that the United States Government should not provide any financial assistance to North Korea until the Secretary of State makes certain certifications regarding the submission of applications for refugee status.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a classified briefing on Iran.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday,

December 11, 2007, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing.

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

The Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, at 10 a.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 11, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed briefing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST, COMPETITION POLICY, AND CONSUMER RIGHTS

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy, and Consumer Rights, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate order to conduct a hearing on Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TERRORISM, TECHNOLOGY, AND HOMELAND SECURITY

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Homeland Security, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a hearing on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, at 10 a.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 1:08 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 710. An act to amend the National Organ Transplant Act to provide that criminal penalties do not apply to human organ paired donation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3315. An act to provide that the great hall of the Capitol Visitor Center shall be known as Emancipation Hall.

H.R. 3688. An act to implement the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement.

H.R. 4118. An act to exclude from gross income payments from the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund to the victims of the tragic event at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 6:20 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4341. An act to extend the trade adjustment assistance program under the Trade Act of 1974 for 3 months.

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT
RESOLUTION SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that on today, December 11, 2007, he had signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution, previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

S. 888. An act to amend section 1091 of title 18, United States Code, to allow the prosecution of genocide in appropriate circumstances.

S. 2371. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make technical corrections.

S.J. Res. 8. Joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Patricia Q. Stonesifer as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2436) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the term of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, introduced on yesterday by Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2440) to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. REID, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2441) to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. REID, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL S. 2340

Mr. CORNYN asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2340) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; that the bill be read the third time and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

FARM, NUTRITION, AND
BIOENERGY ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TESTER in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 2419) to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being on agreeing on amendment No. 3711, proposed by Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. REED, Mr. HATCH, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. SUNUNU, and Mr. MCCAIN), to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. GRASSLEY), to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. TESTER,

Ordered, That the pending amendments be laid aside; that he be recognized to propose an amendment; and that, following remarks by him, the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 3711 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The pending amendments were laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. HATCH) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on various pages and lines, striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 3666).

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3711 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BAUCUS,

Ordered, That the pending amendments be laid aside; that he be recognized to propose an amendment (numbered 3660); that there be 5 minutes for debate thereon; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the amendment be withdrawn.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The pending amendments were laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. CRAPO) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title III, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3660).

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment was withdrawn.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3711 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SCHUMER to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 272, after line 24, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3720).

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

At 12:26 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

FARM, NUTRITION, AND
BIOENERGY ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2419.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3711 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. CHAMBLISS asked unanimous consent that, following the vote in relation to amendment No. 3711, there be a period of one hour, equally divided and controlled, for debate on amendments numbered 3671, 3673, 3674; that, following said debate, there be a period of one hour, equally divided and controlled, for debate on amendments numbered 3551 and 3553; that, following said debate, there be a period of 90 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate on amendments numbered 3530, 3632, and 3807; and that the Senate vote in relation to said amendments in "stacked" sequence on tomorrow.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3711 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That the Senate vote in relation to the pending amendment at 3:50 p.m.; that the time until then be divided and controlled, as follows: 45 minutes to be controlled by Mr. LAUTENBERG and Mr. LUGAR; and that 15 minutes be controlled by the opposition.

Ordered further, That provisions of the order of yesterday relative to amendment No. 3711 remain in status quo.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3711 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS,

Ordered, That the Senate immediately vote on the pending amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3711 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. LUGAR,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 37, nays... 58

[Rollcall Vote No. 417 Leg.]

YEAS --- 37

Allard, Barrasso, Boxer, Brown, Bunning, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, DeMint, Domenici, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feinstein, Gregg, Hagel, Kennedy, Kerry, Kyl, Lautenberg, Lieberman, Lugar, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Nelson (FL), Reed, Schumer, Snowe,

Specter, Sununu, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse.

NAYS --- 58

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Brownback, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, Dole, Dorgan, Feingold, Graham, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, Lott, Martinez, McCaskill, Murray, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. CONRAD to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. BROWN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to the amendment No. 3720 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. GREGG called for the regular order with respect to amendment No. 3673.

Whereupon,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3673, proposed by Mr. THUNE for Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CORKER, Mrs. DOLE, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. VOINOVICH), to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. GREGG to amend the pending amendment at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3825).

Mr. SANDERS called for the regular order with respect to amendment No. 3822.

Whereupon,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3822, proposed by Mr. THUNE for Mr. GREGG (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SUNUNU, and Ms. SNOWE), to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mrs. DOLE) to insert, in lieu of the language proposed to be inserted by the pending amendment, other words (being amendment No. 3826, in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

Mr. SANDERS asked unanimous consent to lay aside the pending amendment; and that it be in order for him to propose an amendment.

Mr. CHAMBLISS objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3826 (in the nature of a substitute) to amendment No. 3822 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. HARKIN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 1097, striking all beginning on line 1 through line 15 on page 1103, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3736).

Pending debate,

Mr. DORGAN called for the regular order.

Whereupon,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3695, proposed by Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY), to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), to the bill.

Mr. DORGAN, by unanimous consent, modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 3695, as modified, to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SESSIONS,

Ordered, That amendment No. 3596 be the pending question.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3596 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. GREGG) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title XI, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3830).

Pending debate,

ORDER RELATIVE TO BILL H.R. 6

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That any motion to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 6, presented on tomorrow, be deemed to have been presented on today.

FARM, NUTRITION, AND
BIOENERGY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate resumes consideration of bill H.R. 2419 on tomorrow, the question be on agreeing to amendment No. 3671; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; that, following the vote, the question recur on

agreeing to amendment No. 3672; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; that the second vote be 10 minutes in duration; and that no amendments be in order to either amendment prior to the vote.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, there be a limitation of debate on the following amendments, as indicated:

Amendments numbered 3551 and 3553, 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. SALAZAR;

Amendment No. 3687, 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled;

Amendment No. 3695, as modified, 2 hours, equally divided and controlled;

Amendment No. 3810, 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled;

Amendment No. 3673, 2 hours, equally divided and controlled;

Amendment No. 3596, 40 minutes, equally divided and controlled;

Amendments Nos. 3807, 3530, and 3632, 90 minutes, equally divided and controlled.

Ordered further, That the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 3695, as modified, on Thursday, December 13, 2007, at 9:15 a.m.

Ordered further, That the amendments numbered 3695, 3673, and 3810 each receive a minimum of 60 yeas votes to be agreed to; that, if the Senate agrees to the amendment with a minimum of 60 yeas votes, a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; and that, if the Senate fails to agree to the amendment with a minimum of 60 yeas votes, the amendment be withdrawn.

Ordered further, That there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration in any "stacked" sequence ordered.

METHAMPHETAMINE REMIEDIATION RESEARCH ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 365) to provide for a research program for remediation of closed methamphetamine production laboratories, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

REAUTHORIZATION OF THE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 793) to provide for the expansion and improvement of traumatic brain injury programs.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. KENNEDY) to insert in lieu of the language proposed to be inserted by the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), other words (being amendment No. 3831, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 3 hours for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 2419, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 8:21 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2007

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 9 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, December 12, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.
Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4330. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fair Credit Reporting Affiliate Marketing Regulations" (RIN3064-AC83) received on December 7, 2007; to the

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4331. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations (including 9 regulations beginning with CGD08-07-040)" (RIN1625-AB09) received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4332. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulations (including 9 regulations beginning with CGD11-07-014)" (RIN1625-AB09) received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4333. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulations (including 5 regulations beginning with CGD08-07-037)" (RIN1625-AB09) received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4334. A communication from the Administrator, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's annual financial audit and management report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4335. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the National Source Tracking System; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4336. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Illinois; Source-Specific Revision for Cromwell-Phoenix, Incorporated" (FRL No. 8503-5) received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4337. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clethodim; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8340-7) received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4338. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Finding of Failure to Attain; California - Imperial Valley Nonattainment Area; PM-10" (FRL No. 8504-2) received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4339. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rhode Island: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 8504-4) received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4340. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Water Quality Standards for Puerto Rico" (FRL No. 8504-9) received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4341. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4342. A communication from the General Counsel, Government and Accountability Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the number of federal agencies that did not fully implement a recommendation made by the Office in response to a bid protest during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4343. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-190, "Neighborhood Investment Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4344. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-186, "Washington Convention Center Authority Advisory Committee Continuity Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4345. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of

Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-185, "Closing Agreement Temporary Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4346. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-184, "Real Property Tax Benefits Revision Temporary Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4347. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-183, "East of the River Hospital Revitalization Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4348. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Corporation's Inspector General for the six-month period from April 1, 2007, to September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4349. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-182, "Appointment of the Chief Medical Examiner Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4350. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-189, "Fire Hydrant Inspection, Repair, Maintenance, and Fire Preparedness Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4351. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-188, "East of the River Hospital Revitalization Tax Exemption Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4352. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-187, "Access to Youth Employment Programs Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4353. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-181, "Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4354. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-180, "District of Columbia Consumer Protection Fund Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4355. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-179, "Doubled Fines in Construction or Work Zones Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-268. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners for Miami-Dade County of the State of Florida urging the Florida Legislature to develop and implement a system for providing homeowners discounts on their property insurance if they install carbon monoxide detectors; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

POM-269. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners for Miami-Dade County of the State of Florida urging the Florida Legislature to pass legislation regulating crane operations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-270. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners for Miami-Dade County of the State of Florida opposing legislation that would preempt local governments from suing firms that rent hotel rooms over the Internet to recover unpaid bed taxes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 506. A bill to improve efficiency in the Federal Government through the use of high-performance green buildings, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-241).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment:

S. 1429. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize the provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (Rept. No. 110-242).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

Report to accompany S. 1785, A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish deadlines by which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall issue a decision on whether to grant certain waivers of preemption under that Act (Rept. No. 110-243).

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 781. A bill to extend the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to collect Do-Not-Call Registry fees to fiscal years after fiscal year 2007 (Rept. No. 110-244).

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 1965. A bill to protect children from cybercrimes, including crimes by online predators, to enhance efforts to identify and eliminate child pornography, and to help parents shield their children from material that is inappropriate for minors (Rept. No. 110-245).

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2096. A bill to amend the Do-Not-Call Implementation Act to eliminate the automatic removal of telephone numbers registered on the Federal "do-not-call" registry (Rept. No. 110-246).

By Mr. AKAKA, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2004. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish epilepsy centers of excellence in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-247).

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 911. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 1916. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to modify the program for the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees by terminating the authority for the removal of chimpanzees from the system for research purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. DURBIN)):

S. 2452. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to provide protection to consumers with respect to certain high-cost loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ALEXANDER:

S. 2453. A bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to clarify requirements relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of national origin; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2454. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to protect the privacy rights of subscribers to wireless communications services; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2455. A bill to provide \$1,000,000,000 in emergency Community Development Block Grant funding for necessary expenses related to the impact of foreclosures on communities; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. REID (for Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. ROBERTS)):

S. 2456. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve and secure an adequate supply of influenza vaccine; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. 2457. A bill to provide for extensions of leases of certain land by Mashantucket Pequot (Western) Tribe; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2458. A bill to promote and enhance the operation of local building code enforcement administration across the country by establishing a competitive Federal matching grant program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 2459. A bill to authorize appropriations for research and enforcement activities of the Federal Trade Commission related to misleading mortgage advertisements; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DURBIN Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BURR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. BOND):

S. 2460. A bill to extend by one year the moratorium on implementation of a rule relating to the Federal-State financial partnership under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program and on finalization of a rule regarding graduate medical education under Medicaid and to include a moratorium on the finalization of the outpatient Medicaid rule making similar changes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. 2461. A bill to authorize the transfer of certain earmarked funds to accounts for operations and activities in Iraq and Afghanistan; read the first time.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. DODD, and Mr. OBAMA)

S. 2462. A bill to provide that before the Secretary of Defense may furlough any employee of the Department of Defense on the basis of a lack of funds, the Secretary shall suspend any nonessential service contract entered into by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BUNNING, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. VIITER, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. KYL, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. SMITH):

S. Res. 402. A resolution recognizing the life and contributions of Henry John Hyde; to the Committee on the Judiciary

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. Res. 403. A resolution congratulating Boys Town on its 90th anniversary celebration; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 805

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 805, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa in the effort to achieve internationally recognized goals in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other major diseases and the reduction of maternal and child mortality by improving human health care capacity and improving retention of medical health professionals in sub-Saharan Africa, and for other purposes.

S. 958

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 958, a bill to establish an adolescent literacy program.

S. 988

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 988, a bill to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

S. 1003

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1003, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to emergency medical services and the quality and efficiency of care furnished in emergency departments of hospitals and critical access hospitals by establishing a bipartisan commission to examine factors that affect the effective delivery of such services, by providing for additional payments for certain physician services furnished in such emergency departments, and by establishing a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Working Group, and for other purposes.

S. 1232

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1232, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to develop a voluntary policy for managing the risk of food allergy and anaphylaxis in schools, to establish school-based food allergy management grants, and for other purposes.

S. 1464

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1464, a bill to establish a Global Service Fellowship Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1506

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1506, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to modify provisions

relating to beach monitoring, and for other purposes.

S. 1514

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1514, a bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

S. 1664

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1664, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Robert M. La Follette, Sr., in recognition of his important contributions to the Progressive movement, the State of Wisconsin, and the United States.

S. 1665

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1665, a bill to authorize the President to posthumously award a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Robert M. La Follette, Sr., in recognition of his important contributions to the Progressive movement, the State of Wisconsin, and the United States.

S. 1841

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1841, a bill to provide a site for the National Women's History Museum in Washington, District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S. 1991

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1991, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of extending the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to include additional sites associated with the preparation and return phases of the expedition, and for other purposes.

S. 1995

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1995, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the tax on beer to its pre-1991 level.

S. 2056

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2056, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restore financial stability to Medicare anesthesiology teaching programs for resident physicians.

S. 2064

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2064, a bill to fund comprehensive programs to ensure an adequate supply of nurses.

S. 2080

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2080, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to ensure that sewage treatment plants monitor for and report discharges of raw sewage, and for other purposes.

S. 2112

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2112, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish the Nurse-Managed Health Clinic Investment program, and for other purposes.

S. 2140

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD] were added as cosponsors of S. 2140, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Francis Collins, in recognition of his outstanding contributions and leadership in the fields of medicine and genetics.

S. 2257

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2257, a bill to impose sanctions on officials of the State Peace and Development Council in Burma, to amend the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 to prohibit the importation of gemstones and hardwoods from Burma, to promote a coordinated international effort to restore civilian democratic rule to Burma, and for other purposes.

S. 2277

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2277, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the limitation on the issuance of qualified veterans' mortgage bonds for Alaska, Oregon, and Wisconsin and to modify the definition of qualified veteran.

S. 2341

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2341, a bill to provide Individual Development Accounts to support foster youths who are transitioning from the foster care system.

S. 2400

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2400, a bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to continue to pay to a member of the Armed Forces who is retired or separated from the Armed Forces due to a combat-related injury certain bonuses that the member was entitled to before the retirement or separation and would continue to be entitled to if the member was not retired or separated, and for other purposes.

S. 2408

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2408, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require physician utilization of the Medicare electronic prescription drug program.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 53

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 53, a concurrent resolution condemning the kidnapping and hostage-taking of 3 United States citizens for over 4 years by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), and demanding their immediate and unconditional release.

SENATE RESOLUTION 388

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 388, a resolution designating the week of February 4 through February 8, 2008, as "National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week".

SENATE RESOLUTION 401

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 401, a resolution to provide Internet access to certain Congressional Research Service publications.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, December 12, 2007, at 11 a.m. to hold a closed briefing on North Korea.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet in Executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, December 12, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, December 12, 2007, at 10 a.m. to consider the nominations of Harvey E. Johnson, Jr., to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency,

U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and Jeffrey William Runge to be Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs and Chief Medical Officer, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, December 12, 2007, at 10 a.m., to hear testimony on the funding challenges and facilities maintenance issues facing the Smithsonian Institution.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet tomorrow, Wednesday, December 12, 2007 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building for the purposes of conducting a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "S. 1782, The Arbitration Fairness Act of 2007" on Wednesday, December 12, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:24 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 123. An act to authorize appropriations for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund.

H.R. 1413. An act to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to address vulnerabilities in aviation security by carrying out a pilot program to screen airport workers with access to secure and sterile areas of airports, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2601. An act to extend the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to collect fees to administer and enforce the provisions relating to the "Do-not-call" registry of the Telemarketing Sales Rule.

H.R. 3079. An act to amend the joint resolution that approved the covenant establishing the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3541. An act to amend the Do-not-call Implementation Act to eliminate the automatic removal of telephone numbers

registered on the Federal “do-not-call” registry.

H.R. 3739. An act to amend the Arizona Water Settlements Act to modify the requirements for the statement of findings.

H.R. 3890. An act to amend the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 to impose import sanctions on Burmese gemstones, expand the number of individuals against whom the visa ban is applicable, expand the blocking of assets and other prohibited activities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3986. An act to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4009. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 567 West Nepessing Street in Lapeer, Michigan, as the “Turrill Post Office Building”.

H.R. 4108. An act to amend section 3328 of title 5, United States Code, relating to Selective Service registration.

H.R. 4343. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify age standards for pilots engaged in commercial aviation operations.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 215. Concurrent resolution supporting the designation of a week as “National Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillator Awareness Week”.

H. Con. Res. 261. Concurrent resolution commemorating the centennial anniversary of the sailing of the Navy’s “Great White Fleet,” launched by President Theodore Roosevelt on December 16, 1907, from Hampton Roads, Virginia, and returning there on February 22, 1909.

H. Con. Res. 264. Concurrent resolution honoring the University of Hawaii for its 100 years of commitment to public higher education.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 797) to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve compensation benefits for veterans in certain cases of impairment of vision involving both eyes, to provide for the use of the National Directory of New Hires for income verification purposes, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide an educational assistance allowance for qualifying work study activities, and to authorize the provision of bronze representations of the letter “V” for the graves of eligible individuals buried in private cemeteries in lieu of Government-provided headstones or markers, with

amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The message also announced that the House has passed the bill (S. 597) to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 4 years, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

At 4:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 269. Concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to correct the enrollment of the bill H.R. 1585.

At 5:22 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4299. An act to extend the Terrorism Insurance Program of the Department of the Treasury, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1585) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

At 7:29 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4351. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide individuals temporary relief from the alternative minimum tax, and for other purposes.

At 9:10 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following bills:

H.R. 365. An act to provide for a research program for remediation of closed methamphetamine production laboratories, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4252. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through May 23, 2008, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS REFERRED

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

H.R. 123. An act to authorize appropriations for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 1413. To direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to address vulnerabilities in aviation security by carrying out a pilot program to screen airport workers with access to secure and sterile areas of airports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2601. An act to extend the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to collect fees to administer and enforce the provisions relating to the “Do-not-call” registry of the Telemarketing Sales Rule; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 3079. An act to amend the joint resolution that approved the covenant establishing the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3541. To amend the Do-not-call Implementation Act to eliminate the automatic removal of telephone numbers registered on the Federal “do-not-call” registry; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 3739. An act to amend the Arizona Water Settlements Act to modify the requirements for the statement of findings; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 3890. To amend the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 to impose import sanctions on Burmese gemstones, expand the number of individuals against whom the visa ban is applicable, expand the blocking of assets and other prohibited activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 3986. An act to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 4009. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 567 West Nepessing Street in Lapeer, Michigan, as the “Turrill Post Office Building”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4108. An act to amend section 3328 of title 5, United States Code, relating to Selective Service registration; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 215. Concurrent resolution supporting the designation of a week as “National Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillator

Awareness Week"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H. Con. Res. 261. Concurrent resolution commemorating the centennial anniversary of the sailing of the Navy's "Great White Fleet," launched by President Theodore Roosevelt on December 16, 1907, from Hampton Roads, Virginia, and returning there on February 22, 1909; to the Committee on Armed Services.

H. Con. Res. 264. Concurrent resolution honoring the University of Hawaii for its 100 years of commitment to public higher education; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1382

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1382) to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry; that the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be agreed to; and that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed.

Mr. CORNYN objected.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 2419

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately resume consideration of bill H.R. 2419.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1233

Mr. DURBIN asked unanimous consent that at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1233) to provide and enhance intervention, rehabilitative treatment, and services to veterans with traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes; that, the only amendments in order to the bill, with the exception of the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), be relevant amendments and relevant second-degree amendments; that, upon disposition of the amendments, the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as may be amended, be read the third time, and passed; that the reported amendment to the title be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Mr. CORNYN objected.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 923

Mr. DURBIN asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 923) to provide for the investigation of certain unsolved civil rights crimes, and for other purposes; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Mr. COBURN objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILLS S. 1183 AND S. 675

Mr. HARKIN asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider, en bloc, the bills (S. 1183) to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities, and for other purposes, and (S. 675) to provide competitive grants for training court reporters and closed captioners to meet requirements for realtime writers under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and for other purposes; that the reported amendments be agreed to; that the bills, as amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Mr. COBURN objected.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2363

Mr. CORNYN asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2363) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Mr. HARKIN objected.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 3997

Mr. CORNYN asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 3997) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide earnings assistance and tax relief to members of the uniformed services, volunteer firefighters, and Peace Corps volunteers, and for other purposes; that an amendment (being the text of bill S. 2340) be deemed proposed and agreed to; and that the bill, as amended, be read the third time, and passed.

Mr. HARKIN objected.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. ISAKSON asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on the executive calendar: the nomination of Thomas C. Gilliland, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority; the nomination of William H. Graves, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority; and the nomination of Susan Richardson Williamson, of Tennessee to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority; that the nominations be confirmed, en bloc; that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

Mrs. MURRAY objected.

Mr. ISAKSON asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on the executive calendar: the nomination of John Daniel Tinder, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit; the nomination of Amul R. Thapar, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky; the nomination of Joseph N. Laplante, of New Hampshire, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire; and the nomination of Thomas D. Schroeder, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina; that the nominations be confirmed, en bloc; that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

Mrs. MURRAY objected.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO DISCHARGE AND CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2400

Mr. SESSIONS asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 2400) to amend title 37, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to continue to pay to a member of the Armed Forces who is retired or separated from the Armed Forces due to a combat-related injury certain bonuses that the member was entitled to before the retirement or separation and would continue to be entitled to if the member was not retired or separated, and for other purposes; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Ms. STABENOW objected.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL S. 2334

Mr. BARRASSO asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider the bill (S. 2334) to withhold 10 percent of the Federal funding apportioned for highway construction and maintenance from States that issue driver's licenses to individuals without verifying the legal status of such individuals; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Ms. STABENOW objected.
Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL S. 2070

Mr. COBURN asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider the bill (S. 2070) to prevent Government shutdowns; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Ms. STABENOW objected.
Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL S. 2348

Mr. KYL asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider the bill (S. 2348) to ensure control over the United States border and to strengthen enforcement of the immigration laws; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Ms. STABENOW objected.
Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL

Mr. KYL asked unanimous consent that the chair lay before the Senate a bill to make permanent the Protect America Act; that the bill be read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Ms. STABENOW objected.
Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL S. 2318

Mr. CORNYN asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider the bill (S. 2318) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the individual alternative minimum tax and to permanently extend the reductions in income

tax rates, and for other purposes; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; that the bill then be held at the desk pending the receipt from the House of Representatives for concurrence a House companion bill; that, when such bill is received, the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that all after the enacting clause be stricken, and the text of bill S. 2318, as passed, be inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment in the nature of a substitute); and that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed.

Ms. STABENOW objected.

FARM, NUTRITION, AND
BIOENERGY ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 2419) to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3671, proposed by Mr. GREGG, to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. GREGG,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 37, nays... 58

[Rollcall Vote No. 418 Leg.]

YEAS --- 37

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Coburn, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Sununu, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 58

Akaka, Baucus, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Conrad, Craig, Crapo, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Thune, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3672, proposed by Mr.

GREGG, to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. GREGG,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 39, nays... 56

[Rollcall Vote No. 419 Leg.]

YEAS --- 39

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Coburn, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Sessions, Shelby, Snowe, Specter, Sununu, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 56

Akaka, Baucus, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Conrad, Craig, Crapo, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Thune, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3830, proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. GREGG, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. SUNUNU), to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That it be in order for him to propose an amendment; and that the following Senators then be recognized for debate on the following amendments in the following order for the times indicated:

Amendments numbered 3551 and 3553, 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled, in the usual form; that the majority time be equally divided and controlled for debate between Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. SANDERS; and that the minority time be controlled by Mr. ALEXANDER.

Ordered further, That, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate consider and debate the following amendments for the times indicated, as pursuant to the order of yesterday:

Amendment No. 3673, 2 hours, equally divided and controlled, in the usual form;

Amendment No. 3695, as modified, 2 hours, equally divided and controlled, in the usual form;

Amendment No. 3596, 40 minutes, equally divided and controlled, in the usual form;

Amendment No. 3810, 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled, in the usual form;

Amendments numbered 3807, 3530, and 3632, 90 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3830 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. CASEY) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), after section 4402, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3639).

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3695, as modified, proposed by Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. TESTER, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. DODD, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. MCCAIN), to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That, upon conclusion of debate on the pending amendment, the Senate vote in "stacked" sequence in relation to amendments numbered 3551 and 3553.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3695, as modified, to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS,

Ordered, That, upon conclusion of the votes in "stacked" sequence previously ordered, there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate on amendment No. 3673; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; and that the amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3695, as modified, to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), to the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. CHAMBLISS, by unanimous consent, withdrew amendment No. 3825 to amendment No. 3673.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3695, as modified, to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3551, proposed by Mr. ALEXANDER, to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. ALEXANDER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 19, nays... 75

[Rollcall Vote No. 420 Leg.]

YEAS --- 19

Alexander, Allard, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Cochran, Dole, Graham, Hutchison, Kyl, McConnell, Sessions, Shelby, Snowe, Specter, Sununu, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 75

Akaka, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3553, proposed by Mr. ALEXANDER, to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. ALEXANDER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 14, nays... 79

[Rollcall Vote No. 421 Leg.]

YEAS --- 14

Alexander, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Cochran, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Kyl, Lott, McConnell, Sessions, Shelby, Warner.

NAYS --- 79

Akaka, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker,

Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3673 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. GREGG,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 41, nays... 53

[Rollcall Vote No. 422 Leg.]

YEAS --- 41

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Smith, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 53

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Conrad, Crapo, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Martinez, McCaskill, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Shelby, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The amendment, not having received 60 yea votes, was withdrawn.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3639 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the question recur on amendment No. 3596; that there be 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the amendment be laid aside; that the

question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 3632; that there be 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the amendment be laid aside; that the question then recur on agreeing to amendment No. 3810; that there be a limitation of 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon; that Ms. KLOBUCHAR be recognized to speak therein; that, upon conclusion of remarks by her on today, the Senate vote in "stacked" sequence in relation to amendments numbered 3596 and 3632; and that no amendments be in order to either amendment prior to the vote.

Ordered further, That the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 3810 at a time to be determined on tomorrow; and that, on tomorrow, there be a limitation of debate on the following amendments, as indicated:

Amendment No. 3819, 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled;

Amendment No. 3666, 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That amendment No. 3803 be deemed proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, and agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3596 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AMENDMENTS TO BILL H.R. 6

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the amendments received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 6) to move the United States toward greater energy independence and security, to increase the production of clean renewable fuels, to protect consumers, to increase the efficiency of products, buildings, and vehicles, to promote research on and deploy greenhouse gas capture and storage options, and to improve the energy performance of the Federal Government, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion, made by Mr. REID on Friday, December 7, 2007, that the Senate concur in the amendments of the House to the amendments of the Senate to the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the text of the bill, with an amendment numbered 3841.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on

the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3842).

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the text of the bill, with an amendment; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with an amendment:

JEFF BINGAMAN, BARBARA BOXER, BEN NELSON, DICK DURBIN, DEBBIE STABENOW, KENT CONRAD, MARIA CANTWELL, KEN SALAZAR, TOM CARPER, J. LIEBERMAN, DANIEL K. AKAKA, D.K. INOUE, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., MARK PRYOR, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, B.A. MIKULSKI, SHERROD BROWN, JIM WEBB.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3842 to amendment No. 3841 to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the text of bill H.R. 6.

FARM, NUTRITION, AND BIOENERGY ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2419.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3596 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. SESSIONS, by unanimous consent, modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 3596, as modified, to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment was laid aside.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3810, proposed by Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. BROWN), to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

Pending debate,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3632, proposed by Mr. COBURN, to amendment No. 3500 (in the

nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. COBURN,

Ordered, That the amendment be withdrawn.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3596, as modified, to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. COBURN, by unanimous consent, modified his amendment No. 3807.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3596, as modified, to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. SESSIONS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 35, nays... 58

[Rollcall Vote No. 423 Leg.]

YEAS --- 35

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bunning, Burr, Cantwell, Casey, Coburn, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Inhofe, Kyl, Levin, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (FL), Sessions, Shelby, Snowe, Specter, Sununu, Tester, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

NAYS --- 58

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Byrd, Cardin, Carper, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Conrad, Craig, Crapo, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Stabenow, Stevens, Thune, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3639 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 3830 be the pending question.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3830 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. GREGG) to insert in lieu of the language proposed to be inserted by the pending amendment, other words (being amendment No. 3844, in the nature of a substitute).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 3539 be the pending question.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3539, proposed by Mr. DURBIN, to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN for Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. DURBIN) to insert in lieu of the language proposed to be inserted by the pending amendment, other words (being amendment No. 3845, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 3539, as amended, to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3844 (in the nature of a substitute) to amendment No. 3830 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

CONGRESSIONAL AWARD BOARD

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 96-114, as amended, had appointed Patrick Murphy, of Washington, DC, to the Congressional Award Board, and reappoints Andrew Ortiz, of Arizona, to said Board.

UNITED STATES – CHINA ECONOMIC SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the majority leader, and after consultation with the ranking members of the Committees on Armed Services and Finance, pursuant to Public Law 106-398, had appointed Patrick A. Mulloy, of Virginia, as a member of the United States – China Economic Security Review Commission, and reappoints William A. Reinsch, of Maryland, to said Commission.

CONGRATULATING BOYS TOWN ON ITS 90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On the request of Mr. HARKIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SALAZAR in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 403) congratulating Boys Town on its 90th anniversary celebration, submitted today by Mr. HAGEL (for himself and Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1245) to reform mutual aid agreements for the National Capital Region.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

FAIR TREATMENT FOR EXPERIENCED PILOTS ACT

On the request of Mr. HARKIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4343) to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify age standards for pilots engaged in commercial aviation operations, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUDAN ACCOUNTABILITY AND DIVESTMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2271) to authorize State and local governments to divest assets in companies that conduct business operations in Sudan, to prohibit United States Government contracts with such companies, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to amend the pending bill on various pages and lines, striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 3846).

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HEROES EARNINGS ASSISTANCE AND RELIEF TAX ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 3997) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide earnings assistance and tax relief to members of the uniformed services, volunteer firefighters, and Peace Corps volunteers, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN for Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3847, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, on motion by Mr. HARKIN (for Mr. BAUCUS), so as to read: "An Act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief and protections for military personnel, and for other purposes".

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That, if the Senate receives an amendment from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendment of the Senate to bill H.R. 3997 that is not germane to the amendment of the Senate or to the bill, the bill, and amendments thereto, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. HARKIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2461) to authorize the transfer of certain earmarked funds to

accounts for operations and activities in Iraq and Afghanistan, introduced today by Mr. DEMINT, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. HARKIN asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. HARKIN objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 8:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 8:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then resume consideration of bill H.R. 2419; that the time until 9:15 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate only between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, at 9:15 a.m., the Senate vote in relation to amendment No. 3695, as modified, as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

Ordered further, That, following the vote, there be two minutes for debate on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to bill H.R. 6; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said motion.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

At 9:39 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 8:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2007

Mr. JON TESTER, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 8:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. TESTER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, December 13, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. TESTER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

FARM, NUTRITION, AND
BIOENERGY ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 2419) to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3695, as modified, proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. TESTER, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. DODD, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. MCCAIN), to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. GRASSLEY), to the bill.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. DORGAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The hour of 9:15 a.m. having passed, Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 56, nays... 43

[Rollcall Vote No. 424 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Akaka, Allard, Barrasso, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Collins, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Levin, Lugar, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 43

Alexander, Baucus, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Graham, Gregg, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Kyl, Landrieu, Leahy, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Pryor, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sessions, Shelby, Snowe, Stabenow, Vitter, Voinovich.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yeas votes, as pursuant to the order of Tuesday, December 11, 2007).

On motion by Mr. LOTT to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. COLEMAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, December 11, 2007,

The amendment, not having received 60 yeas votes, was withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3844 (in the nature of a substitute), proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. GREGG), to amendment No. 3830, proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. GREGG, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. SANDERS, and Ms. LINCOLN), to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

MOTION TO BRING TO A CLOSE
DEBATE ON THE MOTION TO
CONCUR IN THE AMENDMENT OF
THE HOUSE TO THE AMENDMENT
OF THE SENATE TO BILL H.R. 6
WITH AN AMENDMENT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for debate on the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the text of the bill (H.R. 6) to move the United States toward greater energy independence and security, to increase the production of clean renewable fuels, to protect consumers, to

increase the efficiency of products, buildings, and vehicles, to promote research on and deploy greenhouse gas capture and storage options, and to improve the energy performance of the Federal Government, and for other purposes, with an amendment.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WEBB in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, deemed presented by Mr. REID on Tuesday, December 11, 2007 (as pursuant to the order of that day), to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the House of Representatives amendment to the Senate amendment to the text of bill H.R. 6, with an amendment.

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, December 12, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 59, nays... 40

[Rollcall Vote No. 425 Leg.]

YEAS --- 59

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Biden, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Clinton, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Dodd, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 40

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Landrieu, Lott, Martinez, McConnell, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3842 to amendment No. 3841 to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the text of bill H.R. 6.

Pending debate,

FARM, NUTRITION, AND BIOENERGY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2419.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3844 (in the nature of a substitute) to amendment No. 3830 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The question was deemed to have recurred on agreeing to amendment No. 3666 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. CHAMBLISS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 3720 be withdrawn.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3666 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. CRAIG called for the regular order with respect to amendment No. 3640.

Whereupon,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3640, proposed by Mr. CRAIG (for himself, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. ALLARD), to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 3666 at a time to be determined on today.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3640 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 3819 be the pending question.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3819, proposed by Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. SUNUNU, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. SCHUMER), to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CONRAD,

Ordered, That the Senate recess from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. on today.

FARM, NUTRITION, AND BIOENERGY ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2419.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3819 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That, at 3 p.m., the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 3810; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; that the amendment receive 60 yeas votes to be agreed to, as pursuant to the order of Tuesday, December 11, 2007; that, upon disposition of the amendment, the Senate vote in relation to the following amendments in the following order: amendments numbered 3530, 3666, 3819; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that no second-degree amendments be in order to said amendments prior to the votes; that each amendment receive 60 yeas votes to be agreed to; that, if the Senate agrees to the amendment with a minimum of 60 yeas votes, a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; and that, if the Senate fails to agree to the amendment with a minimum of 60 yeas votes, the amendment be withdrawn.

Ordered further, That a managers' package of amendments be proposed and agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3819 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified, At 1:55 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 3 p.m.

AT 3 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. MCCASKILL in the chair) called the Senate to order.

FARM, NUTRITION, AND BIOENERGY ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2419.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3810, proposed by Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. BROWN), to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 3530 be modified; that the amendment, as modified, be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of amendment No. 3819, the question recur on agreeing to amendment No. 3630; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate between Mr. CRAIG and Mr. LEAHY prior to a vote thereon; and that if the Senate fails to agree to the amendment with a minimum of 60 yeas votes, the amendment be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3810 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 48, nays... 47

[Rollcall Vote No. 426 Leg.]

YEAS --- 48

Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Collins, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Gregg, Harkin, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Lautenberg, Levin, Lieberman, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Sununu, Thune, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 47

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bennett, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Carper, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Enzi, Graham, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Landrieu, Leahy, Lincoln, Lott, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Pryor, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Stevens, Tester, Vitter.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yeas votes, as pursuant to the order of Tuesday, December 11, 2007).

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, December 11, 2007,

The amendment, not having received 60 yeas votes, was withdrawn.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3666 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---

yeas... 40, nays... 55

[Rollcall Vote No. 427 Leg.]

YEAS --- 40

Barrasso, Baucus, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Grassley, Harkin, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 55

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Graham, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Klobuchar, Kyl, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yeas votes, as pursuant to the order of today).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment, not having received 60 yeas votes, was withdrawn.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3819 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. BROWN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 32, nays... 63

[Rollcall Vote No. 428 Leg.]

YEAS --- 32

Alexander, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Cardin, Casey, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Gregg, Harkin, Kennedy, Kerry, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lugar, McCaskill, Menendez, Nelson (FL), Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schumer, Specter, Sununu, Webb, Whitehouse.

NAYS --- 63

Akaka, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Carper, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Klobuchar, Kyl, Landrieu, Lincoln, Lott, Martinez, McConnell, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Roberts, Salazar, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yeas votes, as pursuant to the order of today).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment, not having received 60 yeas votes, was withdrawn.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3640 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. CRAIG,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 37, nays... 58

[Rollcall Vote No. 429 Leg.]

YEAS --- 37

Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Snowe, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter.

NAYS --- 58

Akaka, Alexander, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Collins, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Feinstein, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Martinez, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Specter, Stabenow, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yeas votes, pursuant to the order of today).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment, not having received 60 yeas votes, was withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3844 (in the nature of a substitute) to amendment No. 3830 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF
BILL H.R. 6

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That the Senate resume consideration of the message from the House on bill H.R. 6; that the pending motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the text to the bill with amendment No. 3841 be withdrawn; that the majority

leader, or his designee, be recognized to move to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with an amendment; that no other amendments or motions be in order; that there be a limitation of 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate only, between the two leaders, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion, without intervening action or debate; that, if the motion is agreed to, the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the title of the bill; and that motions to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Ordered further, That, if the motion to concur is not agreed to, it be withdrawn, and the message be returned to the desk.

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AMENDMENTS TO BILL H.R. 6

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) laid before the Senate the amendments received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 6) to move the United States toward greater energy independence and security, to increase the production of clean renewable fuels, to protect consumers, to increase the efficiency of products, buildings, and vehicles, to promote research on and deploy greenhouse gas capture and storage options, and to improve the energy performance of the Federal Government, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The pending motion to concur with amendment No. 3841 was withdrawn (taking with it amendment No. 3842).

The question being on agreeing to the motion to concur in the House amendments to the Senate amendments.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the text of bill H.R. 6, with an amendment numbered 3850.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3850 to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the text of bill H.R. 6.

Pending debate,

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BILL NELSON in the chair) laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 69) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence

on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the joint resolution.

The question being on the passage of the joint resolution; and

No amendment being proposed,

The joint resolution was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AMENDMENTS TO BILL H.R. 6

The Senate resumed consideration of the message from the House of Representatives on bill H.R. 6.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3850 to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the text of bill H.R. 6.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 86, nays... 8

[Rollcall Vote No. 430 Leg.]

YEAS --- 86

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Harkin, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 8

Barrasso, Coburn, DeMint, Enzi, Hatch, Inhofe, Kyl, Stabenow.

So it was,

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the text of bill H.R. 6, with an amendment.

Resolved further, That, the Senate concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the title of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table.

FARM, NUTRITION, AND BIOENERGY ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 2419.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3844 (in the nature of a substitute) to amendment No. 3830 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

Pending debate,

Mr. GRASSLEY called for the regular order with respect to his amendment No. 3823.

Whereupon,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3823, proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. HARKIN), to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CONRAD, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. SCHUMER) to further amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3851).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That amendment No. 3830 be withdrawn.

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The amendment was withdrawn (taking with it amendment No. 3844 thereto).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3851 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3823 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, December 6, 2007,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANDERS in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Wednesday, December 5, 2007, to bring to a close debate on the amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, December 5, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 78, nays... 12

[Rollcall Vote No. 431 Leg.]

YEAS --- 78

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 12

Bond, Collins, DeMint, Ensign, Grassley, Gregg, Kyl, Lautenberg, Menendez, Sanders, Specter, Sununu.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3823 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That amendment No. 3736 be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3823 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 388. A resolution designating the week of February 4 through February 8,

2008, as "National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week".

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 396. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the hanging of nooses should be thoroughly investigated by Federal, State, and local law enforcement authorities and that any criminal violations should be vigorously prosecuted.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment:

S. 1829. A bill to reauthorize programs under the Missing Children's Assistance Act.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 2344. A bill to create a competitive grant program to provide for age-appropriate Internet education for children.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BAYH (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 2463. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act and title 18, United States Code, to combat the crime of alien smuggling and related activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 2464. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of federally recommended vaccines under Medicare part B; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 2465. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include all public clinics for the distribution of pediatric vaccines under the Medicaid program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 2466. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the availability of vaccines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 2467. A bill to amend the Social Security Act, the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and the Public Health Service Act to ensure a sufficient supply of vaccines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BARRASSO:

S. 2468. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture (acting through the Chief of the Forest Service) to enter into a cooperative agreement with the State of Wyoming to allow the State of Wyoming to conduct

certain forest and watershed restoration services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 2469. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prevent the granting of regulatory forbearance by default; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2470. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to prevent the abuse of dehydroepiandrosterone, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 2471. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the enforcement of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SMITH):

S. 2472. A bill to amend the U.S. Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. KOHL):

S. 2473. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide special reporting and disclosure rules for individual account plans and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 2474. A bill to provide additional resources and funding to address inspection delays at United States ports of entry on the Southern border, open additional inspection lanes, hire more inspectors, and provide recruitment and retention incentives for United States customs and Border Protection officers who serve on the Northern and Southern borders; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 2475. A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to provide an exception for certain States with respect to the distribution of amounts by the Secretary of the Interior from the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 2476. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve immunization rates by increasing the supply of vaccines; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr.

INHOFE, Mr. BURR, Mr. CORKER and Mr. VITTER):

S. 2477. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for cooperative governing of individual health insurance coverage offered in interstate commerce; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SUNUNU (for himself and Mr. GREGG):

S. 2478. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 59 Colby Corner in East Hampstead, New Hampshire, as the "Captain Jonathan D. Grassbaugh Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 2479. A bill to catalyze change in the care and treatment of diabetes in the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 2480. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to publicly disclose the identity of long-term care facilities listed under the Special Focus Facility Program of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DODD, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 2481. A bill to prohibit racial profiling; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 2482. A bill to repeal the provision of title 46, United States Code, requiring a license for employment in the business of salvaging on the coast of Florida; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 2483. A bill to authorize certain programs and activities in the Forest Service, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 2484. A bill to rename the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development as the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; considered and passed.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. Res. 404. A resolution congratulating all member states of the International Commission for the International Tracing Service (ITS) on ratifying the May 2006 protocol granting open access to a vast archives on the Holocaust and other World War II materials, located at Bad Arolsen, Germany; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BUNNING, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. KYL, Mr. SMITH, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. CORKER):

S. Res. 405. A resolution recognizing the life and contributions of Henry John Hyde; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 38

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 38, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a program for the provision of readjustment and mental health services to veterans who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.

S. 431

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 431, a bill to require convicted sex offenders to register online identifiers, and for other purposes.

S. 450

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 557

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. DEMINT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the depreciation

classification of motorsports entertainment complexes.

S. 762

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 762, a bill to include dehydroepiandrosterone as an anabolic steroid.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 805, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa in the effort to achieve internationally recognized goals in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other major diseases and the reduction of maternal and child mortality by improving human health care capacity and improving retention of medical health professionals in sub-Saharan Africa, and for other purposes.

S. 877

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 877, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to add human growth hormone to schedule III, to prohibit the sale of prescriptions for controlled substances for illegitimate purposes, and for other purposes.

S. 1097

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1097, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the award of a military service medal to members of the Armed Forces who served honorably during the Cold War era.

S. 1125

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1125, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to encourage investment in the expansion of freight rail infrastructure capacity and to enhance modal tax equity.

S. 1580

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1580, a bill to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

S. 1711

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1711, a bill to target cocaine kingpins and address sentencing disparity between crack and powder cocaine.

S. 1771

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1771, a bill to increase the safety of swimming pools and

spas by requiring the use of proper anti-entrapment drain covers and pool and spa drainage systems, to educate the public about pool and spa safety, and for other purposes.

S. 2071

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2071, a bill to enhance the ability to combat methamphetamine.

S. 2119

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2119, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 2140

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2140, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Francis Collins, in recognition of his outstanding contributions and leadership in the fields of medicine and genetics.

S. 2243

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2243, a bill to strongly encourage the Government of Saudi Arabia to end its support for institutions that fund, train, incite, encourage, or in any other way aid and abet terrorism, to secure full Saudi cooperation in the investigation of terrorist incidents, to denounce Saudi sponsorship of extremist Wahhabi ideology, and for other purposes.

S. 2387

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2387, a bill to establish guidelines and incentives for States to establish arsonist registries and to require the Attorney General to establish a national arsonist registry and notification program, and for other purposes.

S. 2400

At the request of Mr. THUNE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2400, a bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to continue to pay to a member of the Armed Forces who is retired or separated from the Armed Forces due to a combat-related injury certain bonuses that the member was entitled to before the retirement or separation and would continue to be entitled to if the member was not retired or separated, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2400, supra.

S. 2420

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2420, a bill to encourage the donation of excess food to nonprofit organizations that provide

assistance to food-insecure people in the United States in contracts entered into by executive agencies for the provision, service, or sale of food.

S. 2439

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2439, a bill to require the National Incident Based Reporting System, the Uniform Crime Reporting Program, and the Law Enforcement National Data Exchange Program to list cruelty to animals as a separate offense category.

S. 2453

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2453, a bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to clarify requirements relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of national origin.

S. 2460

At the request of Mrs. DOLE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2460, a bill to extend by one year the moratorium on implementation of a rule relating to the Federal-State financial partnership under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program and on finalization of a rule regarding graduate medical education under Medicaid and to include a moratorium on the finalization of the outpatient Medicaid rule making similar changes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 53

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], the Senator from Florida [Mr. MARTINEZ], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 53, a concurrent resolution condemning the kidnapping and hostage-taking of 3 United States citizens for over 4 years by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), and demanding their immediate and unconditional release.

SENATE RESOLUTION 396

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER], the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 396, a

resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the hanging of nooses should be thoroughly investigated by Federal, State, and local law enforcement authorities and that any criminal violations should be vigorously prosecuted.

SENATE RESOLUTION 401

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 401, a resolution to provide Internet access to certain Congressional Research Service publications.

SENATE RESOLUTION 402

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 402, a resolution recognizing the life and contributions of Henry John Hyde.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 13, 2007, at 10:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, December 13, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, December 13, 2007, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, December 13, 2007, at 9 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, December 13, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, December 13, 2007, at a time to be determined.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, December 13, 2007, at

2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on global fight against AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct an Executive Business meeting on Thursday, December 13, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs to be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, December 13, 2007.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 13, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, December 13, 2007, at 10 a.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:46 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 4343. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify age standards for pilots engaged in commercial aviation operations.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 12:07 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate: .

H.R. 3985. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to register a person providing transportation by an over-the-road bus as a motor carrier of passengers only if the person is willing and able to comply with certain accessibility requirements in addition to other existing requirements, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 4404(c)(2) of the Congressional Hunger Fellows Act of 2002 (2 U.S.C. 1161), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following member to the Board of Trustees of the Congressional Hunger Fellows Program for a term of four years: Mr. JAMES P. MCGOVERN of Worcester, Massachusetts.

The message further announced that the House being in possession of the official papers, the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H.R. 3093) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, shall be, and they are hereby, discharged to the end that H.R. 3093 and its accompanying papers, be, and they are hereby, laid on the table.

At 2:55 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 69. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2082) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

At 7:37 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Brandon, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 69. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The enrolled joint resolution was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 3985. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to register a person providing transportation by an over-the-road bus as a motor carrier of passengers only if the person is willing and able to comply with certain accessibility requirements in addition to other existing requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 4299. An act to extend the Terrorism Insurance Program of the Department of the Treasury, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2338

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2338) to modernize and update the National Housing Act and enable the Federal Housing Administration to more effectively reach underserved borrowers, and for other purposes, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader; and that the only first-degree amendments in order thereto be the following:

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY), relative to moratorium;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN, relative to reverse mortgages.

Ordered further, That, when the Senate proceeds to consider the bill, an amendment be deemed proposed by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY), and agreed to; that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; that there be a limitation of 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on the amendment to be proposed by Mr. COBURN; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate on the bill; that, upon conclusion of debate, and upon disposition of the amendments, the bill, as may be amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on passage of the bill, without further intervening action or debate.

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO BILL S. 597

On the request of Mr. HARKIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the amendments received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the bill (S. 597) to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semi-postal to raise funds for breast cancer research.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the House of Representatives to the bill, and

in the amendment of the House to the title of the bill.

DESIGNATING THE "C. CLYDE ATKINS UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2671) to designate the United States courthouse located at 301 North Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida, as the "C. Clyde Atkins United States Courthouse".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CHIMP HAVEN IS HOME ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1916) to amend the Public Health Service Act to modify the program for the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees by terminating the authority for the removal of chimpanzees from the system for research purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of substitute) to the bill.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF HENRY JOHN HYDE

On the request of Mr. HARKIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 405) recognizing the life and contributions of Henry John Hyde, submitted today by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BUNNING, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. KYL, Mr. SMITH, Mr.

GRAHAM, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. CORKER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "EUNICE KENNEDY SHRIVER NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT"

On the request of Mr. HARKIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2484) to rename the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development as the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, introduced on today by Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HARKIN, and Ms. MIKULSKI), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO PLANNED PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN THE REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 391) calling on the President of the United States to engage in an open discussion with the leaders of the Republic of Georgia to express support for the planned presidential elections and the expectation that such elections will be held in a manner consistent with democratic principles.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "MILO C. HUEMPFNER DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OUTPATIENT CLINIC"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2408) to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Green Bay, Wisconsin, as the "Milo C. Huempfer Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER IN ATLANTA

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1396) to authorize a major medical facility project to modernize inpatient wards at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "ERNEST CHILDERS DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OUTPATIENT CLINIC"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1585) to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the "Ernest Childers Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEMENT C. VAN WAGONER DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS CLINIC"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Veterans Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 2339) to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs clinic in Alpena, Michigan, as the "Lieutenant Colonel Clement C. Van Wagoner Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

NEWBORN SCREENING SAVES LIVES ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1858) to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated follow-up care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN (for Mr. DODD) to insert, in lieu of the language proposed to be inserted by the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), other words (being amendment No. 3852, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2461) to authorize the transfer of certain earmarked funds to accounts for operations and activities in Iraq and Afghanistan, introduced on yesterday by Mr. DEMINT, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. HARKIN objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. HARKIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2483) to authorize certain programs and activities in the Forest Service, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Energy, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. BINGAMAN, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. HARKIN asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. HARKIN objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then resume consideration of bill H.R. 2419; that all time consumed during adjournment count against the time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate; and that, upon disposition of said bill, the Senate proceed to consider bill S. 2338, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

At 10:48 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2007

Mr. SHERROD BROWN, from the State of Ohio, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. BROWN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, December 14, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a Senator from the State of Ohio, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. BROWN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2338

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the order of yesterday that the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 2419 be modified; and that the Senate instead proceed to consider bill S. 2338.

FHA MODERNIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2338) to modernize and update the National Housing Act and enable the Federal Housing Administration to more effectively reach underserved borrowers, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.
The question being on passage of the bill.
Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. SCHUMER for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to amend the bill in title I, at the end thereof, by adding other words (being amendment No. 3853).

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. SCHUMER to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. SCHUMER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. COBURN to further amend the bill on page 20, after line 18, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3854).

After debate,

The amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

After debate,

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. SCHUMER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall the bill, as amended, pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 93, nays... 1

[Rollcall Vote No. 432 Leg.]

YEAS --- 93

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchinson, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 1

Kyl.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ORDERS FOR CONSIDERATION OF
CERTAIN LEGISLATION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to consider the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1585) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; that there be 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Armed Services, thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the conference report; that, upon disposition of the conference report, the Senate proceed to consider the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 269) directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to correct the enrollment of the bill H.R. 1585; that the concurrent resolution be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL
H.R. 1585

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. KLOBUCHAR in the chair) laid before the Senate the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1585) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceed to consider the conference report.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. WARNER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the conference report.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 90, nays... 3

[Rollcall Vote No. 433 Leg.]

YEAS --- 90

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchinson, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 3

Byrd, Feingold, Sanders.

So the conference report was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the conference report.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CORRECTING THE ENROLLMENT
OF BILL H.R. 1585

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 269) directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to correct the enrollment of the bill H.R. 1585, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, December 12, 2007, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Pursuant to the order of today,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

FARM, NUTRITION, AND
BIOENERGY ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WEBB in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 2419) to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3823, proposed by Mr.

GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. HARKIN), to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The amendment No. 3855 (being the managers' package) was deemed proposed, and agreed to.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. CONRAD,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3823 to amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HARKIN,

Ordered, That the pending amendments be withdrawn; that no further amendments be in order to be proposed; that the amendment No. 3500 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, be agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time; that the motion to bring to a close debate on the bill be withdrawn; that the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, without further intervening action or debate; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Ordered further, That, upon passage of the bill, as amended, the Senate insist on its amendment, and ask a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall the bill, as amended, pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 79, nays... 14

[Rollcall Vote No. 434 Leg.]

YEAS --- 79

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Bond, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Warner, Webb, Wyden.

NAYS --- 14

Bennett, Burr, Collins, DeMint, Ensign, Gregg, Hagel, Kyl, Lautenberg, Lugar, Reed, Sununu, Voinovich, Whitehouse.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

Pursuant to the order of today,

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate insisted on its amendment, and asked a conference with the House of Representatives thereon; and the chair was authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. BAUCUS, from the Committee on Finance:

Report to accompany S. 1607, A bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-248).

Report to accompany S. 2113, A bill to implement the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement (Rept. No. 110-249).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 2485. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2486. A bill to remove a provision from the Immigration and Nationality Act that prohibits individuals with HIV from being admissible to the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 2487. A bill to increase community development investments by depository institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KYL, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SMITH, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SANDERS Mr. BROWN, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 2488. A bill to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 2489. A bill to enhance and provide to the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Angostura Irrigation Project certain benefits of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River basin program; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 2490. A bill to prohibit authorized lenders of home equity conversion mortgages from requiring seniors to purchase an annuity with the proceeds of a reverse mortgage, and to provide other consumer protections to reverse mortgage borrowers; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 2491. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize adjustments for inflation in payments of forfeited pay and allowances to members of the Armed Forces whose courtmartial sentences of confinement and forfeiture are later set aside; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. SMITH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. Res. 406. A resolution urging the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to overturn the sentence of the "Girl of Qatif"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 661

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 661, a bill to establish kinship navigator programs, to establish guardianship assistance payments for children, and for other purposes.

S. 988

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 988, a bill to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WEBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1394

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1394, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, to exclude from gross income of individual taxpayers discharges of indebtedness attributable to certain forgiven residential mortgage obligations.

S. 1418

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1418, a bill to provide assistance to improve the health of newborns, children, and mothers in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 2042

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2042, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct activities to rapidly advance treatments for spinal muscular atrophy, neuromuscular disease, and other pediatric diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 2119

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2119, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 2135

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2135, a bill to prohibit the recruitment or use of child soldiers, to designate persons who recruit or use child soldiers as inadmissible aliens, to allow the deportation of persons who recruit or use child soldiers, and for other purposes.

S. 2166

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2166, a bill to provide for greater responsibility in lending and expanded cancellation of debts owed to the United States and the international financial institutions by low-income countries, and for other purposes.

S. 2344

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2344, a bill to create a competitive grant program to provide for age-appropriate Internet education for children.

S. 2400

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] were added as cosponsors of S. 2400, a bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to continue to pay to a member of the Armed Forces who is retired or separated from the Armed Forces due to a combat-related injury certain bonuses that the member was entitled to before the retirement or separation and would continue to be entitled to if the member was not retired or separated, and for other purposes.

S. 2462

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2462, a bill to provide that before the Secretary of Defense may furlough any employee of the Department of Defense on the basis of a lack of funds, the Secretary shall suspend any nonessential service contract entered into by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 2480

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2480, a bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to publicly disclose the identity of long-term care facilities listed under the Special Focus Facility Program of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 53

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 53, a concurrent resolution condemning the kidnapping and hostage-taking of 3 United States citizens for over 4 years by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), and demanding their immediate and unconditional release.

SENATE RESOLUTION 396

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 396, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the hanging of nooses

should be thoroughly investigated by Federal, State, and local law enforcement authorities and that any criminal violations should be vigorously prosecuted.

SENATE RESOLUTION 399

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 399, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that certain benchmarks must be met before certain restrictions against the Government of North Korea are lifted, and that the United States Government should not provide any financial assistance to North Korea until the Secretary of State makes certain certifications regarding the submission of applications for refugee status.

SENATE RESOLUTION 401

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 401, a resolution to provide Internet access to certain Congressional Research Service publications.

MORTGAGE FORGIVENESS DEBT RELIEF ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3648) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude discharges of indebtedness on principal residences from gross income, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Ms. STABENOW for Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. KERRY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. SPECTER, Mrs. DOLE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. BAYH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. SCHUMER) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3856, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

Pending debate,

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2248

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2248) to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance

Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2248, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2248:

HARRY REID, PATRICK LEAHY, KEN SALAZAR, D.K. INOUE, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., FRANK R. LAUTENBERG, DEBBIE STABENOW, RICHARD J. DURBIN, TOM CARPER, JOHN KERRY, E. BENJAMIN NELSON, EVAN BAYH, KENT CONRAD, CARL LEVIN, MARK PRYOR, CHUCK SCHUMER, JAY ROCKEFELLER, S. WHITEHOUSE, BILL NELSON.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived; and that the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on Monday, December 17, 2007, at 12 noon.

Mr. REID thereupon withdrew the motion to proceed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

OPEN GOVERNMENT ACT

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. KLOBUCHAR in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2488) to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes, introduced on today by Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KYL, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SMITH, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, and Mrs. MCCASKILL), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE RELATIVE TO THE HANGING OF NOOSES

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 396) expressing the sense of the Senate that the hanging of nooses for the purpose of intimidation should be thoroughly investigated by Federal, State, and local law enforcement authorities and that any criminal violations should be vigorously prosecuted.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment.

The reported amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment to the preamble.

The reported amendment to the preamble was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, as reported by the committee, so as to read: "A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the hanging of nooses should be thoroughly investigated by Federal, State, and local law enforcement authorities and that any criminal violations should be vigorously prosecuted".

WOUNDED WARRIOR BONUS EQUITY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Armed Services be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 2400) to amend title 37, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to continue to pay to a member of the Armed Forces who is retired or separated from the Armed Forces due to a combat-related injury certain bonuses that the member was entitled to before the retirement or separation and would continue to be entitled to if the member was not retired or separated, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2483) to authorize certain programs and activities in the Forest Service, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Energy, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. BINGAMAN, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDERS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, when the Senate proceeds to executive session to consider the nomination of John Tinder to be a United States District Judge, there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon between the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on the Judiciary; that there be 5 minutes for debate controlled by Mr. CASEY; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on said nomination; that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

AMENDING THE ARIZONA WATER SETTLEMENTS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3739) to amend the Arizona Water Settlements Act to modify the requirements for the statement of findings.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON MONDAY,
DECEMBER 17, 2007, AND FOR
PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on Monday, December 17, 2007; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2248; that the time until 12 noon be equally divided and controlled for debate between the proponents and opponents; that Mr. DODD control 35 minutes therein; and that Mr. FEINGOLD control 14 minutes therein.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 5:20 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on Monday, December 17, 2007.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2007

Mr. JACK REED, from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. REED led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, December 17, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JACK REED, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. REED took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, December 14, 2007,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, December 14, 2007,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2248

Pursuant to the order of Friday, December 14, 2007,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. REID on Friday, December 14, 2007, that the Senate proceed to consider bill (S. 2248) to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of Friday, December 14, 2007,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARDIN in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on that day, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2248.

Pursuant to the order of Friday, December 14, 2007,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 76, nays... 10

[Rollcall Vote No. 435 Leg.]

YEAS --- 76

Akaka, Alexander, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Bunning, Burr, Byrd, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Enzi, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kennedy, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCaskill, McConnell, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse.

NAYS --- 10

Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Dodd, Feingold, Harkin, Kerry, Menendez, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2248.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID asked the unanimous consent that any vote in relation to bill S. 2248 receive 60 yeas votes to be agreed to, or passed.

Mr. DODD objected.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2248.

Pending debate,

FEDERAL EMPLOYEE PROTECTION
OF DISCLOSURES ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 274) to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI (for Mr. COBURN) to amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in subsection (n), at the end thereof, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3801).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2248

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2248.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DODD,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4357. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Streamlining of the Farm Service Agency's Direct Farm Loan Programs" (RIN0560-AF60) received on December 7, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4358. A communication from the Administrator, Risk Management Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Potato Provisions" (RIN0563-AC05) received on December 7, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4359. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Russel L. Honore, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4360. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a

report relative to the cost effectiveness of the Defense Commissary Agency; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4361. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Shareholder Proposals Relating to the Election of Directors" (RIN3235-AJ95) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4362. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Rules 144 and 145" (RIN3235-AH13) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4363. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Identity Theft Red Flags and Address Discrepancies Under the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003" (RIN3064-AD00) received on December 7, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4364. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving the sale of one Boeing 777-200ER aircraft to Angola; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4365. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Specifications for the 2007 Pacific Sardine Fishing Season" (RIN0648-AV11) received on December 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4366. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Observer Health and Safety" (RIN0648-AU46) received on December 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4367. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Northern Rockfish for Vessels Participating in the Rockfish Entry Level Fishery in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD83) received on December 7,

2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4368. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the storage of plutonium at the Savannah River Site; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4369. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the integration of the hurricane storm damage reduction system; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4370. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Voluntary Disclosures" (22 CFR Part 127) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4371. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the International Arms Traffic in Arms Regulations: UN Embargoed Countries" (22 CFR Part 126) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4372. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Regarding Dual and Third Country Nationals" (22 CFR Part 124) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4373. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense services to the United Kingdom in support of the sale of one C-17 Globemaster III aircraft; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4374. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense services to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to support the sale of 16 S-92A helicopters; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4375. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to loan guarantees to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4376. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense services to Canada related to the acquisition

of SNIPER Targeting Pods; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4377. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of the Requirements for Live Vaccine Processing" (Docket No. 2007N-0284) received on December 7, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4378. A communication from the Special Assistant to the President and Director, Office of Administration, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to personnel employed in the White House Office; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4379. A communication from the Inspector General, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4380. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4381. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's Management Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4382. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Department's Inspector General for the 6-month period of April 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4383. A communication from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4384. A communication from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Administration's Inspector General for the period ending September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4385. A communication from the Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, its

consolidated report relative to its operations; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

PETITION AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-271. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada urging Congress to pass the DREAM Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 2492. A bill to provide for improved oversight of and accountability for military housing privatization initiative projects; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 2493. A bill to prohibit the limitation of certain air traffic in the New York and New Jersey region; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2494. A bill to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. REID:

S. Res. 407. A resolution relative to the death of Representative Julia Carson, of Indiana; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. Res. 408. A resolution congratulating the Valdosta State University football team on winning the 2007 Division II National Championship; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 821

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 821, a bill to amend section 402 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to provide for an

extension of eligibility for supplemental security income through fiscal year 2010 for refugees, asylees, and certain other humanitarian immigrants.

S. 1183

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1183, a bill to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1780

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1780, a bill to require the FCC, in enforcing its regulations concerning the broadcast of indecent programming, to maintain a policy that a single word or image may be considered indecent.

S. 1963

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1963, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow bonds guaranteed by the Federal home loan banks to be treated as tax exempt bonds.

S. 2020

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2020, a bill to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2010, to rename the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 as the "Tropical Forest and Coral Conservation Act of 2007", and for other purposes.

S. 2051

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2051, a bill to amend the small rural school achievement program and the rural and low-income school program under part B of title VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

S. 2119

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2119, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 2136

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2136, a bill to address the treatment of primary mortgages in bankruptcy, and for other purposes.

S. 2166

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ]

and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] were added as cosponsors of S. 2166, a bill to provide for greater responsibility in lending and expanded cancellation of debts owed to the United States and the international financial institutions by low-income countries, and for other purposes.

S. 2191

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2191, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, and for other purposes.

S. 2255

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2255, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for studies of the Chisholm Trail and Great Western Trail to determine whether to add the trails to the National Trails System, and for other purposes.

S. 2257

At the request of Mr. KERRY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2257, a bill to impose sanctions on officials of the State Peace and Development Council in Burma, to amend the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 to prohibit the importation of gemstones and hardwoods from Burma, to promote a coordinated international effort to restore civilian democratic rule to Burma, and for other purposes.

S. 2277

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2277, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the limitation on the issuance of qualified veterans' mortgage bonds for Alaska, Oregon, and Wisconsin and to modify the definition of qualified veteran.

S. 2278

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2278, a bill to improve the prevention, detection, and treatment of community and healthcare-associated infections (CHAI), with a focus on antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

S. 2279

At the request of Mr. CASEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2279, a bill to combat international violence against women and girls.

S. 2332

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2332, a bill to promote transparency in the adoption of new media ownership rules by the Federal Communications Commission, and to establish an independent panel to make recommendations on how to increase

the representation of women and minorities in broadcast media ownership.

S. 2352

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2352, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiaries greater choice with regard to accessing hearing health services and benefits.

S. 2428

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2428, a bill to direct the Secretary of Education to establish and maintain a public website through which individuals may find a complete database of available scholarships, fellowships, and other programs of financial assistance in the study of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2428, supra.

S. 2450

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2450, a bill to amend the Federal Rules of Evidence to address the waiver of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 53

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 53, a concurrent resolution condemning the kidnapping and hostage-taking of 3 United States citizens for over 4 years by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), and demanding their immediate and unconditional release.

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 53, supra.

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 797

On the request of Mr. DODD,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANDERS in the chair) laid before the Senate the amendments received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 797) to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve compensation benefits for veterans in certain cases of impairment of vision involving both eyes, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. DODD,

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the House of Representatives to the

amendment of the Senate to the text of the bill.

Resolved further, That the Senate concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the title of the bill.

RELATIVE TO \$1 COIN DISPENSING CAPABILITY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DODD,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 3703) to amend section 5112(p)(1)(A) of title 31, United States Code, to allow an exception from the \$1 coin dispensing capability requirement for certain vending machines.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DO-NOT-CALL REGISTRY FEE EXTENSION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DODD,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 781) to extend the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to collect Do-Not-Call Registry fees to fiscal years after fiscal year 2007.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DO-NOT-CALL IMPROVEMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DODD,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2096) to amend the Do-Not-Call Implementation Act to eliminate the automatic removal of telephone numbers registered on the Federal "do-not-call" registry.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. DODD (for Mr. DORGAN) to amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3867).

The amendment was agreed to.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COURT SECURITY IMPROVEMENT
ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DODD,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 660) to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. DODD (for Mr. LEAHY) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3868, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

U.S. CAPITOL POLICE AND
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS POLICE
MERGER IMPLEMENTATION ACT

On the request of Mr. DODD,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3690) to provide for the transfer of the Library of Congress police to the United States Capitol Police, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on December 6, 2007, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. DODD (for Mrs. FEINSTEIN) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3869, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL TEEN
DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS
AND PREVENTION WEEK"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DODD,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 388) designating the week of February 4 through February 8, 2008, as "National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week".

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF
HAWAII

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DODD,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 264) honoring the University of Hawaii for its 100 years of commitment to public higher education.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF
REPRESENTATIVE JULIA CARSON

On the request of Mr. DODD,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 407) relative to the death of Representative Julia Carson, of Indiana, submitted today by Mr. REID, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE
VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY
FOOTBALL TEAM

On the request of Mr. DODD,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 408) congratulating the Valdosta State University football team on winning the 2007 Division II National Championship, submitted today by Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DODD,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 90 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO BILL
CONSIDER BILL S. 2248

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DODD,

Ordered further, That the time for debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2248 be deemed concluded; and that the motion be immediately agreed to.

The motion to proceed having been agreed to,

FISA AMENDMENTS ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2248) to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DODD,

At 8:01 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 407, as a further mark of respect for the late Representative Julia

Carson, and under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2007

Mrs. CLAIRE McCASKILL, from the State of Missouri, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mrs. McCASKILL led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, December 18, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CLAIRE McCASKILL, a Senator from the State of Missouri, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mrs. McCASKILL took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.
Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.
Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4386. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by personnel at the Naval Surface Warfare Center; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-4387. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a multiyear procurement that is being sought for UH/HH-60M and MH-60S aircraft for fiscal year 2007 through fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4388. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Receiving Reports for Shipments" (DFARS Case 2006-D024), received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4389. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ship Critical Safety Items" (DFARS Case 2007-D016), received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4390. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Information Assurance Contractor Training and Certification" (DFARS Case 2006-D023), received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4391. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Functions Exempt from Private Sector Performance" (DFARS Case 2007-D019), received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4392. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "DoD Representations and Certifications in the Online Representations and Certifications Application" (DFARS Case 2006-D032), received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4393. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General John M. Brown III, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4394. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral

Terrance T. Etnyre, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4395. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Belarus that was declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4396. A communication from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the actions taken to ensure that audits are conducted of its programs and operations for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4397. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Regulations; Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway - Winter Use" (RIN1024-AD29), received on December 12, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4398. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Authentic Native Handicrafts" (RIN1024-AD20), received on December 12, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4399. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Regulations - National Capital Region - Parking" (RIN1024-AD40), received on December 12, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4400. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indian Oil Valuation" (RIN1010-AD00), received on December 17, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4401. A communication from the Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to energy and water supplies; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4402. A communication from the Office Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Occupational Dose Records, Labeling Containers, and the Total Effective

Dose Equivalent" (RIN3150-AH40), received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4403. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Clean Air Interstate Rule" (FRL No. 8506-4), received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4404. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Missouri; Clean Air Interstate Rule" (FRL No. 8506-8), received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4405. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Nebraska; Interstate Transport of Pollution" (FRL No. 8507-1), received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4406. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Implementation Plans of Michigan: Clean Air Interstate Rule" (FRL No. 8508-1), received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4407. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions (Multiple Chemicals)" (FRL No. 8339-2), received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4408. A communication from the Acting Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy and Disclosure of Official Records and Information" (RIN0960-AG14), received on December 12, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4409. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "Treatment of Certain Foreign Currency Transactions" (Revenue Ruling 2008-1), received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4410. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Timing, Character, Source and Other Issues Respecting Prepaid Forward Contracts and Similar Arrangements" (Notice 2008-2), received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4411. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fast Track Loan Modifications" (Rev. Proc. 2007-72), received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4412. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Credibility of Mexican Single Rate Business Tax" (Notice 2008-3), received on December 11, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4413. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Diagnostic Medical Procedures" (Revenue Ruling 2007-72), received on December 11, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4414. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partnership Audit Techniques Guide - Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9" (Docket No. LMSB-04-1107-076), received on December 17, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4415. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of consular training with respect to travel and identity documents; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4416. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the six-month suspension of the limitation on the obligation of the State Department under the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4417. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-212, "Child Abuse and Neglect Investigation Record Access

Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4418. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-213, "School Proximity Traffic Calming Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4419. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-214, "Lower Income Homeownership Cooperative Housing Association Re-Clarification Temporary Act of 2007" received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4420. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-215, "Department of Small and Local Business Development Subcontracting Clarification, Benefit Expansion, and Grant-making Authority Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4421. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-216, "School Modernization Use of Funds Requirements Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4422. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-210, "Health Services Planning Program Re-establishment Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4423. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-208, "Mortgage Disclosure Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4424. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-206, "Heurich House Foundation Real Property Tax Exemption and Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Act of 2007" received on December 13, 2007; to

the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4425. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-207, "Southeast Water and Sewer Improvement Special Assessment Authorization Act of 2007" received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4426. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-205, "Home Equity Protection Act of 2007" received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4427. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-198, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square N-515, S.O. 07-6534, Act of 2007" received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4428. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-197, "Closing of a Portion of a Public Alley in Square 234, S.O. 07-7717, Act of 2007" received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4429. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-195, "Omnibus Sports Consolidation Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4430. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-194, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 347, S.O. 06-5596, Act of 2007" received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4431. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-178, "Advisory Neighborhood Commission Clarification Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4432. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-191, "Retail Service Station Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4433. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-193, "District of Columbia Regional Airports Authority Clarification Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4434. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-192, "Neighborhood Investment Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4435. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a proposed personnel management demonstration project; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4436. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Annual Report relative to its competitive sourcing accomplishments for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4437. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a personnel management demonstration project at the National Nuclear Security Administration; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4438. A communication from the Chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Board's Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2007, to September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4439. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2007 Financial Report of the U.S. Government"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4440. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's inventory of commercial and inherently governmental activities for fiscal year 2006 and fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4441. A communication from the Chairman, Office of General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Electioneering Communications" (Notice 2007-26), received on December 17, 2007; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals From the Concurrent Resolution, Fiscal Year 2008" (Rept. No. 110-250).

By Mr. SCHUMER, from the Joint Economic Committee:

Special Report entitled "The 2007 Joint Economic Report" (Rept. No. 110-251).

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 3571. A bill to amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to permit individuals who have served as employees of the Office of Compliance to serve as Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, or General Counsel of the Office, and to permit individuals appointed to such positions to serve one additional term.

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 901. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1551. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. REID (for Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. CARDIN)):

S. 2495. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, and the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure with respect to bail bond forfeitures; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 2496. A bill to amend title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to enhance teaching standards and provide for license portability; to the

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR:

S. 2497. A bill to ensure that families of members of the National Guard and Reserve have full access to mental health care during the mobilization, deployment, and demobilization of such members, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 2498. A bill to authorize the minting of a coin to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the founding of Santa Fe, New Mexico, to occur in 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 2499. A bill to amend titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act to extend provisions under the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP programs, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. CORKER):

S. 2500. A bill to provide fair compensation to artists for use of their sound recordings; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. REED, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. INOUE, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2501. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to protect Social Security cost-of-living adjustments (COLA); to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. INOUE):

S. 2502. A bill to provide for the establishment of a memorial within Kalaupapa National Historical Park located on the island of Molokai, in the State of Hawaii, to honor and perpetuate the memory of those individuals who were forcibly relocated to the Kalaupapa Peninsula from 1866 to 1969, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 2503. A bill to exclude from admission to the United States aliens who have directly and significantly contributed to the ability of Cuba to develop its petroleum resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. CORKER, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2504. A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal charter to the Military Officers Association of America, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 2505. A bill to allow employees of a commercial passenger airline carrier who receive payments in a bankruptcy proceeding to roll over such payments into an individual retirement plan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. DODD):

S. 2506. A bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to modify a provision relating to the Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve Account; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2507. A bill to address the digital television transition in border states; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 2508. A bill to provide for a study of options for protecting the open space characteristics of certain lands in and adjacent to the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 2509. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to prevent the enforcement of certain national primary drinking water regulations unless sufficient funding is available or variance technology has been identified; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 2510. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide revised standards for quality assurance in screening and evaluation of gynecologic cytology preparations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 2511. A bill to amend the grant program for law enforcement armor vests to provide for a waiver of or reduction in the matching funds requirement in the case of fiscal hardship; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COCHRAN:

S. 2512. A bill to establish the Mississippi Delta National Heritage Area in the State of Mississippi, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. KERRY):

S. 2513. A bill to modify the boundary of the Minute Man National Historical Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REID (for Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2514. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to ensure that increases in the Federal minimum wage keep pace with any pay adjustments for Members of Congress; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID (for Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2515. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a comprehensive national system for skilled construction workers to assist first responders in disasters; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2516. A bill to assist members of the Armed Forces in obtaining United States citizenship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 2517. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the proceeds of qualified mortgage bonds may be used to provide refinancing for subprime loans, to provide a temporary increase in the volume cap for qualified mortgage bonds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 2518. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify the individual income tax by providing an election for eligible individuals to only be subject to a simple, low-rate tax system on gross income with an individual tax credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr.

DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 409. A resolution commending the service of the Honorable Trent Lott, a Senator from the State of Mississippi; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. Con. Res. 59. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that joint custody laws for fit parents should be passed by each State, so that more children are raised with the benefits of having a father and a mother in their lives; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. KYL):

S. Con. Res. 60. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress relating to negotiating a free trade agreement between the United States and Taiwan; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 22, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 211

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a

bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services, volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 218

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 218, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the income threshold used to calculate the refundable portion of the child tax credit.

S. 311

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 311, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 316, a bill to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market.

S. 382

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a State family support grant program to end the practice of parents giving legal custody of their seriously emotionally disturbed children to State agencies for the purpose of obtaining mental health services for those children.

S. 432

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 432, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for kidney disease education services under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 450

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 513

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 513, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to revive previous authority on the use of the Armed Forces and the militia to address interference with State or Federal law, and for other purposes.

S. 561

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 561, a bill to repeal the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the expansion of the adoption credit and adoption assistance programs.

S. 661

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 661, a bill to establish kinship navigator programs, to establish guardianship assistance payments for children, and for other purposes.

S. 790

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 790, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to permit the simplified summer food programs to be carried out in all States and by all service institutions.

S. 807

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 807, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 to provide that manure shall not be considered to be a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

S. 932

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 932, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize physical therapists to evaluate and treat Medicare beneficiaries without a requirement for a physician referral, and for other purposes.

S. 937

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 937, a bill to improve support and services for individuals with autism and their families.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 999, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1011, a bill to change the name of the National Institute on Drug Abuse to the National Institute on Diseases of Addiction and to change the name of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism to the National Institute on Alcohol Disorders and Health.

S. 1270

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1270, a bill to amend title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require the

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, in the case of airline pilots who are required by regulation to retire at age 60, to compute the actuarial value of monthly benefits in the form of a life annuity commencing at age 60.

S. 1515

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1515, a bill to establish a domestic violence volunteer attorney network to represent domestic violence victims.

S. 1577

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1577, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to require screening, including national criminal history background checks, of direct patient access employees of skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, and other long-term care facilities and providers, and to provide for nationwide expansion of the pilot program for national and State background checks on direct patient access employees of long-term care facilities or providers.

S. 1661

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] were added as cosponsors of S. 1661, a bill to communicate United States travel policies and improve marketing and other activities designed to increase travel in the United States from abroad.

S. 1842

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1842, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for patient protection by limiting the number of mandatory overtime hours a nurse may be required to work in certain providers of services to which payments are made under the Medicare Program.

S. 1843

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1843, a bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to clarify that an unlawful practice occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, and for other purposes.

S. 1858

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1858, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup

care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1951

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1951, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure that individuals eligible for medical assistance under the Medicaid program continue to have access to prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 2069

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2069, a bill to increase the United States financial and programmatic contributions to promote economic opportunities for women in developing countries.

S. 2102

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] were added as cosponsors of S. 2102, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to phase out the 24-month waiting period for disabled individuals to become eligible for Medicare benefits, to eliminate the waiting period for individuals with life-threatening conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 2119

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2119, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 2159

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2159, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

S. 2166

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2166, a bill to provide for greater responsibility in lending and expanded cancellation of debts owed to the United States and the international financial institutions by low-income countries, and for other purposes.

S. 2188

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2188, a bill to amend title XVIII of the

Social Security Act to establish a prospective payment system instead of the reasonable cost-based reimbursement method for Medicare-covered services provided by Federally qualified health centers and to expand the scope of such covered services to account for expansions in the scope of services provided by Federally qualified health centers since the inclusion of such services for coverage under the Medicare Program.

S. 2289

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2289, a bill to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, to limit the duration of Federal consent decrees to which State and local governments are a party, and for other purposes.

S. 2332

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2332, a bill to promote transparency in the adoption of new media ownership rules by the Federal Communications Commission, and to establish an independent panel to make recommendations on how to increase the representation of women and minorities in broadcast media ownership.

S. 2368

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2368, a bill to provide immigration reform by securing America's borders, clarifying and enforcing existing laws, and enabling a practical employer verification program.

S. 2428

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2428, a bill to direct the Secretary of Education to establish and maintain a public website through which individuals may find a complete database of available scholarships, fellowships, and other programs of financial assistance in the study of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

S. 2453

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2453, a bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to clarify requirements relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of national origin.

S. 2468

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2468, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture (acting through the Chief of the Forest Service) to enter into a cooperative agreement with the State of Wyoming to allow the State of Wyoming to conduct certain forest and watershed restoration services, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 27

At the request of Mrs. DOLE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 27, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to the line item veto.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 53

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENEDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 53, a concurrent resolution condemning the kidnapping and hostage-taking of 3 United States citizens for over 4 years by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), and demanding their immediate and unconditional release.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 61

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 61, a concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate, and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 62

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 62, a resolution to correct the enrollment of H.R. 660.

At the request of Mr. KYL, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 62, supra.

SENATE RESOLUTION 410

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 410, a resolution designating February 17, 2008, as "Race Day in America" and highlighting the 50th running of the Daytona 500.

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 410, supra.

SENATE RESOLUTION 411

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 411, a resolution honoring the life and recognizing the accomplishments of Texas civil rights pioneer Dr. Hector P. Garcia.

SENATE RESOLUTION 412

At the request of Mrs. DOLE, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 412, a resolution commending the Appalachian State University Mountaineers of Boone, North Carolina, for winning the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA) Championship.

SENATE RESOLUTION 413

At the request of Mrs. DOLE, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 413, a resolution commending the Wake Forest University Demon Deacons of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, for winning

the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Men's Soccer National Championship.

SENATE RESOLUTION 414

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 414, a resolution designating January 2008 as "National Stalking Awareness Month".

SENATE RESOLUTION 415

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 415, a resolution honoring the life and recognizing the accomplishments of William Karnaet "Bill" Willis, pioneer and Hall of Fame football player for both Ohio State University and the Cleveland Browns.

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 415, supra.

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 415, supra.

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 415, supra.

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 415, supra.

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 415, supra.

At the request of Mr. MENEDEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 415, supra.

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 415, supra.

At the request of Mr. ENZI, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 415, supra.

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 415, supra.

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 415, supra.

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 415, supra.

SENATE RESOLUTION 416

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 416, a resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the United States Air Force as an independent military service.

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 416, supra.

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 416, supra.

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 416, supra.

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 416, supra.

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 416, supra.

At the request of Mr. ENZI, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 416, supra.

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 416, supra.

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 416, supra.

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 416, supra.

At the request of Mr. TESTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 416, supra.

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 416, supra.

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 416, supra.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 18, 2007, at 10 a.m. in open session to consider nominations.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 18, 2007, at 11 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 18, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 18, 2007, at 10:30 a.m., in room SD366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December

18, 2007, in room S-216 of the Capitol at a time to be determined to hold a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY
AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 18, 2007, at 3:30 p.m. to consider the nomination of Steven H. Murdock to be Director, U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a hearing entitled "Executive Branch Nominations" on Tuesday, December 18, 2007 at 10 a.m. in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:10 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, without amendment:

S. 2174. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 175 South Monroe Street in Tiffin, Ohio, as the "Paul E. Gillmor Post Office Building".

S. 2484. An act to rename the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development as the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

S.J. Res. 13. Joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the International Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding.

At 2:20 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the amendments of the House to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 6) to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2764) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending in September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution:

H. Res. 880. Resolution relative to the death of the Honorable Julia Carson, a Representative from the State of Indiana.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1374. An act to amend the Florida National Forest Land Management Act of 2003 to authorize the conveyance of an additional tract of National Forest System land under that Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3179. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to authorize the use of Federal supply schedules for the acquisition of law enforcement, security, and certain other related items by State and local governments.

H.R. 3454. An act to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the George Washington National Forest in Alleghany County, Virginia, that contains the cemetery of the Central Advent Christian Church and an adjoining tract of land located between the cemetery and road boundaries.

H.R. 3911. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 95 Church Street in Jessup, Pennsylvania, as the "Lance Corporal Dennis James Veater Post Office".

H.R. 4210. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 401 Washington Avenue in Weldon, North Carolina, as the "Dock M. Brown Post Office Building".

H.R. 4220. An act to encourage the donation of excess food to nonprofit organizations that provide assistance to food-insecure people in the United States in contracts entered into by executive agencies for the provision, service, or sale of food.

H.R. 4286. An act to award a congressional gold medal to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in recognition of her courageous and unwavering commitment to peace, nonviolence, human rights, and democracy in Burma.

H.R. 4342. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 824 Manatee Avenue West in Bradenton, Florida, as the "Dan Miller Post Office Building".

H.J. Res. 15. Joint resolution recognizing the contributions of the Christmas tree industry to the United States economy.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. 246. Concurrent resolution honoring the United States Marine Corps for serving and defending the United State on the anniversary of its founding on November 10, 1775.

H. Con. Res. 254. Concurrent resolution recognizing and celebrating the centennial of Oklahoma statehood.

H. Con. Res. 270. Concurrent resolution to make corrections in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 1593.

At 4:11 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Brandon, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 6. An act to move the United States toward greater energy independence and security, to increase the production of clean renewable fuels, to protect consumers, to increase the efficiency of products, buildings, and vehicles, to promote research on and deploy greenhouse gas capture and storage options, and to improve the energy performance of the Federal Government, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 4:35 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Brandon, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2761) to extend the Terrorism Insurance Program of the Department of the Treasury, and for other purposes.

At 6:47 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 2271. An act to authorize State and local governments to divest assets in companies that conduct business operations in Sudan, to prohibit United States Government contracts with such companies, and for other purposes.

S. 2488. An act to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3648) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude discharges of indebtedness on principal residences from gross income, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3690) to provide for the transfer of the Library of Congress police to the United States Capitol Police, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the title of the bill (H.R. 3997) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide earnings assistance and tax relief to members of the uniformed services, volunteer

firefighters, and Peace Corps volunteers, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3997) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide earnings assistance and tax relief to members of the uniformed services, volunteer firefighters, and Peace Corps volunteers, and for other purposes, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

At 8:40 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

S. 597. An act to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research.

S. 2174. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 175 South Monroe Street in Tiffin, Ohio, as the "Paul E. Gillmor Post Office Building".

S. 2484. An act to rename the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development as the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

H.R. 797. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve low-vision benefits matters, matters relating to burial and memorial affairs, and other matters under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2408. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Green Bay, Wisconsin, as the "Milo C. Huempfner Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic".

H.R. 2671. An act to designate the United States Courthouse located at 301 North Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida, as the "C. Clyde Atkins United States Courthouse".

H.R. 3703. An act to amend section 5112(p)(1)(A) of title 31, United States Code, to allow an exception from the \$1 coin dispensing capability requirement for certain vending machines.

H.R. 3739. An act to amend the Arizona Water Settlements Act to modify the requirements for the statement of findings.

S.J. Res. 13. Joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the International Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding.

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The enrolled bills and joint resolution were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

COMMENDING THE SERVICE OF THE HONORABLE TRENT LOTT, A SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

On the request of Mr. McCONNELL,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 409) commending the service of the Honorable Trent Lott, a Senator from the State of Mississippi, submitted today by Mr. McCONNELL (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BILL NELSON, Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 1:09 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN LEGISLATION

Mr. SANDERS asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2771) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; that the only amendment in order thereto be an amendment (in the nature of a substitute); that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on said amendment (in the nature of a substitute); that, upon conclusion of debate, the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, as amended, without intervening action or debate.

Mr. KYL objected.

ORDER RELATIVE TO BILL H.R. 2764

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the chair lays before the Senate the amendments received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendment of the Senate to bill H.R. 2764, there be one hour, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, on a motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the amendments of the House; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on agreeing to said motion to bring to a close debate; that, if said motion is not agreed to, Mr. McCONNELL be recognized to move to concur in the amendment (numbered 2) of the House of Representatives with an amendment; that Mr. FEINGOLD then be recognized to propose an amendment thereto; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate thereon, the Senate vote in relation thereto; and that, if said amendment does not receive 60 yeas votes, it be withdrawn.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of said amendment, Mr. LEVIN be recognized to propose an amendment; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate thereon, the Senate vote in relation thereto; that, if said amendment does not receive 60 yeas votes, it be withdrawn; that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion by Mr. McCONNELL; and that, if said motion does not receive 60 yeas votes, it be withdrawn.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of the amendment (numbered 2) of the House, Mr. REID be recognized to move to concur in the amendment (numbered 1) of the House, with an amendment (being the text of bill H.R. 4351, as passed by the House); that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of said debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion by Mr. REID; that, if said motion does not receive 60 yeas votes, it be withdrawn; that, if said motion is withdrawn, Mr. REID be recognized to move to concur in the amendment of the House; that there be 2 hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders on said motion; and that no other motions to concur or amendments be in order prior to the disposition of the motions, by Mr. REID, to concur.

Pending debate,

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE
AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 2764

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TESTER in the chair) laid before the Senate the amendments received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2764) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate concur in the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to bill H.R. 2764.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to concur.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the foregoing motion to concur, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to bill H.R. 2764:

HARRY REID, JEFF BINGAMAN, BARBARA A. MIKULSKI, BYRON L. DORGAN, DANIEL K. INOUE, PATRICK LEAHY, MAX BAUCUS, MARK PRYOR, DEBBIE STABENOW, KENT CONRAD, PATTY MURRAY, BILL NELSON, JACK REED, KEN SALAZAR, BLANCHE L. LINCOLN, TOM CARPER, HERB KOHL, BEN NELSON, DICK DURBIN.

Pending debate,

MEDICARE, MEDICAID, AND SCHIP
EXTENSION ACT

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SALAZAR in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill

(S. 2499) to amend titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act to extend provisions under the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP programs, and for other purposes, introduced on today by Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE
AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 2764

The Senate resumed consideration of the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to bill H.R. 2764.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. GREGG,

Ordered, That Mr. CRAIG be recognized to speak for 5 minutes; and that, upon conclusion of remarks by him, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on today, to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur.

The quorum under the rule having been deemed waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 44, nays... 51

[Rollcall Vote No. 436 Leg.]

YEAS --- 44

Akaka, Baucus, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 51

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch,

Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Landrieu, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to concur.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The pending motion was laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to bill H.R. 2764.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL that the Senate concur in the amendment (No. 2) of the House to the amendment of the Senate to bill H.R. 2764, with an amendment numbered 3874.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DODD, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BROWN, and Mrs. CLINTON) to amend the pending amendment, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3875).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. FEINGOLD,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 24, nays... 71

[Rollcall Vote No. 437 Leg.]

YEAS --- 24

Akaka, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Durbin, Feingold, Harkin, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Menendez, Murray, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 71

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kyl, Landrieu, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Mikulski, Murkowski, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Roberts, Salazar, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment, not having received 60 yea votes, was withdrawn.

The question recurring on agreeing to the motion to concur in the amendment (No. 2) of the House to the amendment of the Senate to bill H.R. 2764, with an amendment (No. 3874).

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. HAGEL, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. REID, and Mr. SALAZAR) to amend the pending amendment, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3876).

After debate,

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 50, nays... 45

[Rollcall Vote No. 438 Leg.]

YEAS --- 50

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Burr, Casey, Collins, Conrad, Dole, Dorgan, Durbin, Hagel, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Snowe, Stabenow, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 45

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lieberman, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

So the amendment was not agreed to (the amendment not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of today).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. WARNER,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The amendment, not having received 60 yea votes, was withdrawn.

The question recurring on agreeing to the motion to concur in the amendment (No. 2) of the House to the amendment of the Senate to bill H.R. 2764, with an amendment (No. 3874).

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 70, nays... 25

[Rollcall Vote No. 439 Leg.]

YEAS --- 70

Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kyl, Landrieu, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Mikulski, Murkowski, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sessions, Shelby, Snowe, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Webb.

NAYS --- 25

Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Durbin, Feingold, Harkin, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Lautenberg, Leahy, Menendez, Murray, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schumer, Smith, Stabenow, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate concur in the amendment (No. 1) of the House to the amendment of the Senate to bill H.R. 2764, with an amendment numbered 3877.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. DURBIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 48, nays... 46

[Rollcall Vote No. 440 Leg.]

YEAS --- 48

Akaka, Baucus, Bayh, Bingaman, Boxer, Brown, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Conrad, Dorgan, Durbin, Feingold, Harkin, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, McCaskill, Menendez, Mikulski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Snowe, Stabenow, Tester, Voinovich, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 46

Alexander, Allard, Barrasso, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Bunning, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Domenici, Ensign, Enzi, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Murkowski, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Specter, Stevens, Sununu, Thune, Vitter, Warner.

So the motion was not agreed to (the motion not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of today).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The motion, not having received 60 yea votes, was withdrawn.

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate concur in the amendment (No. 1) of the House to the amendment of the Senate to bill H.R. 2764.

Pending debate,

Mr. LEAHY asked unanimous consent that all time for debate on the pending motion be deemed concluded.

Mr. DEMINT objected.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. LEAHY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 76, nays... 17

[Rollcall Vote No. 441 Leg.]

YEAS --- 76

Akaka, Alexander, Baucus, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brown, Brownback, Bunning, Byrd, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Grassley, Gregg, Harkin, Hutchison, Inouye, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Klobuchar, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Sanders, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Tester, Thune, Vitter, Warner, Webb, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 17

Allard, Barrasso, Bayh, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Crapo, DeMint, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Graham, Hagel, Inhofe, Isakson, McCaskill, Voinovich.

Mr. HATCH, when his name was called, answered "present".

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Friday, December 14, 2007,

The Senate resumed its legislative session. *(The following occurred after midnight, being Thursday, December 19, 2007)*

ORDER FOR SUBMISSION OF TRIBUTES TO MR. LOTT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That Senators be permitted to submit tributes to Mr. LOTT until January 30, 2008; and that said tributes be printed as a Senate document.

PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE SENATE, AND A CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 61) providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate, and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk; and

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1882 TREATY OF PEACE, AMITY, COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 279) expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 125th anniversary of the 1882 Treaty of Peace, Amity, Commerce and Navigation between the Kingdom of Chosun (Korea) and the United States.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. PRYOR (for Mr. BIDEN) to amend the resolution on various pages and

lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 3880).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the accompanying preamble.

On motion by Mr. PRYOR (for Mr. BIDEN) to amend the preamble, on page 3, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 3883).

The amendment was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONDEMNING THE KIDNAPPING AND HOSTAGE-TAKING OF 3 UNITED STATES CITIZENS FOR OVER 4 YEARS BY THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES OF COLOMBIA (FARC), AND DEMANDING THEIR IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 53) condemning the kidnapping and hostage-taking of 3 United States citizens for over 4 years by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), and demanding their immediate and unconditional release.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the accompanying preamble.

On motion by Mr. PRYOR (for Mr. BILL NELSON) to amend the preamble, in the eighth clause, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 3881).

The amendment was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "RACE DAY IN AMERICA" AND HIGHLIGHTING THE 50TH RUNNING OF THE DAYTONA 500

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 410) designating February 17, 2008, as "Race Day in America" and highlighting the 50th running of the Daytona 500, submitted today by Mr. BILL NELSON (for himself, Mr.

MARTINEZ, and Mr. SANDERS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING THE LIFE AND RECOGNIZING DR. HECTOR P. GARCIA

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 411) honoring the life and recognizing the accomplishments of Texas civil rights pioneer Dr. Hector P. Garcia, submitted today by Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMENDING THE APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY MOUNTAINEERS OF BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 412) commending the Appalachian State University Mountaineers of Boone, North Carolina, for winning the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division 1-AA) Championship, submitted today by Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. DOLE), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMENDING THE WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY DEMON DEACONS OF WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 413) commending the Wake Forest University Demon Deacons of Winston-Salem, North

Carolina, for winning the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Men's Soccer National Championship, submitted today by Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. DOLE), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL STALKING AWARENESS MONTH"

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 414) designating January 2008 as "National Stalking Awareness Month", submitted today by Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING THE LIFE AND RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF WILLIAM KARNET "BILL" WILLIS

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 415) honoring the life and recognizing the accomplishments of William Karnet "Bill" Willis, pioneer and Hall of Fame football player for both Ohio State University and the Cleveland Browns, submitted today by Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. LAUTENBERG), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 416)

recognizing the 60th anniversary of the United States Air Force as an independent military service, submitted today by Mr. E. BENJAMIN NELSON (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. TESTER, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. ALLARD), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CORRECTING THE ENROLLMENT OF H.R. 660

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 62) to correct the enrollment of H.R. 660, submitted today by Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. KYL), and at the desk; and

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXTENDING THE EXISTING PROVISIONS REGARDING THE ELIGIBILITY FOR ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE SUBSIDIES

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 2260) to extend the existing provisions regarding the eligibility for essential air service subsidies through fiscal year 2008.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "ERNEST CHILDERS DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OUTPATIENT CLINIC"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 366) to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the "Ernest Childers Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AMENDING THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 TO CLARIFY THE TERM OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2436) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the term of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CHILD SOLDIERS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2135) to prohibit the recruitment or use of child soldiers, to designate persons who recruit or use child soldiers as inadmissible aliens, to allow the deportation of persons who recruit or use child soldiers, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment.

The reported amendment was agreed to.

The question being on the passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. PRYOR (for Mr. FEINGOLD) to further amend the bill, on page 4, after "state-sponsored" on line 7, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3882).

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RESIGNATION OF MR. LOTT

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE in the chair) laid before the Senate the following communication, which was deemed read, by unanimous consent, and placed on file:

U.S. SENATE,

Washington, DC, December 18, 2007.

Hon. RICHARD B. CHENEY,

President of the United States Senate, The United States Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I hereby give notice of my retirement from the Office of United States Senator from the State of Mississippi. Therefore, I tender my resignation as effective at 11:30 p.m., December 18, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

TRENT LOTT,

U.S. Senator.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 11:30 A.M. ON TODAY, AND
FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 11:30 a.m. on today; that, on today, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

Ordered further, That, on today, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

At 12:10 a.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 11:30 a.m. on today.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2007

Mr. ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, called the Senate to order at 11:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CASEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, December 19, 2007

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., a Senator from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD

PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. CASEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

REQUESTING RETURN OF PAPERS
RELATIVE TO BILL H.R. 2764

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate request that the House of Representatives return the papers relative to bill (H.R. 2764) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

INTEGRATED DEEPWATER
PROGRAM REFORM ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 924) to strengthen the United States Coast Guard's Integrated Deepwater Program.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. REID for Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Ms. SNOWE) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and insert other words (being amendment No. 3884).

The amendment was agreed to.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MILITARY RESERVIST AND
VETERAN SMALL BUSINESS
REAUTHORIZATION AND
OPPORTUNITY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1784) to amend the Small Business Act to improve programs for veterans, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. KERRY) to strike all after the enacting clause, and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3885, in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. COBURN) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3886).

The amendment was agreed to.

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

On the request of Mr. REID,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4253) to improve and expand small business assistance programs for veterans of the armed forces and military reservists, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on December 7, 2007, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That all after the enacting clause be stricken, and the text of bill S. 1784, as amended, be inserted in lieu thereof (being an

amendment in the nature of a substitute), that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That bill S. 1784 be placed on the calendar.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Wednesday, December 19, 2007, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

S. 597. An act to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research.

S. 2484. A bill to rename the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development as the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

S. 2174. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 175 South Monroe Street in Tiffin, Ohio, as the "Paul E. Gillmor Post Office Building".

S.J. Res. 13. A joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the International Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4442. A communication from the Regulatory Officer, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sale and Disposal of National Forest System Timber; Timber Sale Contracts; Purchaser Elects Government Road Construction" (RIN0596-AC40) received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4443. A communication from the Regulatory Officer, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sale and Disposal of National Forest System

Timber; Modification of Timber Sale Contracts in Extraordinary Conditions; Noncompetitive Sale of Timber" (RIN0596-AB70) received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4444. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of General William T. Hobbins, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4445. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Mark-to-Market Program Revisions" (RIN2502-AH86) received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4446. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure (New Jersey 2007 Summer Flounder Commercial Fishery)" (RIN0648-XE00) received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4447. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Final Temporary Rule for Interim Measures to Address Overfishing of Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper During 2007" (RIN0648-AT87) received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4448. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Halibut in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XE00) received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4449. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement 2008 First Season Atlantic Shark Commercial Management Measures" (RIN0648-AV93) received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4450. A communication from the Regulatory Officer, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Onshore Oil and Gas Operations; Federal and Indian Oil and Gas Leases; Onshore Oil

and Gas Order Number 1, Approval of Operations" (RIN0596-AC20) received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4451. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, two documents recently issued by the Agency related to its regulatory programs; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4452. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Nevada; Washoe County 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 8509-2) received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4453. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Glufosinate-ammonium; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8342-3) received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4454. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plan; South Dakota; Revisions to New Source Review Rules" (FRL No. 8509-4) received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4455. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Area Sources: Clay Ceramics Manufacturing, Glass Manufacturing, and Secondary Nonferrous Metals Processing" ((RIN2060-AM12)(FRL No. 8508-5)) received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4456. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Area Sources: Electric Arc Furnace Steelmaking Facilities" ((RIN2060-AM71)(FRL No. 8509-5)) received on December 18, 2007; to

the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4457. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Iron and Steel Foundries Area Sources" (FRL No. 8509-6) received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4458. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Paint Stripping and Miscellaneous Surface Coating Operations at Area Sources" ((RIN2060-AN21)(FRL No. 8508-6)) received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4459. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticide Tolerance Crop Grouping Program; Technical Amendment" ((RIN2070-AJ28)(FRL No. 8345-4)) received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4460. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Nonattainment New Source Review: Reasonable Possibility in Recordkeeping" ((RIN2060-AN88)(FRL No. 8508-4)) received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4461. A communication from the Regulatory Officer, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska, Subpart D; Seasonal Adjustments - Copper, Unalakleet, and Yukon Rivers" (50 CFR Part 100) received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4462. A communication from the Regulatory Officer, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska; Kenai Peninsula Subsistence Resource Region" (RIN1018-AU92) received on December 18, 2007; to

the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4463. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, semiannual reports from the Office of the Treasury Inspector General and the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4464. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4465. A communication from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Commission's Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4466. A communication from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Organization's Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4467. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Issuance of Multiple Prescriptions for Schedule II Controlled Substances" (RIN1117-AB01) received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4468. A copy of a complaint as required by section 403(a)(2) of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 relative to the case of Citizens United v. FEC; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-4469. A communication from the Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applying for Free and Reduced Price Meals in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program and for Benefits in the Special Milk Program and Technical Amendments" (RIN0584-AD54) received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4470. A communication from the Regulatory Officer, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Appraising Recreation Residence Lots and for Managing Recreation Residence Uses Pursuant to the Cabin User

Fee Fairness Act" (RIN0596-AB83) received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4471. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of the authorization of Colonel Garrett Harencak to wear the authorized insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4472. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fair Credit Reporting, Subpart C - Affiliate Marketing" (RIN3133-AD00) received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4473. A communication from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on ethanol market concentration; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4474. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2008 Summer Flounder Coastwide Recreational Interim Management Measures" (RIN0648-AC99) received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4475. A communication from the Regulatory Officer, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Forest System Land Management Planning" (RIN0596-AC43) received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4476. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's competitive sourcing activities during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4477. A communication from the Regulatory Officer, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska, Subpart C and Subpart D - 2007-2008 Subsistence Taking of Fish and Shellfish Regulations" (RIN1018-AU57) received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4478. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Weighted

Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2007-101) received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4479. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the compliance of several countries to freedom of emigration provisions; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4480. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, (6) reports relative to vacancies within the Department, received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4481. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4482. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the transfer of technical data to Israel for the manufacture of the Advanced Digital Dispensing System II Countermeasure Dispenser System; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4483. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of technical data to Canada to support the manufacture of Decoder Assemblies; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4484. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Corporation's Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4485. A communication from the Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Agency's Inspector General for the period ending September 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4486. A communication from the Director of Administration, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4487. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Department's Inspector General for the period ending September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4488. A communication from the Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Department's Inspector General for the six-month period from April 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4489. A communication from the Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's financial report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4490. A communication from the Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Commission's Inspector General for the period ended September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4491. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Department's Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4492. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees' Retirement System; Present Value Conversion Factors for Spouses of Deceased Separated Employees" (RIN3206-AL31) received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4493. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-217, "Rent Administrator Hearing Authority Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 19, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4494. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-218, "Building Hope Real Property Tax Exemption and Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Temporary Act of 2007" received on December 19, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4495. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-219, "Health-Care Decisions for Persons with Developmental Disabilities Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 19, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4496. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-220, "Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom Active Duty Pay Differential Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 19, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4497. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-221, "Nuisance Property Abatement Reform and Real Property Classification Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 19, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4498. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-222, "Bicycle Commuted and Parking Expansion Act of 2007" received on December 19, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4499. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-223, "Exploratory Committee Regulation Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 19, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4500. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-224, "Child and Family Services Grant-making Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 19, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4501. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-225, "Prohibition of the Investment of Public Funds in Certain Companies Doing Business with the Government of Sudan Act of 2007" received on December 19, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4502. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a

report on D.C. Act 17-226, "Student Access to Treatment Act of 2007" received on December 19, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4503. A communication from the Chief Acquisition Officer, General Services Administration, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-22" (FAC 2005-22) received on December 19, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4504. A communication from the Regulatory Officer, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Uses; Managing Recreation Residences and Assessing Fees Under the Cabin User Fee Fairness Act" (RIN0596-AB83) received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4505. A communication from the Regulatory Officer, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sale and Disposal of National Forest System Timber; Free Use to Individuals; Delegation of Authority" (RIN0596-AC09) received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4506. A communication from the Regulatory Officer, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Land Uses; Special Uses; Recovery of Costs for Processing Special Use Applications and Monitoring Compliance with Special Use Authorizations" (RIN0596-AB36) received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4507. A communication from the Regulatory Officer, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sale and Disposal of National Forest System Timber; Timber Sale Contracts; Indices to Determine Market-Related Contract Term Additions" (RIN3206-AK35) received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4508. A communication from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the International Space Station's second pressurized node; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4509. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to cross-border interoperability with Canada; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4510. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Navajo Electrification Demonstration Program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4511. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualifying Relative for Purposes of Section 152(d)(1)" (Notice 2008-5) received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4512. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2007 Section 846 Discount Factors" (Rev. Proc. 2008-10) received on December 18, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4513. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense articles to Japan to manufacture Mission Data Recorders and other devices to support F-15 aircraft; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4514. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of technical data in support of the Network System for the A400M Aircraft; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4515. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense articles to Mexico to support the manufacture of minor aircraft parts for various military aircraft; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4516. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense articles to Australia, Canada, France, Italy, and Singapore for the design of the Optus D3 Commercial Communications Satellite Program for Australia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4517. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense articles to the United Arab Emirates, Italy, and France for the installation and follow-on support of the Rolling Air Frame Missile Guided Missile Launch System; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4518. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense articles to Israel to provide continued support for the upgrade of the USAF's T-38 training aircraft's avionics; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4519. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of defense data to Italy for the manufacture of upper wing skins for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4520. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles to the Philippines and South Korea necessary for the assembly of Complimentary Metal Oxide Semiconductor Application Specific Integrated Circuits; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4521. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense articles in support of the manufacture of components for the AN/APG-66J Fire Control Radar System; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4522. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the permanent transfer of three F-16 B MLU M2 Block 10 and three F-16 B MLU M2 Block 15 aircraft; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4523. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles to South Korea to support the developmental manufacture of the T-701K helicopter engine; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4524. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles in support of the Sistema de Vigilancia de Amazonia Wide Area Surveillance System; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4525. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense articles to France, Germany, Gibraltar, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom for the design of the New Skies Satellite Satellites Program; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4526. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles in support of the Communication and Information System Wideband Programmable Network Radio; to the Committee on Foreign Relations

EC-4527. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the permanent transfer of eleven Jordanian F-5 aircraft to the Government of Brazil; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4528. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense articles to Israel to support the manufacture of F/A-18 Leading Edge Extensions and Aft Nose Landing Gear Doors; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4529. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, weekly reports relative to Iraq for the period of October 15, 2007, through December 15, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4530. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule of Fees for Consular Services, Department of State and Overseas Embassies and Consulates" (RIN1400-AC42) received on December 19, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4531. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Competitive Sourcing Official, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's competitive sourcing activities during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-272. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners for Miami-Dade County of the State of Florida urging

the Florida Legislature to allow the use of unmanned cameras at intersections with traffic signals in an effort to reduce red-light running; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

POM-273. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners for Miami-Dade County of the State of Florida urging the Florida Legislature to designate NW 7th Avenue from NW 35th Street as Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler Avenue; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-274. A report from the City Clerk of the City of Punta Gorda in the State of Florida relative to the Minority Reporting Form for 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-275. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners for Miami-Dade County of the State of Florida urging the Florida Legislature to increase the penalties and fines for dog and other animal fighting; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-276. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners for Miami-Dade County of the State of Florida urging Congress to reinstate the federal assault weapons ban; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendments:

S. 772. A bill to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads (Rept. No. 110-252).

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

S. 595. A bill to amend the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 to strike a provision relating to modifications in reporting frequency (Rept. No. 110-253).

S. 1523. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide from the Capitol power plant (Rept. No. 110-254).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 11. A bill to provide liability protection to volunteer pilot nonprofit organizations that fly for public benefit and to the pilots and staff of such nonprofit organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. OBAMA):

S. 2519. A bill to prohibit the awarding of a contract or grant in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold unless the prospective contractor or grantee certifies in writing to the agency awarding the contract or grant that the contractor or grantee has no seriously delinquent tax debts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 2520. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Indian tribal governments to transfer the credit for electricity produced from renewable resources; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. AKAKA Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2521. A bill to provide benefits to domestic partners of Federal employees; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 2522. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to guarantee comprehensive health care coverage for all children born after 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. REED):

S. 2523. A bill to establish the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States to provide for the construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income families; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. REID (for Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2524. A bill to improve the enforcement of the Davis-Bacon Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2525. A bill to prevent health care facility-acquired infections; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2526. A bill to protect health care workers and first responders, including police, fire-fighters, emergency medical personnel, and other workers at risk of workplace exposure to infectious agents and drug resistant infections, such as MRSA and

pandemic influenza; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 2527. A bill to prohibit the obligation or expenditure of funds for the Osprey tiltrotor aircraft; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 2528. A bill to authorize guarantees for bonds and notes issued for community or economic development purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. BAYH):

S. 2529. A bill to improve disclosures for charitable giving, protect charities, inform consumers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 2530. A bill entitled the "Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act of 2007"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself and Mr. BUNNING):

S. 2531. A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to revise the antidumping duties and countervailing duties relating to the production of low-enriched uranium, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. Res. 410. A resolution designating February 17, 2008, as "Race Day in America" and highlighting the 50th running of the Daytona 500; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. Res. 411. A resolution honoring the life and recognizing the accomplishments of Texas civil rights pioneer Dr. Hector P. Garcia; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BURR:

S. Res. 412. A resolution commending the Appalachian State University Mountaineers of Boone, North Carolina, for winning the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division 1 Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division 1-AA) Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BURR:

S. Res. 413. A resolution commending the Wake Forest University Demon Deacons of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, for winning the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Men's Soccer National Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. Res. 414. A resolution designating January 2008 as "National Stalking Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. Res. 415. A resolution honoring the life and recognizing the accomplishments of William Karna "Bill" Willis, pioneer and Hall of Fame football player for both Ohio State University and the Cleveland Browns; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. Res. 416. A resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the United States Air Force as an independent military service; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. Res. 417. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should expand trade opportunities with Mongolia and initiate negotiations to enter into a free trade agreement with Mongolia; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. Res. 418. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding provocative and dangerous statements made by officials of the Government of the Russian Federation concerning the territorial integrity of the Republic of Georgia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. REID:

S. Con. Res. 61. A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate, and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. Con. Res. 62. A resolution to correct the enrollment of H.R. 660; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for Mrs. CLINTON):

S. Con. Res. 63. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the need for additional research into the chronic neurological condition hydrocephalus, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. Con. Res. 64. A concurrent resolution commending the Alaska Army National Guard for its service to the State of Alaska and the citizens of the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 38

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 38, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a program for the provision of readjustment and mental

health services to veterans who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.

S. 261

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 261, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 329

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 453

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 453, a bill to prohibit deceptive practices in Federal elections.

S. 596

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 596, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of Internet pharmacies.

S. 714

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 714, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to ensure that all dogs and cats used by research facilities are obtained legally.

S. 755

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 755, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require States to provide diabetes screening tests under the Medicaid program for adult enrollees with diabetes risk factors, to ensure that States offer a comprehensive package of benefits under that program for individuals with diabetes, and for other purposes.

S. 860

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 860, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States the option to provide Medicaid coverage for low-income individuals infected with HIV.

S. 897

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 897, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide more help to Alzheimer's disease caregivers.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. OBAMA] was

added as a cosponsor of S. 911, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 1141

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1141, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employees not covered by qualified retirement plans to save for retirement through automatic payroll deposit IRAs, to facilitate similar saving by the self-employed, and for other purposes.

S. 1310

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1310, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of increased payments for ground ambulance services under the Medicare program.

S. 1466

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1466, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude property tax rebates and other benefits provided to volunteer firefighters, search and rescue personnel, and emergency medical responders from income and employment taxes and wage withholding.

S. 1593

At the request of Mr. BAYH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1593, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief and protections to military personnel, and for other purposes.

S. 1661

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1661, a bill to communicate United States travel policies and improve marketing and other activities designed to increase travel in the United States from abroad.

S. 1771

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1771, a bill to increase the safety of swimming pools and spas by requiring the use of proper anti-entrapment drain covers and pool and spa drainage systems, to educate the public about pool and spa safety, and for other purposes.

S. 1981

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. SALAZAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1981, a bill to

amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding environmental education, and for other purposes.

S. 2042

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2042, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct activities to rapidly advance treatments for spinal muscular atrophy, neuromuscular disease, and other pediatric diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 2058

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2058, a bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to close the Enron loophole, prevent price manipulation and excessive speculation in the trading of energy commodities, and for other purposes.

S. 2059

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. COLEMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2059, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to clarify the eligibility requirements with respect to airline flight crews.

S. 2119

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SUNUNU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2119, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 2209

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2209, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to improve America's research competitiveness, and for other purposes.

S. 2279

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. CLINTON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2279, a bill to combat international violence against women and girls.

S. 2324

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2324, a bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to enhance the Offices of the Inspectors General, to create a Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, and for other purposes.

S. 2332

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2332, a bill to promote transparency in the adoption of new media ownership rules by the Federal Communications Commission, and to establish an independent panel to make recommendations on how to increase the representation of women and minorities in broadcast media ownership.

S. 2425

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2425, a bill to require the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary Commerce to submit reports to Congress on the commercial and passenger vehicle traffic at certain points of entry, and for other purposes.

S. 2431

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2431, a bill to address emergency shortages in food banks.

S. 2478

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2478, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 59 Colby Corner in East Hampstead, New Hampshire, as the "Captain Jonathan D. Grassbaugh Post Office".

S. 2510

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2510, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide revised standards for quality assurance in screening and evaluation of gynecologic cytology preparations, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 389

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 389, a resolution commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the United States Air Force Space Command headquartered at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WYDEN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE,
AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet

during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, December 19, 2007, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, December 19, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a nomination hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, December 19, 2007, at 11 a.m. to hold a briefing on Kosovo.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a hearing.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:21 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 1396. An act to authorize a major medical facility project to modernize inpatient wards at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Atlanta, Georgia.

S. 1896. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11 Central Street in Hillsborough, New Hampshire, as the "Officer Jeremy Todd Charron Post Office".

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

H.R. 3793. An act to amend title 37, United States Code, to require the continued payment to a member of the uniformed services who dies or is retired or separated under chapter 61 of title 10, United States Code, bonuses and similar benefits that the member was entitled to before the death, retirement, or separation of the member and would be paid if the member had not died, retired, or separated, to prohibit requiring the member to repay any portion of the bonuses or similar benefits previously paid, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that in accordance with the request of the Senate, the bill (H.R. 2764) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, and all accompanying papers are hereby returned to the Senate.

At 3:13 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 863. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraud in connection with major disaster or emergency funds.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1216. An act to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of light motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 72. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes.

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

S. Con. Res. 62. Concurrent resolution to correct the enrollment of H.R. 660.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 660) to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, and for other purposes.

At 3:40 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1585. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 3:52 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2761. An act to extend the Terrorism Insurance Program of the Department of the Treasury, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3648. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude discharges of indebtedness on principle residences from gross income, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 5:46 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3996) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the concurrent resolution from the Senate (S. Con. Res. 61) providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate, and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives, do pass with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 2499. An act to amend titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act to extend provisions under the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP programs, and for other purposes.

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

H.R. 4040. An act to establish consumer product safety standards and other safety requirements for children's products and to reauthorize and modernize the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), amended by division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (22 U.S.C. 6901), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker reappoints the following members on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission for terms to expire December 31, 2009: Ms. Carolyn Bartholomew of the District of Columbia, and Mr. Jeffrey L. Fiedler of Great Falls, Virginia.

At 6:57 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to Amendment No. 2 of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2764) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2640) to improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, and for other purposes.

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

S. 1916. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to modify the program for the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees by terminating the authority for the removal of chimpanzees from the system for research purposes.

S. 2436. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the term of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

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

H.R. 4839. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make technical corrections, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HOYER) has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 2271. An act to authorize State and local governments to divest assets in companies that conduct business operations in Sudan, to prohibit United States Government contracts with such companies, and for other purposes.

S. 2488. An act to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes.

H.R. 366. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the "Earnest Childers Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic".

H.R. 3996. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

The following joint resolution was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.J. Res. 15. Joint resolution recognizing the contributions of the Christmas tree industry to the United States economy; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 254. Concurrent resolution recognizing and celebrating the centennial of Oklahoma statehood; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That notwithstanding the order of yesterday, the Senate recess, following his remarks.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified, At 12:46 p.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARDIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

NICS IMPROVEMENT AMENDMENTS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2640) to improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. SCHUMER for Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3887, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BLOCK BURMESE JADE ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3890) to amend the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 to waive the requirement for annual renewal resolutions relating to import sanctions, impose import sanctions on Burmese gemstones, expand the number of individuals against whom the visa ban is applicable, expand the blocking of assets and other prohibited activities, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. SCHUMER for Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3888, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, on motion by Mr. SCHUMER for Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), so as to read: "An act to impose sanctions on officials of the State Peace and Development Council in Burma, to amend the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 to prohibit the importation of gemstones and hardwoods from Burma, to

promote a coordinated international effort to restore civilian democratic rule to Burma, and for other purposes."

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1498

Mr. CASEY asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1498) to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit the import, export, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species, and for other purposes that the reported amendments be agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the table.

Ms. MURKOWSKI objected.

RECESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

At 5:53 p.m.,

The Senate recessed, subject to the call of the chair.

AT 6:22 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LEVIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO CONCURRENT RESOLUTION S. CON. RES. 61

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the amendments received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 61) providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate, and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives.

On motion by Mr. REID,

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives to the concurrent resolution.

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 72) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the joint resolution.

The question being on the passage of the joint resolution; and

No amendment being proposed,
The joint resolution was read the third time,
by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made
and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE
AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 3997

On the request of Mr. REID,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid
before the Senate the amendment received
from the House of Representatives for
concurrence to the amendment of the Senate
to the bill (H.R. 3997) to amend the Internal
Revenue Code of 1986 to provide earnings
assistance and tax relief to members of the
uniformed services, volunteer firefighters,
and Peace Corps volunteers, and for other
purposes.

On motion by Mr. REID,

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the
amendment of the House of Representatives
to the amendment of the Senate with an
amendment (No. 3890).

RELATIVE TO THE PENSION
PROTECTION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request
of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill
(S. 1974) to make technical corrections
related to the Pension Protection Act of 2006.

The question being on the passage of the
bill.

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. KENNEDY
(for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GRASSLEY,
and Mr. ENZI) to strike all after the enacting
clause and insert in lieu thereof other words
(being amendment No. 3891, in the nature of
a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a
substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third
time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made
and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

By unanimous consent, on the request
of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That bill be held at the desk
pending the receipt from the House of
Representatives for concurrence a companion
bill; that, when said bill is received, it be read
twice, and considered; that all after the
enacting clause be stricken and the text of bill
S. 1974, as amended, be inserted in lieu
thereof (as an amendment in the nature of a
substitute); that the bill, as amended, be read
the third time, and passed; that a motion to
reconsider be deemed made and laid on the
table, without intervening action or debate;
and that bill S. 1974 then be returned to the
calendar.

CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN
BILLS EN BLOC

By unanimous consent, on the request
of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Homeland
Security and Governmental Affairs be
discharged from the further consideration of
the following bills, en bloc:

S. 2478. A bill to designate the facility of
the United States Postal Service located at 59
Colby Corner in East Hampstead, New
Hampshire, as the "Captain Jonathan D.
Grassbaugh Post Office".

H.R. 3470. A bill designating the facility
of the United States Postal Service located at
744 West Oglethorpe Highway in Hinesville,
Georgia, as the "John Sidney 'Sid' Flowers
Post Office Building".

H.R. 3569. A bill to designate the facility
of the United States Postal Service located at
16731 Santa Ana Avenue in Fontana,
California, as the "Beatrice E. Watson Post
Office Building".

H.R. 3974. A bill to designate the facility
of the United States Postal Service located at
797 Sam Bass Road in Round Rock, Texas,
as the "Marine Corps Corporal Steven P. Gill
Post Office Building".

H.R. 4009. A bill to designate the facility
of the United States Postal Service located at
567 West Nepeessing Street in Lapeer,
Michigan, as the "Turrill Post Office
Building".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous
consent, to consider the bills, en bloc.

By unanimous consent, on the request
of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the bills be read the third
time, and passed, en bloc; and that a motion
to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the
table.

CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN
BILLS EN BLOC

By unanimous consent, on the request
of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on
Environment and Public Works be
discharged from the further consideration of
the following bills, en bloc:

H.R. 1045. A bill to designate the Federal
building located at 210 Walnut Street in Des
Moines, Iowa, as the "Neal Smith Federal
Building".

H.R. 2011. A bill to designate the Federal
building and United States courthouse
located at 100 East 8th Avenue in Pine Bluff,
Arkansas, as the "George Howard, Jr. Federal
Building and United States Courthouse".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous
consent, to consider the bills, en bloc.

By unanimous consent, on the request
of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the bills be read the third
time, and passed, en bloc; and that a motion

to reconsider be deemed made and laid on the
table.

RELATIVE TO THE
CONGRESSIONAL
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1995

By unanimous consent, on the request
of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill
(H.R. 3571) to amend the Congressional
Accountability Act of 1995 to permit
individuals who have served as employees of
the Office of Compliance to serve as
Executive Director, Deputy Executive
Director, or General Counsel of the Office,
and to permit individuals appointed to such
positions to serve one additional term.

The question being on the passage of the
bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by
unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made
and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

200TH ANNIVERSARY
COMMEMORATION COMMISSION
OF THE ABOLITION OF THE
TRANSATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE
ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request
of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the
Judiciary be discharged from the further
consideration of the bill (H.R. 3432) to
establish the Commission on the Abolition of
the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous
consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the
bill

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr.
LAUTENBERG) to amend the bill on page 15,
striking all beginning on line 3 through line 5
(being amendment No. 3892).

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was deemed read the
third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made
and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMEMORATING THE 25TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED
STATES AIR FORCE SPACE
COMMAND

By unanimous consent, on the request
of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Armed
Services be discharged from the further
consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 389)
commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the
United States Air Force Space Command

headquartered at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

TAX TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT

On the request of Mr. REID,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4839) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make technical corrections, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO REPORT DURING ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That committees be authorized to file reports from 10 a.m. until 12 noon on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, during the recess of the Senate.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS DURING THE RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or inter-parliamentary conferences authorized by law, concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1200

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, on Tuesday, January 22, 2008, upon conclusion of morning business, the Senate proceed to consider the bill

(S. 1200) to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend the Act.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2483

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That at a time to be determined by the majority leader, upon consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2483) to authorize certain programs and activities in the Forest Service, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; that the only amendments in order be 5 amendments to be proposed by Mr. COBURN; that, upon disposition of said amendments, the bill, as may be amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on passage of the bill.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4040) to establish consumer product safety standards and other safety requirements for children's products and to reauthorize and modernize the Consumer Product Safety Commission, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDER FOR NOMINATIONS TO REMAIN IN STATUS QUO, WITH EXCEPTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXXI of Standing Rules of the Senate, all nominations, except the following, remain in status quo:

From the Committee on Armed Services:

The nomination of Colonels Larry Arnett, Otis Morris, and Gilberto Pena to be Brigadier Generals;

The nomination of Colonel Marc L. Warren to be Brigadier General;

The nomination of Colonel Mark W. Tillman to be Brigadier General;

The nomination of Anita K. Blair, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

From the Committee on the Judiciary:

The nomination of Steven G. Bradbury, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER

UNITED STATES-CHINA ECONOMIC SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that the minority leader, after consultation with the ranking members of the Committee of Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, pursuant to Public Law 106-398, as amended by Public Law 108-7, had appointed the following individual as a member of the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Daniel A. Blumenthal, of the District of Columbia.

ORDERS FOR RECESS UNTIL FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2007 (AND SUBSEQUENT DAYS), ADJOURNMENT UNTIL THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2008, RECESS UNTIL 9 A.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2008 (AND SUBSEQUENT DAYS) UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2008, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it recess until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, December 21, 2007, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then recess until 11 a.m. on Sunday, December 23, 2007, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then recess until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 26, 2007, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then recess until 10 a.m. on Friday, December 28, 2007, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then recess until at 10 a.m. on Monday, December 31, 2007, for a pro forma session, that the Senate then adjourn sine die, pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 61, as amended, until 12 noon on Thursday, January 3, 2008, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then recess until 9 a.m. on Monday, January 7, 2008, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then

recess until 11 a.m. on Wednesday, January 9, 2008, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then recess until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, January 11, 2008, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then recess until 11 a.m. on Tuesday, January 15, 2008, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then recess until 10 a.m. in Friday, January 18, 2008, for a pro forma session.

Ordered further, That the Senate then recess until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 22, 2008; that, on Tuesday, January 22, 2008, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the Senate then proceed to a period of 60 minutes for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders, or their designees; that the minority control the first half therein; that the majority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to consider bill S. 1200, as pursuant to the order of today.

RECESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,
At 9:22 p.m.,
The Senate recessed, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, December 21, 2007.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2007

(Legislative day of Wednesday, December 19, 2007)

Mr. JIM WEBB, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, called the Senate to order at 9:30:44 a.m.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, December 21, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JIM WEBB, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. WEBB took the chair.

RECESS

Under the authority of the order of Wednesday, December 19, 2007,

At 9:31:10 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate recessed, under its order of Wednesday, December 19, 2007, until 11 a.m. on Sunday, December 23, 2007.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2007

(Legislative day of Wednesday,
December 19, 2007)

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 11:00:50 a.m.

RECESS

Under the authority of the order of Wednesday, December 19, 2007,

At 11:00:58 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate recessed, under its order of Wednesday, December 19, 2007, until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 26, 2007.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2007

(Legislative day of Wednesday,
December 19, 2007)

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30:02 a.m.

RECESS

Under the authority of the order of Wednesday, December 19, 2007,

At 9:30:11 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate recessed, under its order of Wednesday, December 19, 2007, until 10 a.m. on Friday, December 28, 2007.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2007

(Legislative day of Wednesday,
December 19, 2007)

Mr. BYRON L. DORGAN, from the State of North Dakota, called the Senate to order at 10:00:59 a.m.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, December 28, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BYRON L. DORGAN, a Senator from the State of North Dakota, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. DORGAN took the chair.

RECESS

Under the authority of the order of Wednesday, December 19, 2007,

At 10:01:23 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate recessed, under its order of Wednesday, December 19, 2007, until 10 a.m. on Monday, December 31, 2007.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2007

(Legislative day of Wednesday,
December 19, 2007)

Mr. JACK REED from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, called the Senate to order at 10:00:15 a.m.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, December 31, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JACK REED, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD
PRESIDENT pro tempore

Mr. REED took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of Wednesday, December 19, 2007,

At 10:00:41 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned sine die, pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 61, as amended, and under its order of Wednesday, December 19, 2007, until 12 noon on Thursday, January 3, 2008.

APPENDIX

SENATORS OF THE UNITED STATES WHOSE SEATS WILL BECOME VACANT IN—

2009 Class 2	2011 Class 3	2013 Class 1
Mr. ALEXANDER of Tennessee	Mr. BAYH of Indiana	Mr. AKAKA of Hawaii
ALLARD of Colorado	BENNETT of Utah	BARRASSO of Wyoming ¹
BAUCUS of Montana	BOND of Missouri	BINGAMAN of New Mexico
BIDEN of Delaware	Mrs. BOXER of California	BROWN of Ohio
CHAMBLISS of Georgia	Mr. BROWNBACK of Kansas	BYRD of West Virginia
COCHRAN of Mississippi	BUNNING of Kentucky	Ms. CANTWELL of Washington
COLEMAN of Minnesota	BURR of North Carolina	Mr. CARDIN of Maryland
Ms. COLLINS of Maine	COBURN of Oklahoma	CARPER of Delaware
Mr. CORNYN of Texas	CRAPO of Idaho	CASEY of Pennsylvania
CRAIG of Idaho	DEMINT of South Carolina	Mrs. CLINTON of New York
Mrs. DOLE of North Carolina	DODD of Connecticut	Mr. CONRAD of North Dakota
Mr. DOMENICI of New Mexico	DORGAN of North Dakota	CORKER of Tennessee
DURBIN of Illinois	FEINGOLD of Wisconsin	ENSIGN of Nevada
ENZI of Wyoming	GRASSLEY of Iowa	Mrs. FEINSTEIN of California
GRAHAM of South Carolina	GREGG of New Hampshire	Mr. HATCH of Utah
HAGEL of Nebraska	INOUE of Hawaii	Mrs. HUTCHISON of Texas
HARKIN of Iowa	ISAKSON of Georgia	Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts
INHOFE of Oklahoma	LEAHY of Vermont	Ms. KLOBUCHAR of Minnesota
JOHNSON of South Dakota	Mrs. LINCOLN of Arkansas	Mr. KOHL of Wisconsin
KERRY of Massachusetts	Mr. MARTINEZ of Florida	KYL of Arizona
Ms. LANDRIEU of Louisiana	McCAIN of Arizona	LIEBERMAN of Connecticut
Mr. LAUTENBERG of New Jersey	Ms. MIKULSKI of Maryland	LOTT of Mississippi
LEVIN of Michigan	MURKOWSKI of Alaska	LUGAR of Indiana
McCONNELL of Kentucky	Mrs. MURRAY of Washington	Mrs. MCCASKILL of Missouri
PRYOR of Arkansas	Mr. OBAMA of Illinois	Mr. MENENDEZ of New Jersey
REED of Rhode Island	REID of Nevada	NELSON of Florida
ROBERTS of Kansas	SALAZAR of Colorado	NELSON of Nebraska
ROCKEFELLER of West Virginia	SCHUMER of New York	SANDERS of Vermont
SESSIONS of Alabama	SHELBY of Alabama	Ms. SNOWE of Maine
SMITH of Oregon	SPECTER of Pennsylvania	STABENOW of Michigan
STEVENS of Alaska	THUNE of South Dakota	Mr. TESTER of Montana
SUNUNU of New Hampshire	VITTER of Louisiana	THOMAS of Wyoming
WARNER of Virginia	VOINOVICH of Ohio	WEBB of Virginia
	WYDEN of Oregon	WHITEHOUSE of Rhode Island

¹Appointed by the Governor to fill an unexpired term until election day 2008, caused by the death of the Hon. Craig L. Thomas

HISTORY OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

